HELLO GIRLS SELL RED CROSS SEALS

"Number Please?" Is Query Responsible for Disposing of 2,100 at Tech Meeting

STEELTON NOW IN 1914 CAMPAIGN

Borough Committee Is Planning a House to House Canvass to Dispose of Second Lot of 10,000 Stamps—Mrs. L. E. Johnson Chairman

More than 2,100 Red Cross Christmas seals were disposed of last evening when charity, education and entertainment formed a triple alliance at the Technical High school. Shirley B. Watts, local manager of the Bell Telephone Company, delivered an illustrated lecture on "The Telephone, a Great Modern Utility," for the benefit of the Red Cross in combating tuberculosis.

A selection on the piano was rendered by Miss Mary Fleischer, a solo by F. L. Lutz and two selections by the Bell quartet, composed of R. E. Stever and J. H. Hamilton, tenors, and F. L. Lutz and H. F. Sigler, bassos.

Mr. Watts opened his lecture by showing what an important factor the telephone performs in the modern life and the utter impossibility of conducting business on its present high scale without its use. The first slide shown was that of Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, who, when a young man, came to this country from Scotland in an effort to save his life from the dread disease, tuberculosis. Employes of the national organization bearing his name devoting their time and energy to fight this same dread disease is an interesting coincidence.

Followng the lecture, thirteen pretty operators, each dressed in white, solicited the sale of Red Cross seals. Telephonic terms were not forgotten, as was shown by the operators in passing through the audience when they said, "Number, please." The thirteen girls who sold seals and acted as ushers were: Caroline L. Marzolf, chairman; Mary Fleischer, Edith Dickert, Annie McCoy, Cora Redifer, Florence Fease, Sarah Smith, Gail Metzger, Helen Giede, Ruth Richardson, Elizabeth Kuhlwind, Bertha Reed and Carrie Smith.

Ten thousand Red Cross Christmas seals have already been sent to Steelton and 10,000 more have been ordered for delivery in a day or two.

Steelton got into the 1914 campaign yesterday, when the borough's committee was organized and plans were mapped out for conducting a vigorous crusade against the onslaughts of the "white plague," via the tiny Yuletide stamps.

John Fox Weiss, chairman of the general committee in this city, met with the committee yesterday and helped in the organization. The Steelton committee is made up as follows:

Chairman, Mrs. Lewis Johnson; vice chairmen, J. A. McCurdy and Mrs. Solomon Hiney; school committee, chairman, Prof. L. E. McGinnes, superintendent of schools; Charles S. Davis, principal of the High school, and the Rev. Father J. C. Thompson, parochial schools; business men's committee, H. C. Wright, Daniel C. Becker, Matthew M. Cusack, Dr. W. J. Middleton; residential committee, Mrs. W. H. Nell, Mrs. Edward Mengle, Mrs. Eugene Seal, Mrs. Harry Lupfer, Mrs. Harry C. Deik, Mrs. John M. Heagy, Mrs. John Bethelr, Mrs. J. P. Detweiler, Miss Celia Zerby and Miss Hazel Smith.

The big feature of the Steelton campaign this year will be the house-to-house canvass, of which the members of the residential committee will have charge.

COURT HOUSE

TO BUILD 4 NEW SEWERS

Highway Commissioner Will Receive Bids for Same on December 21

Highway Commissioner Lynch is advertising for bids for the construction of sewers in four street sections, including Sixteenth street, Dock, Seventeenth and Twentieth. The bids will be opened by the Commissioner at noon on Monday, December 21.

Paid for Sewers

Henry Opperman was to-day paid $2,915.20 for the construction of sewers in a half dozen street sections.

Marriage Licenses

Harry T. Nunemaker and Margie M. Diffenderfer, Highspire.

John P. Edris, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Sadie E. Dunmoyer, Licksdale.

Mervin L. Etnoyer, Goodville, and Anna M. Bingaman, Oberlin.

Emmit R. Mader and Sarah Kipple, Harrisburg.

Discuss Mummers' Parade

In a three-hour session last evening the parade committee of the Harrisburg Mummers' Association discussed plans for the New Year's Day parade, including the route which will be made public when ratified by the association. The parade will form on North Front street with the right resting on State street. Traction company officials attended the meeting. The prize list will be presented to the association at its next meeting.

Efforts for Christmas Truce Fails

Rome, Dec. 12, 1.18 P. M.—The Vatican authorities to-day made public a document setting forth the efforts made by the Pope to obtain a truce in the European war during the Christmas season. The efforts of the Pontiff unfortunately failed, according to the Vatican announcement, "owing to the opposition of a certain power."

Rear Admiral Watson, 71, Dies

Washington Dec. 12.—Rear Admiral Eugene W. Watson, U. S. N., retired, died at his home here late last night, aged 71 years. He was retired November 22, 1902, after forty years' service. Rear Admiral Watson was born at Northampton, Mass.

Artistic Printing at Star-Independent.

CAPITOL HILL

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION WILL MEET

To Hold Last Session Next Thursday Before Making Final Report—Want All Information and Suggestions Presented at This Time

The Industrial Accidents Commission of Pennsylvania, appointed to prepare and recommend to the forthcoming session of the Legislature a workmen's compensation and other acts necessary to carry it into effect, will hold their last hearing before the preparation of their final report at the Capitol in Harrisburg, in the House caucus room, at 2 o'clock on Thursday, December 17.

This Commission is a continuance of that which prepared a compensation act which was presented to the last session of the Legislature, which, after passing the House, was defeated in the Senate. They cordially invite every one who desires to give information or to offer suggestions and criticisms to appear before them.

Dr. Marshall's Pamphlet

Dr. C. J. Marshall, State Veterinarian, has issued a pamphlet giving the history of the recent outbreak of the foot and mouth disease in this State, showing that within one week from the time the first cases were discovered in the Pittsburgh stock yards on October 24, the disease had been found on 120 farms in eleven counties. There are now 100 trained government and State agents engaged in fighting the disease and preventing its further spread. The pamphlet gives much valuable information concerning the origin, spread and prevention of the disease.

Former Employe Kicks

W. C. Armstrong, a resident of Altoona, and until recently employed by the Altoona Northern Railroad Company, filed a complaint this morning with the Public Service Commission averring that the cars operated by that company were antiquated and unsafe in construction, and that said company has failed to comply with the provisions of the Public Service Company law and the ruling of the Public Service Commission.

Appointed County Treasurer

O. M. Spettigue was to-day appointed treasurer of Wayne county to fill a vacancy caused by resignation.

Public Service Commission

The Public Service Commission, after hearing argument in the application from commuters all over the State to forbid the railroad companies from increasing passenger rates announced in Philadelphia last night that it will hand out an opinion in that city on Monday next. The commission will meet in Harrisburg on Tuesday morning next to consider a long list of cases. The first case to be heard will be the complaint of the Suburban Harrow and Roller Company against the Reading railway in the matter of failure to furnish freight station facilities at Treona, Schuylkill county. Approval of the following contracts will be taken up on Wednesday:

People's Natural Gas Company and the borough of Juniata; Harrisburg, Portsmouth, Mount Joy and Lancaster Railroad Company and the borough of Middletown. The commission will also consider the requested amendment to the charter of the Reading, Birdsboro and Pottstown Railroad Company for an extension of its lines. On Thursday the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will ask for the approval of the construction of a siding in Glen Rock, York county. On Thursday and Friday mornings the hearings in the case of the proposed rates for telephone companies will be held, when counsel for the Bell Telephone Company will be heard in opposition.

4,000 AT BIG POULTRY SHOW

Ladies' Day Closes Week at Chestnut Street Auditorium—Attracted National Attention

To-day was ladies' day at the poultry show in the Chestnut street auditorium and the largest crowd of the week was in prospect on account of the fine weather, after a week of rain and snow flurries. The crowd since the opening of the show on Tuesday is estimated at 4,000.

This exhibit, which is held under the auspices of the Central Pennsylvania Poultry Association, has attracted a great deal of attention and birds of national fame were brought on here. Already plans are being made for next year's show and the reputation among fanciers that this one has received will make it easier to get famous exhibits for next year.

An interesting side contest was held during the show, a three-cornered competition between Superintendent Walter Fisher, his assistant, G. E. Brown, and A. B. Cox, one of the judges of the show. Cox won, having gathered a suitcase full of eggs laid during the show. Presents will be given to ticket holders after the show this evening.

FRIEND OF SLAVES DIES AT 82

Daniel Bell Helped Southern Negroes Escape by "Underground Railroad"

Daniel Bell, one of the oldest colored citizens of Harrisburg, died yesterday afternoon at his residence, 1329 Wyeth avenue, aged 82 years. He was born in Carlisle in 1832 and when 40 years old came to Harrisburg to reside. All his life he was a useful citizen.

Bell is best remembered for his efforts in conducting slaves through the "underground railroad route" from the South to Harrisburg, where they found friends and were sent on their way to Canada and freedom.

During the war Bell was instrumental in obtaining the enlistment in the Union army of a large number of colored men in Cumberland county and the vicinity of Harrisburg. He was the last of his family, his brothers having died years ago. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Mrs. Emma Selvey and Miss Louisa Bell; nineteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon from his residence, the Rev. William H. Marshall officiating. Interment will be at Lincoln cemetery.

Holland has the advantage of being able to become a submarine country any time it chooses to cut the dikes.

WAR FILMS FOR ROTARY CLUB WEEK AT ORPHEUM

Scenes in Belgium, Whose People Will Be Benefited by Week's Attractions, Will Be Part of Show—Seat Sale Large

No more appropriate attraction could have been added to the big Orpheum bill for Rotary Week than a moving picture of scenes taken recently in the countries that are now at war. This reel of film has been leased especially from the Strand theatre in New York, for whom it was made at big expense. It will be of special interest on a bill devised for the purpose of raising money for the relief of people stricken as a result of the fighting that is now going on in Europe.

The film shows the fall of Ostend, it shows the wounded Belgians arriving from the battlefield attended by priests; the Belgian troops and inhabitants of Ostend leaving the stricken city; engineers blowing up bridges in hope of blocking the German advance; British troops passing through France on their way to the front. These are actual scenes in the fighting line, photographed by the war correspondents of the Strand Film Company, of New York City.

The Orpheum's advance sale for next week indicates that the Rotary Club will have one of the biggest weeks in the Orpheum's history. Many complimentary words have been said about the show that is to come here next week. Henderson Gilbert, who has had charge of the subscription sale of box seats, reports excellent success.

A special committee of the Home and Foreign Relief Committee will handle the concessions at the theatre Monday night. This committee includes Miss Anne McCormick, Mrs. Carl B. Ely and Miss Mary Robinson. Under their direction, the junior Rotarians will sell candy, lemonade and flowers.

The flowers have been donated by the committee, the candy by C. Studebaker, the lemonade by Mrs. W. Orville Hickok, III, and the drinking cups for the lemonade by the Johnson Paper Company.

JUDGE M'CARRELL PLACES ARM AROUND WAYWARD LAD

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mit his kindly treatment of the boys to overshadow the importance of the hearings. He impressed upon all the necessity of being good boys and pointed out what would result if they did not obey their guardians.

The lad charged with larceny was accused of taking $23 from a engineer at the Hershey chocolate plant. He was prmitted to return to his parents on a farm in Derry township.

Two other boys, brought up on charges of incorrigibility, admitted that they frequently went away from home and remained away for two or three days at a time. One, a colored youth, was given over to his father and will be under the supervision of Mrs. Anna Simonetti, while the other, a white boy, was placed in the custody of Father Hassett and likely will be sent to a home in York county.

The fourth case involved another "runaway." The boy spent much time at the police station and Chief of Police Hutchison said the lad had asked him for a "job," saying he would like to be a "policeman" or a "detective."

The last boy called said he ran away from home because he was obliged to attend school where "the boys poked their fingers at me and made fun of me because I once had been brought to court." John Conrad, a farmer, living near Linglestown, agreed to look after the youth.

43 NEW PARDON CASES

Retiring Board Will Have the Busiest Session in History—Steelton Murderer Seeks Freedom

Only one Dauphin county case will be heard by the Board of Pardons at its meeting next Wednesday, which will be the last meeting of the present Board.

Luka Zareovic, who in 1908, after being in this country but a few months, attended a wedding in Steelton with his wife and there took his first drink of whiskey. He followed it up with drinking raw alcohol. Then he had a fight with his wife, shot and killed her and attempted to kill himself. He was sent to the penitentiary for twenty years, in January, 1909, and now wants a pardon.

Three murderers want their death sentences commuted to imprisonment for life—Rocco Tassone, Lancaster, who killed and robbed a man and fled to the West Indies, where he was captured as he left the boat; Germenia Acitellio, Clearfield, and Isaiah Croon, Fayette, whose death date is fixed for January 7.

The Board will have 43 new cases to hear; five applications for rehearings and six held under advisement, the largest list in the history of the Board.

Among the new cases are the following: John F. Vane Tempest, Berks, embezzlement; Vincente Figeuro, Lebanon, assault with intent to kill; George Foster, Berks, forgery; William J. Cotter, Berks, conspiracy; James Yelletts, York, assault and battery; Harry J. Martin, Cumberland, arson; William A. Herman, Northumberland, receiving stolen goods.

William Webber, Berks, convicted of murder in 1894, and commuted in 1895, is now asking the Board for a full pardon.

Pay of Uncle Sam's Injured Employes

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 12.—A total of $1,083,923 has been paid out by the Federal government during the past five years to more than 14,000 of its employes who met with accidents in the course of their employment under the Federal compensation act of 1908, according to a report to-day by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Break Out" of Almshouse

W. J. Reedy and James Bird, who had been committed from police court to the poorhouse for work on the stone pile, left the almshouse last night by means of a cellar window, although the time for their lease is far off. The work did not agree with them and they departed. Reedy was committed for thirty days and Bird ninety days.

BROKERS THRONG FLOOR AT OPENING

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themselves in knots around the trading posts. The galleries gazed down in dwindling interests and slowly began to empty. Within less than ten minutes the floor of the Exchange was white with paper snow—the torn fragments of thousands of memoranda.

Opens With Old Time Swing

There was hardly need, it seemed during the first few minutes of trading, for the posting of minimum prices. The market opened with its old time swing that sent the principal issues whole points over the rockbottom figures determined upon by the committee in advance. There was one feature, however, that was not all in keeping with the activity of the big days of more prosperous times, and that was the small volume of single trades. Most of the trading was in blocks of 100 to 300 shares, and much of it was in blocks of less than 100 shares.

Around posts 11 and 12 on the floor of the Exchange the crowds were thickest. At these posts Reading and the Coppers—such of them as were not barred—were bought and sold. Although the trading was most active there, the volume continued to be small, few single lots of more than 300 shares changing hands. The largest single transaction recorded during the early trading was a sale of a block of 1,400 shares of Reading. This stock opened at more than five points above the minimum prices.

Trading Resumes Cautious Tone

Notwithstanding sky-rocket advances over the minimum, trading seemed to assume a cautious tone. The greatest gain noted was one of more than 26 points by General Motors. Texas Company stock came next with a rise of 18 points above the minimum, and many more active issues such as Lehigh Valley, Tennessee Copper, American Beet Sugar and Central Leather showed gains from 5 1-2 to 10 points. Some stocks declined, notably Southern Railway pfd., which went down 3 1-2 points from the opening figures.

Trading to-day was only for cash. In this way the governors sought to curb speculation—and succeeded, though it was believed at the expense of the volume of trading. Within the first quarter of an hour, it was estimated that 35,000 shares had changed hands. This, ordinarily, would be a poor record. The actual number of transactions, however, was vastly in excess of the ordinary as most of the transactions were for small lots.

Bond Transactions Dwarfed

Although open trading on the floor of the Exchange was forbidden in U. S. Steel, Anaconda Mining and certain railroad stocks held largely abroad, these issues were traded in semi-privately under the supervision of the Stock Exchange's clearing house and committee of five. None of the restrictions on bonds, in force during the past two weeks, was lifted with the resumption of trading in stocks. Bond transactions, however, were dwarfed by trading in stock as was predicted.

Business was more active and the undertone stronger in the final hour, with a higher level for most of the prominent issues. Reading was the active feature, increasing its gain to over 8 points. Lehigh Valley gained 12 points, St. Paul 3-4 and Northern Pacific 2 3-4. Sensational gains were also made by other specialties. People's Gas jumped 11 points. The closing was strong.

TONE OF TRADING STRONG WITH DEGREE OF CAUTION

First Quotation 100 Shares of Pittsburgh Coal at Loss of a Fraction—1,400 Shares of Rading Largest Single Transaction

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 12.—Open trading in shares was resumed on the Stock Exchange to-day after an interval of 111 business days. The tone of the initial trading was strong but indicated a degree of caution on the part of the buyers and sellers. The first quotation was 100 shares of Pittsburgh Coal which declined 1-8. This was followed by transactions of 100 to 300 shares on some of the more active issues including St. Paul, Missouri Pacific, Lehigh Valley, Reading, American Can, Tennessee Copper and other issues of less importance. Among the marked gains at the outset were 7 3-4 points for Central Leather, 18 points for Texas Company; 10 1-2 points for Lehigh Valley; 6 points for Tennessee Copper; 6 1-4 points for American Can; 5 1-2 points for Reading; 10 points for American Beet Sugar and General Motors, 26 1-8. The largest single transaction was a block of 1,400 shares of Reading. Among the early declines were Southern Railway, common and preferred, which lost 1 1-4 and 3 1-2, and Northern Pacific, which yielded 3-4. Secondary prices showed some recessions from the opening after the first ten minutes.

The market strengthened again soon after the opening and further important gains were reported by certain specialties. American Can, pfd., and Bethlehem Steel gained 12 points each over July 30 prices, and General Motors, pfd., rose 10 1-4.

The market closed strong. There were many additions to the opening gains in the later dealings, which were on a more active basis. Reading increased its lead to over 8 points, and Lehigh Valley to 12 points. St. Paul rose 5 3-8 and Northern Pacific advanced almost 3 points, with a gain of 11 points for People's Gas. Some of the specialties including Texas Company, General Motors and Central Leather, increased their initial advances, while other specialties averaged 6 point advances. Losses were nominal except for Southern Railway, common and pfd., Louisville and Nashville, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, which declined 1 to 3 1-2 points.

Lebanon County Aged Man Dies

Lebanon, Dec. 12.—Christian Gingrich, 83, a retired cattle dealer, of Upper Lawn, died yesterday at his home, after a long illness. Twenty-five years ago he was one of the most widely known cattle dealers in this part of the State and traveled extensively in Western Pennsylvania and through Ohio buying cattle which he sold in this county. He was also for a number of years engaged in the horse business. He was one of the wealthiest men in Lebanon county.

44 INCOMES OF A MILLION OR MORE REPORTED IN U. S.

Tax Returns Show Eight in First Pennsylvania District Have More Than $500,000 a Year—23,551 Single Women Are Assessed

Washington, Dec. 12.—The first complete compilation of returns under the income tax law was made public today in the annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. It showed returns for the collection year of 1913 by 357,598 individuals paying taxes aggregating $27,253,535, as follows:

Net Income.	Number Returns.
$1,000,000 and over	44
500,000 to $1,000,000	91
400,000 to 500,000	44
300,000 to 400,000	84
250,000 to 300,000	94
200,000 to 250,000	145
150,000 to 200,000	311
100,000 to 150,000	785
75,000 to 100,000	998
50,000 to 75,000	2,618
40,000 to 50,000	2,427
30,000 to 40,000	4,553
25,000 to 30,000	4,164
20,000 to 25,000	6,817
15,000 to 20,000	11,977
10,000 to 15,000	26,818
5,000 to 10,000	101,718
3,333 to 5,000	114,484
2,500 to 3,333	78,426

Returns were made by 278,835 married persons, 55,212 single men and 23,551 singel women. The normal tax of 1 per cent. on all taxable incomes produced $12,728,038. Incomes over $20,000 a year, subject to surtax, produced $15,525,497. Of this latter amount, $2,934,754 came from incomes of between $20,000 and $50,000, $1,545,639 from those between $50,000 and $75,000, $1,323,023 from those between $75,000 and $100,000, $3,835,948 from those between $100,000 and $250,000, $2,334,583 from those between $250,000 and $500,000 and $3,437,850 from those over $500,000.

Tables giving statistics for each collection district indicated that most of the individuals with large net incomes live in the districts near the cities of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and Detroit. Of the incomes over $500,000, New York collectors discovered 82, while Connecticut, where hundreds of New Yorkers live, produced five more. The first Illinois district showed returns from 13 individuals in this class, the first Michigan six, the first Pennsylvania eight, the Maryland, Massachusetts and first Missouri districts each three.

More single women, as well as more single men, paying the tax were found in New York than anywhere else. Married women made separate returns in every collection district except in the fifth North Carolina. The second New York district produced the largest number of all returns, 26,965, with the first Illinois a close second, 25,671. The Porto Rico district had only one return, that in the class from $3,333 to $5,000.

Returns were filed by 1,426 Americans living abroad, representing a total net income of $19,843,399, and 425 returns were made by non-resident aliens, representing income amounting to $7,317,842.

There were 316,909 corporations doing business in the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30. These corporations in making returns under the income tax law reported capital stock aggregating $64,071,319,185, an increase over the previous year of about $2,333,000,000 reported by 305,336 corporations. The net income of the corporations for the year was $4,339,550,008, or nearly 7 per cent. on their capital, with bonded and other indebtedness amounting to $37,136,215,096. The net income reported for the year showed an increase of more than $500,000,000.

The commissioner announced that failures to make proper returns were few, and cases of false or fraudulent returns still fewer, though more than $2,000,000 of taxes was collected from corporations in excess of the amount assessable on the basis of first returns.

Total receipts of the bureau for the year, the commissioner reported, were the greatest in its history, amounting to $380,008 894, of which $308,627,619 came from ordinary sources. He estimated the collections for the fiscal year ending next June at $439,000,000, of which $54,000,000 is to come from the war revenue tax and $80,000,000 from the income tax. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, the estimates are $434,000,000.

The commissioner pointed out that "bootlegging" had increased to a marked degree in States with prohibition laws.

THREE SEIZED ON CHARGE OF LOOTING FREIGHT CAR

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westbound train, of which it was a part, was standing in Royalton, where a stop was made for water. One car only was entered and that fact gave rise to the theory among the railroad police that the thieves were tipped off as to the particular car that contained merchandise. This theory will be the basis of a further inquiry.

A number of henneries in Middletown and Royalton have been robbed within the last fortnight. Early in the week a Londonderry township farmer was relieved of 125 chickens and on Thursday night a foreigner, living within fifty feet of the Pennsy block station in Royalton, was robbed of twenty-eight fowl.

CHARGED WITH HOMICIDE

Railroad Men Arrested in Connection With Royersford Wreck

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Two railroad men were arrested at their homes in this city last night, charged with homicide in connection with the collision between a freight train and an express on the Reading railway near Royersford, Pa., last Thursday. They are Clarence Snyder, brakeman of the freight train and Paul E. Reider, conductor. They were taken into custody on a warrant obtained by Coroner Neville, of Montgomery county. They were taken to Norristown where they will be given a hearing next Tuesday.

Two railroaders were killed in the accident which was caused by the freight train crossing a switch which brought it directly in front of the passenger train.

FRENCH TROOPS OCCUPY WEST BANKS OF THE YSER CANAL, STATES REPORT

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been artillery engagements. In the region of Nampoel our batteries have reduced to silence the batteries of the enemy. In the region of the Aisne our heavy artillery silenced the field batteries of the Germans. At a point northeast of Vailley one of their batteries of howitzers was completely destroyed.

"In the region of Perthes and in the vicinity of the Forest of La Gruerie there have been artillery engagements and some infantry fighting which resulted advantageously to us.

"On the heights of the Meuse the artillery of the enemy showed little activity. On the contrary, our artillery demolished at Deuxnouds, to the west of Vigneulles-Les-Hattonchatel, two batteries of the enemy, one composed of guns of large calibre and the other used for firing upon aviators. In this same region we have blown up a block house and destroyed several trenches.

"Between the Meuse and the Mosells there is nothing to report and in the Vosges there have been artillery engagements. In the region of Senones we have consolidated the positions gained by us the evening before.

Russia: In the region of Mlawa violent attacks on the part of the Germans have been repulsed and the Russians have again taken the offensive against columns of the enemy that are retiring in disorder. In the region to the north of Lowics ferocious German attacks have been also everywhere repulsed with heavy losses for them. In the region south of Cracow the Russian offensive has been successfully continued in spite of a stubborn resistance.

"In Servia: The Servian armies which had reached the Kolubara river have crossed this stream between the Valjevo, which has been occupied by them, and the junction of the Ljid. To the north, they have occupied Lazarevetz. The number of prisoners taken by the Servians in the course of these recent engagements reaches the total of about 18,000 men."

SERVIAN SUCCESSES ARE INSPIRED BY KING PETER

Paris, Dec. 12, 4.44 A. M.—The inspiring presence and words of King Peter of Servia are given as the chief cause of the successes recently achieved by the Servian army, says a dispatch from Nish, Servia, to the "Matin."

"Soldiers! Heroes! Your old king has come to die with you for the fatherland, for Servia. Let us drive out the enemy."

These historic words, says the "Matin's" dispatch, were pronounced by King Peter before the order for the general attack was given which resulted in the defeat of the Austrians. The aged king arrived on the battle front at the supreme moment when the country's fate hung in the balance. Mounted on a charge he slowly rode through the Servian lines and was everywhere greeted with wild enthusiasm.

His words, according to the Nish dispatch, had the effect of a train of gunpowder and the unforgettable battle began before Topola, ten miles from Mount Oplenatz, where rest the ashes of the Servian hero's royal family.

TWO GERMAN SUBMARINES DESTROYED IN SCOTLAND

London, Dec. 12, 5.35 A. M.—A dispatch from Edinburgh to the "Daily Mail" reports that two German submarine attacks were made on the Firth of Forth, Wednesday morning, but that they were repulsed. Two of the enemy's submarines, the dispatch says were destroyed.

The admiralty has no confirmation of this reported submarine attack in Scotland.

The Firth of Forth, facing the North Sea, has a British naval base at Rosyth, off the shore of Fift immediately to the west of the great Forth bridge. Because of its advantageous situation in regard to British naval operations against Germany, England undoubtedly has a strong fleet gathered there, hence the report of a German submarine attack is no surprise.

AUSTRIA HAS SUED SERVIA FOR PEACE, ROME HEARS

Rome, Dec. 12.—The Austrian government made unofficial overtures to Servia for peace a few days before the last crushing Austrian defeat and before the Servians had received fresh supplies of ammunition. The Austrian offer, which was absolutely rejected, is interpreted here as evidence that Austria realizes the enormous difficulties of an advance into Servia and wishes to have her troops free for the defense of Hungary.

The Servian victories have aroused great admiration here and are considered a proof of the inefficiency of Austrian strategy. Among prisoners taken by the Servians are Italians from Trentino.

War Preparedness Resolution Falls

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Gardner's demand for a hearing on his resolution for an investigation into the military preparedness of the country was voted down to-day by the House Rules committee by a straight party vote of five to three. All the Democrats voted against it.

British Seize German Oil Steamer

London, Dec. 12, 8.25 A. M.—A German steamer with a cargo of 7,000 tons of oil, proceeding to Italy from the United States, has been seized at Gibraltar by a British warship, according to reports received here from Berlin.

Import Duty on Wheat Suspended

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 12, via London 11.07 A. M.—Owing to the shortage of the Australian wheat harvest, the government of the Commonwealth has suspended the import duty on wheat.

Condition of Clearing House Banks

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 12.—The statement of the actual condition of Clearing House banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold $116,992,400 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of $2,473,230 from last week.

U. S. NAVY NEEDS MANY AIRCRAFT

Chief of Aeronautical Bureau Says 200 Machines Are Urgently Required

AS ESSENTIAL AS OCEAN VESSELS

Plan Will Require Appropriation of $2,200,000—Suggests 100 Machines for Active Service and 100 to Be Held in Reserve

Washington, Dec. 12.—Two hundred naval aircraft—100 for active service gently needed by the United States and 100 to be held in reserve—are urgently needed by the United States navy in its plans for national defense as outlined in recommendations of Captain Mark L. Bristo, chief of the aeronautical bureau of the Navy Department to the House Naval committee made public to-day.

Captain Bristol's recommendations are contained in a supplemental statement laid before the committee. Other testimony of Captain Bristol already has been made public.

It would require an appropriation of $2,200,000 to bring the aeronautical branch of the navy up to a proper standard of efficiency, Captain Bristol told the committee. Its purposes, he described as follows:

What Should Compose Air Navy

"The air navy of the United States must consist of aeroplanes, semi-rigid or non-rigid airships—the destroyer, cruiser and battleship of the air, respectively. The aeroplane will be used for scouting to discover the enemy's fleet, especially submarines and mines, and to attack the dirigibles and aeroplanes of the enemy. It is the torpedo boat of the air against the airship cruisers and battleships. Having discovered the submarines and mines, it directs the air cruisers to attack these craft and to countermine and at the same time protect the cruisers from the enemy's aircraft. The air cruisers also will lay mines. The air battleships will meet the aircraft of the enemy in battle; probably will be used to drop aerial torpedoes on the surface ships of the enemy and be utilized overland for reconnaisance and dropping bombs.

Uses of Aircraft in War

"The uses to which aircraft can be put in war will be better known after the European war. It seems that the air navy will be just as essential a part of the country's fighting force as the battleships and submarines. The front of our fleet in action has now become a vertical plan, with submarines and mines beneath the surface, battleships, cruisers and destroyers on the surface and aircraft in the air. To be successful against any enemy, the country must have command of the air the same as command of the sea."

"Any nation that has suitable aircraft could detect submarines," he added. "The aeroplane can see submarines and mines very plainly, guide the dirigible to them, which can descend close to the water and drop high explosives to countermine the mines or destroy the submarines. We can pick up the mine down to a considerable depth below the mine. The submarine, if it comes to the surface, would be attacked by the surface craft. The submarine could dive deep only for a limited time, but must come up and show the periscope to get its bearings. A bomb dropped upon it should not be arranged to explode until beneath the water. If, say 200 pounds of high explosive, it would disturb the submarine not submerged more than 30 or 40 feet even to the extent of disabling it or it might destroy the periscope. The periscope is often discovered by the wash it makes. One could see a submarine fifty to 100 feet in clear water."

MRS. SMITH ARRESTED

Woman Charged With Stabbing Husband Released on Bail

City Detective Ibach late yesterday afternoon arrested Mrs. Viola Smith, and charged her with stabbing her husband on Thursday night, on orders from the heads of the police department, despite the fact that her husband, who is in the Harrisburg hospital, slowly recovering from the assault, practically assured the police that he would make no charge against her.

She was not committed to jail, being kept at the police headquarters for two hours until released on $500 bail. The husband will be subpoenaed for a hearing as soon as he is able to leave the hospital. When arraigned before Chief of Police Hutchison she said she struck in self-defense and that her husband had hit her with a brick.

EIGHT ILLEGAL HANGINGS

Total in One Louisiana Parish Increased by Three Yesterday

By Associated Press.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 12.—The total of illegal hangings in this parish in the last year reached eight with the confirmation to-day of the lynching of Watkins Lewis, reported last night. Three of the eight negroes who met death at the hands of mobs were hanged yesterday. Five have been lynched in the last ten days.

Seven of the eight negroes were charged with murdering white men and one with attacking a white woman.

Photoplay

Clever Anita Stewart, the famous star of "A Million Bid," comes to the Photoplay to-day in a vitagraph drama, "He Never Knew." This intense drama deals with the possible marriage of a brother and sister, who did not know the relationship existing between them. "Unrest," a two-act Selig drama, and a Beloved Adventure series, featuring popular Arthur Johnson and Lottie Briscoe. The series to-day is called, "Fate's Tangled Threads." Adv***

Independents Cannot Play

The Independent basketball team of Harrisburg is without a game to-night because the Chestnut street auditorium in which their games are played is now occupied by the poultry show. They will play the Wilkes-Barre Independents in that hall next Saturday evening.