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ENGLAND IS LIABLE FOR **BIG DAMAGES**

to Pay Large Sums for Detention of American Cargoes

war, apparently is making progress. The unofficial reports last night that the allies were shelling Muelhausen are supplemented to-day by the statement of the French War Office that the town of Steinbach, Upper Alsace, has been invested.

PRESIDENT GIVES VIEW ON SUBJECT

Mr. Wilson States Opinion in Referring to American Note to Great Britain For Better Treatment of U. S. Commerce

By Associated Press.

Wilson, referring to-day to the American note to Great Britain, insisting on better treatment for Ameri an commerce, declared that large damages eventually would have to be paid by England for unlawful detention of American cangoes.

The President coupled a confirmation of this morning's publication of the sending of the note and of its contents with the statement that the government could deal confidently with the subject only if supported by absolutely honest manifests. He said the great embarrassment to the government in dealing with the whole matter was that some shippers had concealed contraband in the cargoes of non-contraband articles, for example, under a cargo of cotton. So long as there were instances of that kind, the President said, suspicion was cast on every shipment and all cargoes were liable to doubt and

Republican Leader Mann's Views Vigorous criticism of the adminis-

tration policy in Mexico and on endorsement of the protest to Great Britain against the seizure of American Sues Railways Company for Death of neutral vessels were coupled in the House by Republican Leader Mann.

"Our rights on the high seas," said Mr. Mann, discussing the protest to England, "must be upheld with dignity and firmness, I commend the administration for the position it has taken. I do not believe that we ought to resign all our rights on the seas to foreign countries. England has continually and persistently seized neutral vessels carrying neutral cargoes to neutral ports.

nations you may do what you pleas without regard to our rights. There is no danger of our being involved in this war by protecting our rights. England cannot afford to go to war with us. Neither can Germany.'

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29 .- Official Washington awaited with much interest the outcome of the expected con ference in London to-day between Amhassador Page and Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary for the presentation of a long note from the United States government insisting that the legitimate commerce of this country should not be unduly molested by the British fleet.

by the British fleet.

The communication, prepared by President Wilson and his advisers in the State Department, reached London to-day and was regarded here as the strongest representation on the subject of commerce made by the Unit-

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Small Steamer Sunk by Mine

London, Dec. 29, 3.10 A. M.—The Glasgow steamer Gem, a small vessel of about 500 tons, has been sunk in the about 500 tons, has been sunk in the North sea as the result of striking mine. Two of the crew were rescued but the fate of the others aboard th

Russian Cruiser Threatened Tripoli Washington Dec. 29.— Captain Cman, commanding the armored cruiser North Carolina, at Beirut, Syria, informed the Navy Department to-day that it was a Russian cruiser and not an American vessel which recently threatened to bombard Tripoli.

Wilson Firm on Philippine Policy

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 29.—President
Wilson told callers to-day that his support of the Jones bill for ultimate
Philippine independence, will not be
altered by the recent disturbances in Philippine independence, will not be altered by the recent disturbances in the islands. He declared accounts of the uprising had undoubtedly been exaggerated. The President intimated he believed the reports were due to efforts to defeat the cause of Philippine independence.

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Holton, died of pneumonia yesterday of there are the horizontal the horizontal properties. North Harrisburg street, Steetton. Mr. Holton is private secretary to J. V. W. Reynders, vice president of the Pennsylvania Steel Company. The funeral will be private.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

the Germans are disputed to-day by the Berlin War Office, which states that the attacks of the invading armies in Poand have made progress and that strong Russian assaults have been re celled. No mention is made, however, of the situation in Galicia, where the Governor Appoints His City Commissioners Russians are described as having inflicted a severe defeat on the Austro-German forces.

The French campaign for re-posses-tion of its lost province of Alsace, one May Eventually Have of the first objectives of the armies of the republic after the outbreak of the

> vested.
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> In France and Belgium the fighting drags on, with small victories for each side. The German official announcement tells of the capture of a French trench in a burned forest west of Apremont. The French statement admits the temporary loss of this trench but adds that it was retaken later after three counter. t was retaken later after three counter attacks. Both Paris and Berlin mention minor gains, with violent fighting at

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2 HELD AS HORSE THIEVES

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Men Accused by a Middletown Livery man Are Remanded for Court on \$2,500 Bail, Each

(Special to the Star-Independent.)

Middletown, Pa., Dec. 29 .- Harry Sheetz and Morris Mellott, at a hearing before Squire T. C. Smith late yesterday afternoon, were declared by D. Miles Sherrick, a Water street livery man, to be the men who on October 10, last, failed to return a team which Sherrick alleges they hired from him early that day. Both were remanded to jail in default of \$2,500 bail, each, to stand court trial on the charge of horse stealing.

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Both horses have been found. One was returned to the liveryman several weeks ago and the other will be brought back in a few days. It is charged that the defendants disposed of both the horses and a phaeton wagon. Sheetz and Mellott were brought to town from Kittanning where they were arrested by C. C. Sturm and W. H. Schmuehl, State policemen.

State policemen.

When taken hefore Squire Smith the defendants said they wanted to waive a hearing, but the Justice questioned the witnesses. Among them was Fred Myers, another Middletown liveryman, pair who, on October 10, last, sought in vain to hire a team from him.

WIDOW CLAIMS \$5,000

Husband Beheaded in Subway

Amelia Walters, widow of John Walters, the workman who was beheaded by a falling rail at the Second and Mulberry street subway excavations on December 10, last, this morning filed suit against the Harrisburg Railways Company, claiming \$5,000 damages. The papers were filed by W. L. Loeser, as counsel.

as counsel.

It is charged that Walters came to his death through negligence on the part of the company. Workmen had been distributing rails preparatory to extending the Second street trolley line in the subway excavation, when Wal ters fell down an embankment and wa-rendered unconscious. Before work "We wish to keep out of this European war. But we do not intend, in order to keep out, to say to the warring nations you may do what you please that the control of the top of Walters' head.

BOY'S DEATH LAID TO HER

Mrs. Keane Accused of Involuntary Manslaughter in Automobile Accident

Mrs. Alma Keane, 524 Maclay street. whose automobile struck and fatally injured John McCormick, 5 years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob McCormick, 334 Harris street, on October 31, last, was to-day charged with involuntary manslaughter, information having been manslaughter, information having been made before Alderman Bolton. Mrs. Keane was taken before the Dauphin county court this afternoon when bail was fixed. She will have a hearing before Alderman Bolton Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Keane, it is alleged, was driving north in Third street when her car hit the boy. The child at first was carried to his home nearly and lates taken.

ried to his home nearby and later taken to the Polyclinic Hospital where he died from a fractured skull the same

FIRE DRIVER CLAIMS \$5,000

Man Injured When Train Hit Chemica

Apparatus Sues Railroad claim for \$5,000 damages was filed in court to-day by W. L. Loeser, as counsel, for Charles B. Sharp against the Northern Central Railroad Company. Sharp was struck by a North ern Central train at Second and Mul ern Central train at Second and Mul-berry streets on December 17, 1913, it is alleged, while driving up Second street with the chemical wagon of the Paxton Fire Company. His shoulder blade was broken and he was other-wise in jured, he alleges. It is charged that he was not warned of the approach of the train and that the grade crossing watchman did not put the gates down in time to prevent the collision.

Infant Daughter of Mr. Holton Dies Isabelle Hershey Holton, the infan daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R

UTILITIES BOARD

Private Secretary a Member of Public Service Commission

THE SALARY IS \$10,000 A YEAR

Pennypacker Becomes the Chairman and His Term of Office Is Extended Two Years-Extensions of One Year for Other Members

Announcement was made to-day by Governor Tener that he has appointed Walter Hugus Gaither, for the last four years his private secretary, to be a member of the State Public Service member of the State Public Service



WALTER HUGUS GAITHER

Governor's Private Secretary Appointed To-day to Public Service Board

Commission to succeed the late Judge Nathaniel Ewing. The salary is \$10,000 a year.

Mr. Gaither is forty-five years old, a resident of Pittsburgh, and has been in public life for the last eight years, four of which were with Governor Teneras his Congressional Secretary in Washington. Previous to going to Washington Mr. Gaither was an active newspaperman in Pittsburgh, having been connected with several prominent dailies as political reporter and correspondent.

respondent.
Mr. Gaither upon receiving the appointment this morning at once resign ed the positions of private secretary

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THE "PRETTIEST GIRL" TO WED Miss Marie Tailer to Become the Bride of S. Bryce Wing

York, Dec. 29.—The engagement of Miss Marie Tailer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Tailer, 16 East

Seventy-second street, to S. Brycet Wing, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Stuart Wing, West Forty-eighth street, was announced yesterday.

Miss Tailer made her debut last year. Grand Duke Alexander Michael-ovitch of Russia, a cousin of the Czar, declared when he saw her in Newcort year. Grand Duke Alexander Michael-ovitch of Russia, a cousin of the Czar, declared when he saw her in Newport last year that she was

WALKING IS DANGEROUS

Rain Freezes to Sidewalks—Traffic Not Interrupted

A heavy rain which started falling at 10 o'clock this morning made walking extremely dangerous. A thick coating of ice formed on the sidewalks. The the pavements were cold. No ice formed on wires so as to hinder lines of communication nor was it of sufficient strength to hinder trolley or railroad traffic. temperature was above freezing, but the pavements were cold. No ice

There is no prospect of any immediate change in the weather, as it is the result of a storm which is traveling southeastward from the western lake southeastward from the western lake region. Its center was in Indiana this morning. The rain will probably cause a slight increase in the river stage, but no important change in the ice conditions are likely to occur. The lowest temperature fixed for to-night is 36 degrees.

Trampled to Death by Horse Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—Slippery sidewalks and roadways, caused by rain which froze as it fell, caused on death and numerous accidents in this city to-day. William Murphy, 57 years old, walking in the street, because of the icy pavements, slipped and fell directly in front of a horse and was trampled to death.

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Aged Man Injured by Fall on Ice New Holland, Pa., Dec. 29.—R. M. Storb, proprietor of the New Holland marble yard, fell Sunday while on his way to church and was badly injured. The icy pavement threw him violently to the ground. He is \$2 years of age and the injuries may prove fatal.

Fix It at 9 Mills for 1915, and Approve Budget of \$552,162

ROYAL RAPS CLARK LAW

Says in One Year Under Commissio Form of Government City Has Paid \$19,808 for New Jobs, Increased Salaries and Improvements

Immediately before final action was Immediately before final action was taken on the tax levy measure Mayor Royal declared that in his opinion the city cannot take care of the increased appropriations with the decreased tax rate, announced that the tax rate for 1916 cannot possibly be fixed at less than nine and one-half mills and added that it may go soaring to ten mills. The mayor further remarked that the Clark commission form of government, under which the city is now working, is not the means of running

the Clark commission form of government, under which the city is now working, is not the means of running the city at less cost than when the old two-council system was in vogue, and wound up by saying that since the five-member Commission has been operating the affairs of the city, new positions have been created, salaries raised and improvements made costing the city no less than \$49,808.

However, when it came to voting on both the tax levy and the budget, all five Commissioners, including the mayor, cast their ballots in the affirmative.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—The man begun at the National Democratic convention at Baltimore, in leading aspirants for the Presidential nomination. Mr. Thomson was born in the House and Mrs. Champ Clark, parents of the former, will be an event of the spring or early summer at Honey shack, the Clark home at Bowling Gring the city of the city of the former, will be an event of the spring or early summer at Honey shack, the Clark home at Bowling Gring the city of the city of the city of the former, will be an event of the spring or early summer at Honey shack, the Clark home at Bowling Gring the city of the convention at Baltimore, in 1912, where Mr. Clark was one of the House and Mrs. Champ Clark, parents of the House and Mrs. Champ Clark, parents of the Gring of Miss Genevieve Clark and begun at the National Democratic convention at Baltimore, in 1912, where Mr. Clark was one of the House and Mrs. Champ Clark, parents of the House and Mrs. Champ Clark, parents of the Gring of Miss Genevieve Clark and convention at Baltimore, in 1912, where Mr. Clark was one of the House and Mrs. Champ Clark, parents of the Spring of the Clark house and Mrs. Champ Clark and begun at the National Democratic convention at Clark and begun at the National

Not Economies, Says Mayor
Despite contradictory statements from
all his colleagues, the Mayor insisted
that while some increases come naturally with the growth of the city, 'it
is not fair that the people should be
made to understand that the decrease
in the tax rate is due solely to an economical administration of the City's affairs under the Clark act.''

To that he added: "The only reason
you could decrease the tax rate this
year was because we did not make an
appropriation to certain of the sinking
funds which had previously been taken
care of." Not Economies, Says Mayor

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In response to a remark from Commissioner Taylor to the effect that the City Solicitor rendered the Commission an opinion to the effect that it could not appropriate money to the sinking fund, since the moneys which must be available in that fund already have been appropriated, the Mayor remarked that he could not understand "why we can't make the approximation this wear."

NEIGHBORHOOD can't make the appropriation this year,

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BOWMAN PROPOSES NEW CUTS IN WATER RATES

Introduces Ordinance That Would Bene

beautiful girl in all the world."

She has been prominent at the race meets and horse shows and has taken part in numerous charity entertainments. Mr. Wing is a member of the Piping Rock and New York Athletic Clubs

The measure passed first reading and

this afternoon.

The measure passed first reading and will come up for second reading and final passage at next week's meeting. Unlike other reductions Mr. Bowman made in the wate: rates, both this year and last, this cut will affect generally the private families and the hotels and restaurants. Under the present rate of 12½ cents per 100 cubic feet—750 gallons—the consumer is allowed to utilize 4,000 cubic feet of water for the annual charge of \$5.

The reduced rate will be 10 cents per 100 cubic feet, so that for the minimum charge of \$5 the consumer will be allowed to use 5,000 cubic feet of water. In a letter which accompanied

the allowed to use 5,000 cubic feet of water. In a letter which accompanied the ordinance reducing the rates Mr. Bowman said:

"This new rate also benefits the small manufacturer, hotels, restaurant become and collections."

keepers and all users of water who heretofore have paid the 121/2-cent

This reduction alone, according to

This reduction alone, according to Mr. Bowman, will mean a cut in the annual revenues of the Water Department of something like \$22,810.10.

However, that is but one of three rates that will be reduced. For those consumers—principally the large hotels—now using less than 5,000 gallons of water daily the rate will be changed from 10 cents per 1,000 gallons to 9 cents.

SPEAKER CLARK'S DAUGHTER, WHO IS TO WED NEWSPAPERMAN



FELLED BY NEGRO

Police Redouble Efforts to Land Man Who Has Assaulted Three

Dozen Bluecoats Engage in Hunt After Clothes From Line

police, who searched the neighborhood, but he could not be found. Two other similar cases have been reported to the of the man was the same. He is of slight build, light complexioned and wears a little mustache.

of a North Seventh street house and a little boy answered the rap. The negro inquired for the boy's father. On being informed that his father was uptairs he left, saying he would see him.

Assistant Fire Chief Edward Halbert stairs he left, saying he would see him again. The father immediately notified the police, but a close search failed to locate him

Chief of Police Hutchison is anxious to land this man and asks the co-opera-tion of the citizens in general for their aid.

Charcoal Fire Starts Blaze When a charcoal fire was built

what appeared to be a fire place in the front room on the second floor of the Hotel Detroit, 422 Market street, the flue caught fire. The fire was con fined to the room in which it originated. The Agronson store on the first floor suffered a trifle by water. The loss will not exceed \$200.

James Cooper, 7 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Cooper, of Camp Hill, suffered a fractured left arm in a coasting accident near his home yester-day afternoon. He was admitted to the Harrisburg Hospital for treat the child while trying to kill his sweet-

FIGHT TO KEEP ROAD OPEN TO WASHINGTON HEIGHTS

Unanimously on Record as Opposed to Alleged Plan of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company

Wormleysburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—There a spirited contest on regarding the closing of Ferry street, in this borough, at the Pennsylvania railroad crossing. Persons alleged to be looking in the interests of the railroad circulated a SEARCH FAILS

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road closed.
Yesterday a counter petition was circulated and numerously signed by the citizens of Wormleysburg and vicinity. It was planned to present it to the court in Carlisle to-day.

fit Both Large and Small Consumers—Would Mean \$25,000 Less

Revelue Annually to Department

Another cut in the city water rates—one that will mean a reduction in the City Water Department revenues of from \$25,000 to \$26,000 a year, equivalent to more than half a mill on the City's present realty valuation of \$49,0000—is planned by Harry F. Bowman, Commissioner of Public Cear.

The Harrisburg police are redoubling the court in Carlisle to-day.

Those opposing the plan to close the road say such a change would cut off and say such a change would cut off and say such a change would cut off the large farms back of Wormleys-burg and compel those desiring to go to Atend a meeting of the State Board to Fort. Washington, Washington, Washington to camp Hill to go by the way of Lemoyne which is much further and more inconvenient. Furthermore, it is set forth, it would cut off the Heights where a woman was taking some clothes from the line. He struck her on the side of the face with his fist and felled.

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City's present realty valuation of \$49, 000,000—is planned by Harry F. Bowman, Commissioner of Public Safety, under an ordinance he introduced at the meeting of the City Commissioners this afternoon.

The measure passed first reading and will come up for second reading and final passage at next week's meeting. Unlike other reductions W. Parameter of the struck her on the side of the face with his fist and felled her to the ground. Her screams attracted her husband, who was inside the house, and the negro made good his escape into an alley at the rear of the yard.

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19-19-19-15-15-15-15?

police and in each case the description Just 1915, But City Electrician Diehl Is in a Quandary

It having been duly proclaimed and spread broadcast that the Court House On Sunday night a man answering bell would boom forth with "1-9-1-5" this description rapped on the rear door at midnight, City Electrician Diehl,

Assistant Fire Chief Edward Halbert advanced the idea that a man be stationed at fire alarm box No. 19 to pull it at that time, to be followed closely by a pull from box No. 15, but that was not feasible because four rounds of each figure would ring and not only from the Court house but from every other bell in the fire house, hence the result would be "19-19-19-19-15-15-15-10," "Besides," argued Mr. Diehl, "that would tie up the fire alarm system for some time, and we can't do that. So he is how engaged in doping out a system by which he can strike the numerals representing the new year without interfering. It is some job.

Confessed to Killing Little Girl

By Associated Press.

Millville, N. J., Dec. 29:—The mystery surrounding the killing last night of Beatrice Bailey, 6 years old, who was struck by a bullet that came through a window at the home of her grandmother, was cleared up to-day when George Hann, 29 years old, was arrested and confessed according to the

STUDY OF SPAN

Tells State Teachers in Session Here Why Pupils Should Learn the Language

NO REFERENCES MADE TO POLITICS

Meeting of Classical Language Section Preceding General Session-Speaker Explains How History of Caesar's Time Is Being Repeated

Governor-elect Martin G. Brumbaugh, in an address at Technical High school this afternoon at the first general session of the State Educational Association convention, spoke briefly of the aims of the association, and as his only recommendation, strongly urged the study of the Spanish language in the public schools. He made no reference either to Pennsylvania or to national politics. In his audience were elementary and high school teachers, normal school, college and university professors and presidents, county, city and borough school superintendents and many visitors. His address follows:

"For this great organization of my co-workers in the dear old Keystone State I have a deep and abiding affection. I attended the sessions here in 1885, when the late and much loved John Q. Stewart was president. At Mauch Chunk soon after I became a life member and in 1895, at State College, I was your president.

"The record of the association's services to education in Pennsylvania is a lengthy and honorable one. It has wisely kept from advocating extreme and sensational things. It has steadily and sturdily stood for the truly progressive things in our educational advance.

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Schools Are the People's

"The public schools, supported by law, are the people's schools. The people provide the fund by taxation and appropriation for their maintenance. They justly, as well as legally, demand large consideration from our citizens. They exist to make democracy possible. More potent than armies and navies are schools. The solder and the sailor must share with the teacher the honorable and patriotic service of preserving our national life. For the schools exist primarily to make our civilization and our civic progress possible. To them is given, with the home and the church, the honorable task of making the life of the republic secure. These to which we must always turn for the making of the citizenry we would have the republic possess.

Need for Knowledge of Spanish

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Need for Knowledge of Spanish "Just now, we have a striking is lustration of a great educational net in this country. Almost ten million in this country.

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BRUMBAUGH SHUNS POLITICS

Governor-elect, Here To-day, Says He Has Not Made His Cabinet Selections Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Governor-elect of Pennsylvania, was in Harris-burg to-day, the first time since the election that gave him a majority vote over the combined vote of all the other candidates. Dr. Brumbaugh was here to attend a meeting of the State Board of Edwardton his last before he assumes

again and took up its unfinished business.

This evening Dr. Brumbaugh will be the guest of Governor and Mrs. Tener at the Executive Mansion, and will leave for Pittsburgh about 11 o'clock, where to-morrow he will meet Republican County Chairman Walter J. Christy and Republican City Chairman Charles H. Kline, to confer on the political situation in Allegheny county and discuss Western Pennsylvania appointments under his administration.

Dr. Brumbaugh was questioned while here on the subject of his cabinet appointments but said he had not as yet made any selections for any of his cabinet positions. He intends to take the matter up after his return to Philadelphia from the west.

"I have not told anybody about the matter of my cerious of Dr. Brumbaugh professors."

elphia from the west. make-up of my cabinet,

baugh.

Just who of his immediate family will Just who of his immediate family will accompany the new Governor to Harrisburg when he takes up his home in the Executive Mansion is as yet undecided. Dr. Brumbaugh said his daughter, who is a school teacher in Philadelphia, prefers to teach school rather than come here, but his domestic and social affairs have yet to be arranged.

WALL STREET CLOSING

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 29.—Liquidation of Rock Island collateral 4s and Debenture 5s which fell from 2 to 5 points was the sole feature of the final hour. The closing was irregular. The stuation growing out of Washington's protest to England over the detention of this country's commerce imported some heaviness to to-day's market. Most of the leaders were under yesterday's best on a small overturn.