PRICE, ONE CENT.

MACHINERY IS RUNNING

Biennial Session of the Legislature Starts at Noon on Lines Prearranged in Caucus

TENER'S FINAL MESSAGE READ

Chiefly Reviews the State's Affairs in Last Two Years-Committees Se-

Last Two Years—Committees Selected for Distribution of Plums—Job-Seekers Are Here in Numbers

AMBLER ELECTED SPEAKER
BY HOUSE VOTE OF 164 TO 41

The Pennsylvania Legislature began its biennial session to-day under entirely different auspices from those that characterized the one that held the boards two years ago and held high carnival for six months. When the 1913 session opened, it was a question as to who would be the presiding officers in both Senate and House, the membership of both branches being so split up that it was hard to tell which party held the control. When the tangle was straightened out there was much constrained for the straightened of the straightened out there was much constrained for the straightened of the straightened out there was much constrained for the straigh nival for six months. When the 1913 session opened, it was a question as to who would be the presiding officers in both Senate and House, the membership of both branches being so split up that it was hard to tell which party held the control. When the tangle was straightened out there was much confusion over the selection of the minor officers of the House, creating a bitterness that prevailed during the entire session, notwithstanding the efficiency of the men selected to look after the speaker to the chair. Speaker is the type of the chair speaker in the selection of peaker is speaker in the selection of the speaker in the selection of the speaker in the s

To-day it was all very different. As one of the caucus orators said last night "The Republican party in Pennsylvania has again come into its own," that was very evident from the manner in was very evident from the manner which things were conducted, on a methodical system. The caucuses have the caucuse have the system of the caucuses have the system of the settled everything, it only remained both branches—that is the major-in each of them—to carry out the cus behest, and it was done without

a hitch.

Both branches were organized at roon, the new legislators taking the cath of office after the returns ausnouncing their election were read at the clerk's desk, and committees were appointed to notify the Governor and the co-ordinate branches that each was ready for business. Committees also were created to open and compute the vote cast for State officers at the last election, a joint session being held in the hall of the House for that purpose.

Governor's Message Read

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A number of communications were received from Governor Tener, for the greater part appointments made dur-ing the recess, reports of commissions referred to him for transmission to the Legiskuture, and most important of all, the biennial gubernatorial message, which was received and read in both houses.

The message in full will be found on The message in 10th with be found on page 11, of the Star-Independent to-day. It is chiefly a review of what has occurred in administration circles during the recess. Both Houses passed a resolution providing for adjournment from to-day until the evening of Monday, January 18, and in the meantime a committee to arrange for the ina committee to arrange for the in-auguration of Dr. Brumbaugh as Governor, with Senator Beidleman at the head, will be busily engaged with that

fact that the Republican party was dominant in both branches drew to the Capitol many Republicans from all parts of the State, among them many who have for some time been strangers to Harrisburg and legislative halls. Many interested in legislation to be Many interested in legislation to be presented also were here to size up the situation, among them the advocates of local option, workingmen's compensation and child labor bills, and those either opposed to such measures or else favoring them in such modified form as will not hurt their vested interests.

The Distribution of Plums The slate committees of both branches

appointed to apportion the legislative appointments, will both meet as soon as possible and consider all applications made from legislators who desire to land constituents in fat places for the assiston.

House there are 102 positions

In the House there are 102 positions that will be divided among 164 Republicans and Chairman Woodward, of the House slate committee, said to-day that he believed his committee is going to have a very difficult time in endeavoring to satisfy everybody.

The Senate slate committee, headed by Senator Crow, of Fayette, who is also chairman of the Republican State committee, will have a much easier task, as the number of appointments is such that every one of the Republican Senators is assured of at least one place for a constituent and some may get two or three.

ANIMATED SCENES IN THE
FLOWER-DECKED SENATE

The Senate chamber was a veritable bower of roses long before the neon hour, floral tributes by the dozen having been brought in and placed upon the desks of Senators by "admiring friends." Those particularly remembered were Senators Semmens, Allegheny; Beidleman, Dauphin, who had a great vase of beautiful Killarney roses; Croft, Montgomery, with six vases of most exquisite roses, violets and daisies; Salus, Philadelphia, with three huge vases of roses, one from each ward, and one so tall that it had to be set aside in order that he could see the presiding officer; Buckman, of Bucks, a re-elected Senator; Schantz,

of Lehigh, the first Republican Senator from that county; McConnell, of Northumberland, back in his old seat, with a magnificent basket of carnations; Graff. Armstrong, with a fine bouquet of roses; Thompson, Beaver, with a bouquet of American Beauties; Kurtz, Jefferson; Crow, Fayette, and Vare, Philadelphia. On the presiding officer's desk was a basket of rare blooms.

The most striking floral offering was on the desk of Senator Snyder, of Schuylkill. It consisted of two graceful calla lilies, to which was attached a card, as follows:

Tribute to Senato's Beau Brummel

"To Senator Snyder, the one man

Tribute to Senate's Beau Brummel
"To Senator Snyder, the one man
we all love. The only Senator who is
constantly on dress parade. Compliments of your constituents from dear
old Schuylkill county!"
This card was read with lively interest by all of the fellow Senators of
the Schuylkill Senatorial Beau Brummed

mel.

There were many visitors to the Senate to see that august branch begin business, including a number of ladies from the families of the lawmakers. All of the seats on both sides of the Senate were occupied and the galeries were crowded. As the time for the opening drew nigh the scene in the Senate was a very animated one. Old friendships were being renewed and new acquaintances made, and the various groups chatted and laughed. The lobbies were filled with those interested

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ation of the action of the Average and the support of Ambler was responsible for the Montgomery man's election. The election of Speaker, John M. Flynn, and his one-time opponent for the Republican caucus. His opponent for the Republican nomination, Richard J. Bail and his one-time opponent for the Republican nomination, Richard J. Bail and the Mayor's remark only we caused some snickering among his Republican nomination, Richard J. Bail and the Mayor's name as a substitute for Kinley. Lynch seconded the move. Taylor wanted to know: "Who is Blair?"

A moment later Taylor remarked that he had been approached by Blair and the had been approached by Blair that y

Speaker to the chair. Speaker Ambler said:

"Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:—I feel I cannot say in words how I appreciate the honor you have conferred upon me for it is a great honor for any man to be chosen Speaker of this House which represents this Great State, and I sincerely thank you. Lebell endeayor to preside over you in Great State, and I sincerely thank you. I shall endeavor to preside over you in all fairness and do what I can to prove to the people of Pennsylvania that they made no mistake in sending us here to represent them. But I realize I am helpless unless you give me your undivided help and support, and this I carnestly request you to do.

Reference to Dr. Brumbaugh

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'Our Governor-elect, the Hon. Martin G. Brumbaugh, has promised the people that he stood for laws that would benefit and help them all and it is our duty to work in harmony with him and prove that when we present a candidate for their suffrage, we are honest and mean what we say, and legislate for the good to the greatest

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NAMED TO AID BRUMBAUGH Committee of Senate Will Frame Laws

Promised by G. O. P. Platform

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The Senate this afternoon adopted a resolution offered by Senator McNichol providing for a committee of three Senators and three members of House, who, with the presiding officers of both branches, shall consult with Governor-elect Brumbaugh in the preparation of bills to carry out legislation advocated by the Republican platform and by Dr. Brumbaugh's personal platform.

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The Senate members of the inau-gural committee were announced this afternoon by President Pro Tem. Kline as follows: Beidleman, Sproul, Martin, Kurtz, Mills, Wasbers and DeWitt.

WILDMAN IS HONORED

place on the inaugural committee of the House of Representatives by Speaker Ambler. Other members on the House

Ambler. Other members on the House committee follow: E. E. Jones, Susquehanna; Edwin R. Cox, Philadelphia; Joseph G. Steedle, Allegheny; Aaron B. Hess, Lancaster; Samuel A. Whitsker, Chester; John M. Flynn, Elk; Charles A. Shaffer, Colum-bia; Howard W. Body, Berks.

\$25,000 For Inaugural Expense The concurrent resolution introduced into the Senate this afternoon by Sen-

anto the Senate this atternoon by Senator Beidleman, of this city, carrying an appropriation of \$25,000 to cover the expenses of the inauguration of Governor-elect Martin G. Brumbaugh, was passed by both houses and sent to the State Department this afternoon, where it was recorded and at once sent to Governor Tener, who will affix his signature of seaverner.

House Thanks Judge McCarrell

Representative Joshua W. Swartz, of Harrisburg, performed his first service as a member of the House of Represenconstituent and some may get three.

ATED SCENES IN THE FLOWER-DECKED SENATE

Senate chamber was a veritable of roses long before the House of Representatives other than that of voting this morning, his first session. He introduced a resolution thanking Additional Law Judge S. J. M. McCarrell for swearing in the members of the House. Representative Wildman's resolution appointed Judge McCarrell to that office.

Commissioners Ignore Royal's Nomination and Hand New Police Job to a Republican

HIS HONOR IS DISPLEASED

sioner Taylor Hold Customary Debate on Propriety of Playing Politics, But Smiles Return When the Cigars Are Passed

By a vote of 3 to 2 the Republican City Commissioners, Bowman, Lynch and Taylor, -this afternoon defeated

is Blair?'

A moment later Taylor remarked that he bad been approached by Blair, "and he told me," began the Commissioner, "that he knew of no reason why he, Blair, was dropped from the police force by you, except that you old him he did not support you."

'I want to say to you and to him," snapped back the Mayor, "that he

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FORT CINDER CAPITULATES Garrison of Two Is Captured After Dis embarking From Battleship of the Freight Car Kind

Fort Cinder has been evacuated. The fring ceased yesterday at noon and al-though no fatalities have been report-ed two of the gunners have been taken prisoners. Both have been court mar-tialed and orders for their temporary detention have been issued. The walls of defense contain numerous cracks of defense contain numerous

of defense contain numerous cracks of defense contain numerous cracks and crevices, presumably due to the firing of the enemy, and it will be several months at least before the defenders will be ready again to fire a gun.

Fort Cinder is a hut, not more than six feet high, in the einder banks immediately south of the Elliott-Fisher typewriter works. The gunners taken prisoner are William McAllister and Frank Reed. They hopped on a battleship freight car yesterday morning, filled two bags with coal and hopped off within a few feet of Adam Souillard, a Pennsylvania railroad policeman. Now they are in jail awaiting the action of the Grand Jury on larceny charges. The defendants gave their ages both as 46 years.

FIREMEN CALLED OUT TWICE

morning in a shed near the former ware-houses of the Paxton Floor and Feed Company, South alley and Poplar street, recently taken over by the Capitol Park Extension Commission. Fire Chief Kindler believes a homeless man was sleeping in the place and set fire to it with a cigarette and then ran and turned in an alarm from box No. 5, State and

an alarm from box No. 5, State and Cowden streets.

If the blaze had gone until some one on the outside had seen it the building would have been consumed, so the fire chief reached the conclusion the person who sent in the alarm had guilty knowledge of the blaze. The bunding has been unoccupied for some time. The firemen made short work of the blaze and the loss will not exceed \$10.

Shortly after 1.30 o'clock this morning a false alarm was turned in from box No. 32, Third and Boas streets. It is not known who turned it in. The police are investigating.

CHANGES IN OLMSTED & STAMM

Three Attorneys Admitted to Firm Mr. Stamm Remains As Advisor

FUNERAL OF MISS GRACE SOLVING DISPUTE MAUGAN THIS AFTERNOON

Hundreds Surround House on Forster Street During Services—Many Floral Tributes About Coffin of

Hundreds of persons, mostly women, lined the curb stones on Forster street from Third to Capital this afternoon, during the funeral services of Miss Grace Maugan, the girl killed in the automobile accident at Front and Walnut streets, Friday night. The small frame house at 310 Forster street was crowded on both floors. Before 2 o'clock all available space had been taken.

taken.

During the entire forenoon, as also yesterday afternoon and last night, large numbers of persons passed the coffin to view the girl's body. About the coffin were banked floral tributes in

the coffin were banked floral tributes in great profusion.

The funeral services were conducted shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon by the Rev. B. H. Hart, pastor of the Fifth Street Methodist church, and burial was made in the Paxtang cemetery. The pallbearers were Harry and Eugene Delone, Ralph and Francis Simonetti, Albert E. Senior and Alfred C. Commings.

Oneth, Albert E. School Cummings.

Of the other three victims in the accident, Samuel Weber has been discharged from the hospital, and Lillian Swails and Elder Cleckner will probably leave in a day or two.

4 WOMEN KILLED BY TRAIN

Step Out of Way of Shifting Engin and Directly in the Path of Fast Express

By Associated Press. Allentown, Pa., Jan. 5 .- Four young women, natives of Austria, who were on their way from their homes in Cemen ton to Coplay, where they worked in a eigar factory, stepped out of the way of a shifting engine on the Lehigh Valley railroad tracks directly in the path of a fast eastbound express train at 6 o'clock this morning.

Mary York Orski, Katie Urkas and Katie Madiea were killed instantly, and he Mary Forenzao died soon after being carried into the station at Coplay. They have no relatives in this country.

MME. GERVILLE-REACHE DEAD Transfusion of Blood Failed to Save Fa-

mous Singer

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 5.—Madame GervilleReache, former contralto at the Manthattan opera house, died this afternoon
at Roosevelt hospital. For a week she
had been seriously ill of blood poisoning.

Two operations transfusing blood from her husband's veins into hers were

Wife of a Harrisburg Postoffice Clerk Believed to Have Been Temporarily Insane

Harrisburg Representative Made Member of House Inaugural Committee Representative Augustus Wildman, of this city, has been honored with a place on the inaugural committee of the morning in a shed near the former ware. IN A HOLLOW

Mrs. Charles C. Kerns Walks From Home of Sister She Is Visiting in Cumberland County and Charred Body Is Found Soon Afterward

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 5 .- urs. Alie Grace Kerns, wife of a clerk in the Maclay street branch of the Harrisburg postoffice—Charles C. Kerns, of 2022 Susquehanna street-was burned to death yesterday afternoon near the home of her sister, Mrs. John McGowan in Centre, Upper Mifflin township, Cumberland county, fifteen miles west of this city. The authorities here believe Mrs. Kerns, in a fit of temporary insanity, set fire to her clothing either through accident or with suicidal intent.

Mrs. Kerns had been visiting her sister for two weeks. They were the only persons in the McGowan house yeste day afternoon. The house is on a farm day atternoon. The house is on a tarm owned by Andrew Oyler. Mrs. Kerns told her sister she was going for a walk and left the house. Later in the after-noon when Mrs. Kerns did not return iMrs. McGowan became alarmed and asked some of the neighbors to make

Samuel Ensminger and Arthur Clous Samuel Ensminger and Arthur Clouse started out in the direction which it was known Mrs. Kerns took and finally found her charred body in a hollow about three-quarters of a mile from the house. The clothing had all been burned a way. It is believed the woman applied a lighted match to her dress. She perished in the flames. Coroner J. H. Deardorf went to the farm to-day to make an investigation.

Mrs. Kerns is survived by her hus-

Mrs. Kerns is survived by her husband and two children, Sara and Winifred, and five sisters.

Decision of American Government to Certify Ship Contracts MayEndControversy

CO-OPERATION OF SHIPPERS URGED

hington Officials Instruct American Exporters to Accompany Their Products With Affidavits Telling Exactly the Contents of Their Shipments

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 5.—The decision of
the United States government to ce. tify American cargoes as to their exact contents before leaving American ports was believed by officials and diplomats alike to-day to offer a means of solving one of the points now under dispute in the shipping controversy between Great

traband or not.

British Government Informed

London, Jan. 5, 2 P. M.—The Brit-ish government was informed to-day of the decision of the Washington authori-ties to certify American cargoes as to their exact contents before they leave American ports. It is felt here that this action will assist appreciably in solving the difficulties which led to the

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BIG SENSATION IN WHEAT

Market Again Takes Jump To-day and May Cereal Reaches the High Price of \$1.37

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 5 .- On the first trades to-day the wheat market jumped as much as 2 1-2 higher than at the close much as 2 1-2 higher than at the close last night, making an advance of six cents a bushel since yesterday. May wheat touched \$1.37 at the opening today, whereas the price last night was \$1.34 1-2, and at the wind up Saturday was \$1.34.

Sharply higher quotations from Liverpool and a big falling off in the European visible supply were chiefly influential in causing the fresh upturn

Sharply higher quotations from Liverpool and a big falling off in the European visible supply were chiefly influential in causing the fresh upturn in the wheat market here.

What the situation implied to the people in the United States, not to mention foreign countries, was emphasized by announcements to-day that loading brands of flour had been advanced 40 centers by the property of the state of cents a barrel over night. Good flour was quoted at \$7 a barrel.

European war cash wheat in Chicago to-day sold at \$1.35 a bushel, the highest price in more than forty years. Moreover, the chief speculative option, May delivery, rose to \$1.37% a 3-4 bushel as given as a 3-4 bushel as a 3-4 cents a bushel since a week ago and three cents above last night's figures. market closed unsettled but far from the top level of the day.

WATER DEPT. \$32.367 AHEAD

Bowman Reports Balances Also in Other

Branches Under His Control

Harry F. Bowman, Commissioner of Public Safety, to-day submitted to the City Commissioners his annual financial statement showing the net earnings of the Water Department in 1914 were the Water Department in 1914 were the Control of the Control of the Water Department in 1914 were the Control of the Control City Commissioners his annual financial statement showing the net earnings of the Water Department in 1914 were \$80,915.93 and that the cost of running that department was less than that of 1913 by \$32,367.56.

The report further shows that in all of the sub-divisions of the Public Safety Department unexpended balances remained at the close of the year, a circumstance that has not occurred for a

mained at the close of the year, a cir-cumstance that has not occurred for a number of years.

The Health Department treasury had a balance of \$378.58. Since the health bureau was created the officials annual-ly had faced a deficiency at the close of the year.

the year.
In the Bureau of Food Inspection in the Bureau of Food Inspection the balance this year amounts to \$600.73; building inspection, \$59.25; plumbing inspection, \$3.39; police and fire alarm, \$5,960.08. The balance in the lighting department amounts to \$26,884.04. The warrants drawn on the \$139,197.28 fund amounts to \$112,313.24, of which \$39,252.73 represents sinking fund charges.

Call For National Bank Statements Washington, Jan. 5.—The Comptroller of the Currency to-day called for a report on the condition of national banks at the close of business, December 31.

The German defenders of Alsace are still losing ground before the French advance. To-day's official statements from Berlin as well as Paris speak of fighting to the east of Steinbach, showing that the French have pushed beyond this recently captured village. The Paris announcement gives the first intimation of another French advance into Alsace near Orberg, 14 miles west of Colmar, capital of Upper Alsace.

Infantry fighting has been resumed in Belgium and the French report states that ground was won by the allies near Nieuport. Elsewhere military activity is chiefly in the way of artillery duels. Few further particulars were received concerning the eastern campaign. The Berlin war office states that the advance east of Bollmow, in the direction of Warsaw, is being continued, although Petrograd claims that the Germans, after capturing Russian positions at Bollmow were compelled to abandon them.

them.

The war spirit in Italy has been revived by the death on a French battle-field of a grandson of Garibaldi, Italy will have about 1,000,000 men under

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KAISER WANTS WAR BREAD SERVED TO SELF AND STAFF

Berlin, Jan. 5, Via The Hague and London, 10.30 A. M.—Emperor William has given orders that the so-called

the shipping controversy between Great Britain and the United States. The circular which had been formulated by Secretaries Bryan and Redfield and Acting Secretary of the Treasury Peters for issuance to-day urges co-operation between American exporters, shippers and the government in regard to the manifests of neutral ships used to carry American eargoes.

Exporters were to be urged to accompany their products with affidavits telling exactly the contents of their shipments, and treasury officials were to be instructed to certify that the manifests contain the artheies mentioned. Treasury officials, however, will not rule on the subject of whether a produce is contraband or not.

ANOTHER FRENCH ADVANCE INTO ALSACE IS CLAIMED

Paris, Jan. 5, 2.51 P. M.-The French official statement given out by French official statement given out by the War Office this afternoon conveys the first intimation of another French advance into Alsace, at a point near Orbey or Urbeis which is some 14 miles to the west of Colmar.

It sets forth also that the French advances in the direction of Cernay (Sennheim) to the southeast of Steinheim than the present of the control of the

the fight, and with our eyes toward God we will win a decisive success, for our just cause will not be wanting.
(Signed) "William."

GERMANY DOESN'T EXPECT US TO STOP RAW GOODS EXPORTS

cents a barrel over night. Good flour was quoted at \$7 a barrel.

Although profit-taking by holders of wheat wiped out much of the extreme advance recorded at the outset of trading, the market gave no sign of going back to yesterday's prices.

Bussians Invading Hungary Paris, Jan. 5, 4.55 A. M.—A Petrograd dispatch published in "L'Information" reports that the Russians have coupled eight Hungarian townships and that several divisions of the Austrians are surrounded in the Cartalians. Directly as a consequence of the materials to the German government pathians. it plain that it did not expect the GERMANS SAY FRENCH WERE

NATIONAL LEAGUE A TRUST

not Federal Baseball Magnates Claim Former Is Violating Sherman Law By Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Charging that the National Commission, the governing body of organized baseball; its rules and the national agreement under which

The suit was filed in the United States District Court and in the usual

States District Court and in the usual course of business would be put on the calendar of Federal Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, who is a devotee of baseball.

The Court is asked to restrain the defendants from seeking by injunction, by threats, bonuses or otherwise to prevent the players Fischer, Konetchy, Caldwell, Perritt, Wingo, O Connor, Bedient, Austin, Allen, Berghammer, Bender, Plank and Marquard from verforming their tin, Allen, Bergaammer, Bender, Plank and Marquard from performing their several contracts with the constituent members of the plaintiff. The dismissal of the various court actions pending against George W. Johnson, Harold H. Chase, Armando Marsans and Lee Ma-gee is asked.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY THE ALLIES' **NEAR RH**

The French Army Less Than 30 Miles From River, Holding Village of Steinbach

MOST STUBBORN BATTLE OF WAR

In Poland the Germans Continue to Deliver Furious But Intern 'ent Attacks on the Bzura-Rawka Line-Russians Invade Hungary

London, Jan. 5, 12.30 P. M .- The right wing of the French army is to day less than 30 miles from the river Rhine, holding the Alsatian village of Steinbach, and the heights to the south steinbach, and the heights to the south-east of the village after one of the most stubborn localized fights of the war. At no other point of the west-ern front has there been any noteworthy change, the news consequently dwells chiefly to-day on the bad weather con-

In Poland there has been little shift In Poland there has been little shift in the relative positions of the invading and defending armies. The Germans continue to deliver their furious and intermittent attacks in Baura-Rawka line. To the south the Russians have swept forward to Suzawa, near the Rumanian frontier. In the Caucasius the Turkish invaders and the Russians are apparently still fighting

casius the Turkish invaders and the Russians are apparently still fighting out their battle in the region of Sari Kamysh, both sides claiming a victory.

The French progress in Upper Alsace is probably the most significant news from the western front in a number of weeks, and by some observers here it is taken to indicate future attempts on the part of the allies to break through in this region, maintaining meanwhile, a base on Belfort.

Swams Prevent General Advance.

orbey or Urbeis which is some 14 miles to the west of Colmar.

It sets forth also that the French advances in the direction of Cernay (Sennheim) to the southeast of Steinbach have been maintained. There are six points on the battle front where artillery engagements have taken place under the Belgian artillery is described as active in Flanders. Advances near St. Georges also are claimed.

KAISER PRAISES BRAVERY OF AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN TROOPS Berlin, Jan. 5, via The Hague and London, 10.30 'A. M.—Emperor William, replying to a congratulatory message from Archduke Frederick of Austria, telegraphed as follows.

"My best wishes to your Imperial Highness and your brave Austro-Hungarian troops who in the past year have shown an unchanging spirit of comradeship toward their German allies. With our combined forces we continue the same and in the standard of Cernay. They now hold the heights to the west of this town, and stall would throw open the way to Muelhausen.

Whether the Turks are exaggerating their successes or not, they are doing some hard fighting in the Caucasus,

Whether the Turks are exaggerating their successes or not, they are doing some hard fighting in the Caucasus, judging from dispatches reaching London. Even telegrams from Petrograd admit that this situation is becoming one of first importance. There is no sign as yet, however, of Russia's moving troops from her western to her southern frontier.

DRIVEN BACK AT STEINBACH

Berlin, Jan. 5 (by Wireless to London, 2.55 P. M.).—The German official statement on the progress of military operations given out this afternoon declares that fighting at a point two declares that fighting at a point two miles to the east of Steinbach resulted in the French being driven back. French attacks were repulsed in the Ar-

gome and near Arras.

In northern Poland the situation is said to be unchanged, while to the east of the Bzura river the German attacks

GERMAN AIRMEN DROP BOMBS: HUNDRED KILLED OR INJURED

Berlin, via Wireless to London, Jan. 5, 350 A. M.—Announcement is made here that the portion of Russian Poland occupied by the Germans has been provided with a civil administration under Herr Von Brandenstein.

German airmen, it is also announced, have dropped bombs on British ammunition stores on the outskirts of Rosendael and Goudskerque, near Junkirk.

dael and Goudskerque, near Dunkirk, France. The explosions, it is stated, killed or injured a hundred persons and set fire to a portion of one of the

and set life to a portion of the villages.

News from Durazzo, Albania, states that in the first fight in that vicinity a number of followers of Essad Pasha, the provisional president of Albania, who held back were hanged.

Lajoie Goes to the Athletics
Cleveland, Jan. 5.—Napoleon Lajoie, for thirteen years second baseman and former manager of the Cleveland American League club, to-day was released by President Charles W. Somers, to the Philadelphia Americans. Manager Connie Mack came here from Philadelphia and closed the deal. No other players were involved in the deal, Mr. Somers said.

MALL STREET CLOSING

New York, Jan. 5.—Profit-taking became more general later and much of the earlier gain was lost. Reading reacted a point to below yesterday's closure. The closing was firm. From early uncertainty to-day's market became fairly strong, with net gains in most leading stocks and a few specialties.