BUT AT HEAVY COST

They Get Across the German Lines of Communication.

Reports of Big Servian Victories Deprecated.

(Latest Summary.)

Defeat of the south wing of the Rus sian Army in West Galicia is announced at Vienna. The announcement states that the Russians, defeated in a battle at Limonovo, were compelled to retreat, and that the Austrians are pursuing.

Continued successes by the Servians against the Austrians are reported from Nish, but a semi-official statement at Vienna, while admitting the retirement of the Austrian right wing. says the Servian claims are exaggerated.

The Russian General Staff announce: "In the Mlawa region we have brought our offensive to a successful conclusion on the whole front."

Capture of 11.000 prisoners by German troops which successfully stormed several Russian positions in North Poland is announced at Berlin.

German attacks at the two extremes Aspach, in Alsace-are announced by the French War Office, which says the | to be progressing. attacks were repulsed.

Important gains by the Allies are claimed, in a communication from the French War Office, to have been made in the woods of La Pretre.

An ettack by the French over a large front by the way of Circy is reported | Belgrade. from German headquarters. The statement says the French lost 600 prisoners and many killed and wounded in this engagement.

Italy has made a demand upon Turlation of the Italian consulate at Hodelda.

The cruiser Dresden, the only German warship which has survived the battle off the Falkland Islands, is reported to have arrived at Punta Arenas, on the Strait of Magellan.

GOVERNMENT IN PARIS.

French President, Parliament and Cabinet Return From Bordeaux.

Paris.-With the return to Paris from Bordeaux of President Poincare, the members of the Cabinet and Parliament and the diplomatic corps re newed precautions have been taken to protect the city from raids by hostile aviators.

A Cabinet council was held at the Palace of the Elysee, the first to meet here since September 3, on which date the Government left for Bordeaux when the invaders were within 20 miles of the capital. The utmost cheerfulness prevailed at the session, a singular contrast to the intense anxiety shown at the last previous meeting in Paris.

Four hundred thousand youths of 19 and 20 years, forming the class of 1915, went into training in military instruction camps and barracks throughout France. Having had preliminary drills at home, they will be ready for the spring campaign.

Services of prayer for the soldiers in the field are being held daily in churches throughout France. These services are attended by extraordinarily large numbers of families of the men at the front.

BELGIAN RESERVISTS CALLED.

Consuls Throughout United States

St. Louis.-All Belgian reservists in St. Louis belonging to the classes of 1899 to 1913, inclusive, were called to the colors by the Belgian Consul here. Similar calls are being sent out by Belgian consuls in every American city. Those belonging to the class of 1914, which is comprised of youths now 19 years old, also were instructed to communicate with the Consul. The Consul has further asked that all Belgians in this district between the ages of 18 and 30 communicate with him as soon as possible.

80,000 HORSES FOR GERMANY.

Dallas Also Hears 12,000 Mules Are Negotiated For.

Dallas, Texas.-Negotiations for the purchase of 30,000 horses and 12,000 mules, which it is said are to be sent to Germany, are under way in Texas. according to an announcement here It was stated that the animals are to be shipped from this State to Genoa, Italy, but local dealers expressed the belief that they would be forwarded from there to Germany. It was said European agents would spend \$3,000,-000 for Texas horses and mules.

KING PETER GOES TO FRONT.

Led By Him, Servians Take Firmer Stand Against Austrians

London.-King Peter of Servia, who has been ill for many months, has assumed command of the Servian Army and, according to a Nish report. has checked the advance of the Austrians, inflicting heavy losses on them. The Austrian reply to this is that "the occupation of Belgrade necessitates the regrouping of our troops."

TURKS REPORT SUCCESSES.

Say They Have Occupied Important Russlan Point.

Constantinople, via London. - An official statement says:

"Near Adjara we have gained new

cannon and ammunition. "The Russian attacks east of Lake Van (Kurdistan) have been unsuccess Our troops advancing from Revanduz have occupied Soujbulak, an tro-Hungarian-German offensive conthe Province of Azerbaijan."

JUST AHEAD ADMIRAL VON SPEE GOES DOWN WITH FLAGSHIP WHEN FLEET IS TRAPPED OFF SOUTH AMERICA

German Undersea Boats M ke Attack in the Dark on the Almiralty Harbor, Dover, England, and Are Repelled by Fire From All the Forts

KAISER'S ARMIES CLOSE IN ON WARSAW

ship Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau and

The Admiralty report follows:

At 7:30 a. m., on the 8th of De-

cember, the Scharnhorst, Gneise-

nau, Nurnberg, Leipzig and Dres-

den were sighted off the Falkland

Islands by a British equadron

under Rear Admiral Sir Frederick

An action followed, in the

course of which the Scharnhorst,

flying the flag of Admiral Count

von Spee; the Gnelsenau and the

The Dresden and the Nurnberg

Two colliers were also captured.

Rear Admiral Sturdee reports

that the British casualties were

very few in number and that some

survivors were rescued from the

The fight was a replica of the meet-

ing off the Chilean coast when Sir

Christopher Cradock led his squadron

into disaster and went down with the

Monmouth and the Good Hope, with

the exception that on this occasion the

The statement makes reference to

some survivors rescued from the Gnel-

senau and the Leipzig, but no mention

is made of any of the crew of the

Scharnhorst, which was the flagship of

the German admiral, being saved, and

it is thus presumed that Count von

Spee, his officers and men went down

The engagement, one of the greatest

that has ever been fought between

modern warships, lasted only five

hours. The Scharnhorst went down

at the end of three hours and the

Spee's flagship went to the bottom two

hours later. The fighting began at

7:03 o'clock in the morning and by

man squadron had been disposed of.

battle off the Falkland Islands and at-

tempted to make her escape in com-

pany with the cruiser Dresden, was

While the British warships under

Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Boveton

Sturdee were sinking the cruisers

Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig

detached units of the English fleet

This information was contained in a

Budapest (via London).-An official

The enemy who entered the

counties of Saros and Miemplin

in Hungary are everywhere in full

retreat. Our troops are already

in Galician territory at several

points. Only two or three com-

munities in Hungarian territory

Of the five Austro-German columns

which for several days appeared to

be making steady progress in their

invasion of Poland three have suffer-

ed checks, says the official report

The Servians have regained most of

their territory toward the Bosnian

frontier, and they also have defeat-

ed the Austrians advancing from the

Up to December 8 the Servians had

captured about 25,000 prisoners, 115

guns of all kinds and great quanti-

ties of war material and ammuni-

Six German submarines raided the Ad-

miralty Harbor at Dover, England.

One was declared to have been sunk

by the forts and others hit. No

damage was done to the British war-

Berlin announced the capture of Przas

nysz, Indicating that the advance on

Warsaw from the north is gaining

French aviators dropped sixteen bombs

on Freiburg, in the Grand Duchy

of Baden. Berlin claims no damage

was done and complains of the act

as being "outside the range of op-

The German warships Scharnhorst

Gneisenau and Dresden were sunk

by a British squadron off the Falk

The official Paris report claimed ad

vances by the French along the Als

ne, on the Heights of the Meuse and

in Argonne, in fact, along the entire

Nicholas Ahlers, former German Con-

sul in Sunderland Borough and a

naturalized citizen of Great Britain

man reservists to get back home.

with a loss of 1,825 men.

land Islands, in the South Atlantic.

ships at anchor.

in strength.

erations."

from Russian headquarters.

WAR NEWS

are in the hands of the enemy.

PITH OF THE

communication issued here says:

sent the Nurnberg to the bottom.

sunk the same day.

British guns outranged the German.

Gneisenau and the Leipzig.

made off, following the action.

Sturdee.

fighting.

Leipzig were sunk.

London.-The Russian official state- | London.-The British Admiralty anment announces that the German at- nounced that the German cruiser tacks at Mlawa have been repulsed squadron under Vice-Admiral Count and that the Russian troops by a coun- von Spee, which sank the cruisers ter attack gained considerable ground. Good Hope and Monmouth off the Seven German attacks on Lowicz were Chilean coast on November 1, was derepuised and great losses were inflict- feated by a British fleet under Rear ed on the Kaiser's troops. The state- Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee off the ment adds that the Russian offensive Falkland Islands in the South Atlansouth of Cracow continues and that tic. Three German vessels, the flag-2,000 prisoners have been taken.

The official statements given out in the Leipzig, were sent to the bottom. Paris again report gains by the Allles at numerous points on the battle front. The Germans occupied part of a line of trenches in a flerce attack on Ypres. but a short time later the Allies recaptured the lost ground. The occupation of Aspach railway station in Alsace by the French is also announced.

The German War Office reports progress in Flanders and successful atof the Allies' front-one northeast of tacks on the Allies' lines to the east Ypres, in Belgium, and the other at and west of the Argonne. The offensive in northern Flanders is reported

The Servians continue to pursue the retreating Austrians, according to an official statement given out in Nish. The Austrians have lost thousands of men and are harassed by the Servians, who are pressing the enemy back on

The Secretary of the British Admiralty has received a cable from Vice-Admiral Sturdee of the British squadron stating that the British casualties in the naval battle totalled seven men key for public satisfaction for the vio- killed and four wounded. No officers, the dispatch says, were either killed or wounded. The Germans lost upward of 2,000 men, according to the reports,

The German cruiser Dresden succeeded in reaching the Argentine port of Santa Cruz and is interned there, badly damaged, says a cable from Montevideo. An earlier report declared she had been overtaken and sunk, as was the Nurnberg.

Artillery continues to play the main role from Arras southeast along the Aisne to the Argonne where there is fierce infantry fighting with varying

German forces are gradually closing in on Warsaw, despite desperate resistance by the Russians, if the latest reports from the fighting line in the east are to be depended upon.

Gen. von Mackensen's army is driving ahead along the railroad east of Lowicz and is said to be only a score of miles from the Polish capital. Forty miles north of Warsaw, Gen. von Francois is slowly fighting his w south. At other points along the semi-circular defense line, which stretches south nearly to Cracow the struggle is fierce, with no definite re-

Victories in western Galicia over the Russians continue to be reported from Vienna, but nothing is given out about the Austrian defeats in Servia.

200,000 MEN LOST IN BATTLE FOR POSSESSION OF LODZ. hunted down the fleeing cruisers and

London.-Two hundred thousand men, at the lowest estimate, have fallen in the battles near Lodz.

The Bourse Gazette estimates the German casualties in this region at RUSSIANS IN FULL RETREAT one hundred thousand, and says the percentage of loss, among the commanders and commissioned officers is particularly high,

These estimates are based on the fifty-five mile battle front around Lodz. No figures of losses are available for the remainder of the three hundred mile line nlong which at times, the fighting has been as desperate in character as that at the more central point of contact.

Berlin Encouraged. Berlin. - An army headquarters

statement says:

In Northern Poland the German troops are closely pursuing the retreating enemy to the east and to the south of Lodz. Besides the extraordinarily large and sanguinary losses reported, the Russians have lost about 1,500 prisoners and sixteen cannon with ammunition carts.

Much encouragement has been derived here from the recent Russian reports, which are considered much ess confident in tone than formerly If an investment of Warsaw should result from the present operations, military men say it will deprive Russia of a most important centre of railway communications and place the Russians in a serious position.

NO CHRISTMAS WAR TRUCE.

Russia Declines to Accept Plan Proposed by the Pope.

Berlin, (by wireless to Sayville, N Y.) .- The proposal of Pope Benedict. for a truce among the warring nations during the Christmas holidays is said by the Official Press Bureau to have been declined by Russia.

The Press Bureau previously announced that Germany was willing to agree to a Christmas truce, provided the other nations at war gave their

AUSTRIA WINNING IN GALICIA.

Report Success in Operation Against Russians. Washington.-The Austro-Hungarian

Embassy received the following official statement from Vienna. No mensuccesses over the Russians, capturing tion is made of the Servian campaign

"In west Galacia our attacks are continuing uninterrupted. Hostile attacks in the neighborhood of Petrokow have falled. The tenacity of the Ausimportant Russian point of support in tinues. Our troops captured 2,800

GOETHALS CALLS FOR WARSHIPS

Wants Destroyers Sent to Unchristianlike to Stop War Canal Zone.

WIRELESS MAY BE CAUSE HE CALLS AT WHITE HOUSE

Officials Believe That Canal Governor Has Had Trouble Preserving Neutrality In the Zone.

Washington, D. C .-- Colonel Goethals ans requested that destroyers be sent to the Canal Zone immediately, but no specific explanation of the need for naval vessels there was included in the message. A reply asking for this explanation was sent at once.

Officials believe the Canal Governor has experienced some difficulty in preserving the complete neutrality of the zone and its territorial waters. Many cerely. ships belonging to belligerent nations are in the vicinity, and it is thought possible Colonel Goethals has found himself unable to check use of their wireless plants within the three-mile limit to convey information to warships at sea.

With swift naval vessels to aid it would be an easier matter to regulate use of wireless.

Recent Activity Alarms.

Recent activity by British and Japanese warships in the vicinity of the Canal Zone, which followed the recent disaster to the British fleet under Admiral Cradock, has given rise to some concern here, although no specific reports of violations of neutrality have been previously received so far as known. Reports of wireless interruption from Panama have led to the belief that colliers and warships were exchanging messages, which, if they have not otherwise been open to objection, have hindered commercial use of wireless to a considerable extent, it is said.

In view of Colonel Goethal's message, it is believed code messages have been picked up which disclosed that to some extent the waters of the zone have been made a base of operations by one or both of the Allies fleets and that the Governor wishes to establish a patrol which will prevent further violations of neutrality.

GOLD MEDAL TO WILSON.

President Remembered For Aid To Gneisenau followed Admiral von "Buy-a-Bale" Cause.

Washington, D. C .- To President Wilson was presented a gold medal 12:30 the dangerous units of the Gerinscribed, "Neutrality and Humanity" in recognition of his recent donation That left an afternoon of daylight for to the Red Cross bazaar in New York the British light cruisers to chase the of a bale of cotton which he bought the Leipzig, the Nurnberg and the to forward the "buy-a-bale of cotton" movement. The medal was presented by Edward P. V. Ritter, of New York, FOURTH GERMAN CRUISER SUNK. on behalf of a committee including London.—The German cruiser Nurn- | Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia; Govberg, which withdrew from the naval ernor Glynn and Mayor Mitchel of New York city.

INDIVIDUAL SUFFRAGE WORK.

Plans For Campaign in Four States

Are Worked Out. New York.-In the campaign next year for votes for women in the States of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts, the work will be carried on along individual lines except for an interchange of speakers. statement of the British Official Press This decision was reached at a conference of suffrage workers from the four States. The delegates said they felt sure that the question of suffrage IN HUNGARY, BUDAPEST SAYS would be submitted to the people pext year in each of the four campaign States.

\$1,803,923 FOR ACCIDENTS.

This Amount Paid Out In Five Years By Government.

Washington, D. C .- A total of \$1,-803,923 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 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The act embraces at the present time approximately 95,000 persons, of somewhat less than onefourth of the civilian employes of the United States.

NO MILITARY INVESTIGATION.

Gardner Plan Voted Down By House Rules Committee.

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

NO CHRISTMAS TRUCE.

Vatican Announces Failure Of Plan.

Rome. - The Vatican authorities 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."

MARINES BADLY ARMED.

Barnett Says His Men Went To Vera Cruz Poorly Equipped.

Washington, D. C .- Maj. Gen. George Barnett, head of the Marine Corps, admitted to the House Naval Committee that his marines had not sufficient arms and munitions when they went into Vera Cruz. It was necessary to make a rush purchase of 1,000 rifles and ammunition.

was convicted of high treason and sentenced to death for aiding Ger-An English railway, in 1846, ran the first smoking car.

CARNEGIE IS AGAINST TRUCE

Only Temporarily.

Hopes World Will Be So Horrified After War That Permanent Peace Will Follow Before Very Long.

Washington, D. C .- Andrew Carnegie, a White House caller, expressed decided opposition to a truce in the European war during the Christmas holidays. He declared that it would be unchristianlike and immoral to stop the fighting and then begin it again. He added that he could not believe that any nation which adopted such a suggestion was doing it sin-

Mr. Carnegie, after attending a meeting of the Carnegie Institution, walked to and from the White House through a young snow torm. The President was out golfing. Mr. Carnegle praised Mr. Wilson's efforts in behalf of peace.

Ready To Aid In Mediation.

Mr. Carnegle said he hoped that the world would be so horrified over the war that permanent peace would follow. He said his peace foundation would continue its work and that he believed, ultimately, international arbitration would settle all disputes. He declared children should be taught the horrors of war rather than brought up to admire soldiers and their deeds.

Mr. Carnegie showed some interest at a suggestion to him that he might be called upon by the President to help bring about peace when the time came

"I will do anything I possibly can," he said. "I believe Mr. Wilson carnestly desires peace and the entire

country should support him." For the "men in the trenches" Mr. Carnegle expressed greatest sympathy.

EDISON PLANT BURNED.

Loss Put At \$7,000,000, With \$2,000,000 Insurance.

West Orange, N. J .- Fire destroyed virtually the entire main plant of the Edison Company here, causing damage estimated at nearly \$7,000,000, with insurance that is expected to reduce the loss approximately \$5,000,

An entire square block of modern reinforced concrete buildings which were supposed to be fireproof was burned out by the flames. The only edifice saved in the block was the laboratory, containing valuable scientific machinery under the immediate superintendence of the inventor, Thomas A. Edison, Especial efforts were made to save this structure.

It is estimated that about 3,000 men and women will be temporarily thrown out of work because of the fire. In all about 7,000 persons were employed at the plant, but as the storage bettery building, across the street from the main plant, was saved, with other buildings nearby, it will be possible to keep something more than half the force employed.

Four firemen were injured and were taken to a hospital, but are not thought to be seriously hurt.

HANS SCHMIDT ASKS NEW TRIAL.

Doctors Now Declare Anna Aumuller Died Of Operation. New York.—As a basis for a motion

pleading that a new trial be granted Hans Schmidt, the priest who murdered Anna Aumuller and then threw her dismembered body into the Hudson river, his attorney presented to the Supreme Court affidavits signed by physicians, which set forth that the girl was killed by an operation and not by cutting her throat, as Schmidt said was the case. The affidavits were those of Dr. Henry T. Cattell, of the Presbyterian Hospital of Philadelphia, and Dr. Justin Herold, professor of medical jurisprudence at Fordham University. Decision on the motion was reserved.

TWO SAVED FROM HANGING.

Negroes Were Ready for Execution When Stay Arrived.

Starkville, Miss: - Two negroes, Henry Seals and Peter Behlen, convicted of murder, were saved from hanging here a few minutes before the hour set for the execution, when a stay on an appeal bond subscribed by white citizens, reached the sheriff. A big crowd had gathered to see the hanging, the negroes had put on black robes, coffins had been brought up before the gallows and the sheriff was forming the procession to the scaffold when the stay was received.

FIRE DESTROYS VILLAGE.

Thre: Lives Lost In Flames In Owen

Vassar, Mich.-Three lives were lost in a fire which practically destroyed the village of Owendale, near here. The dead are John Novinc, his wife and son. Their bodies were found in the ruins of their home. The property loss is estimated at \$75,000.

SEVENTEEN HURT IN WRECK.

Passenger Train Deralled Near Joplin, Missourl.

Joplin, Mo.-Spreading rails caused the wreck of St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train No. 9 near here. according to statements by railroad ufficials. Of the 17 persons injured three, Mrs. Sarah Jackson, Sidell, Ill.; J. C. Glover, Merdian, Okla., and T. R. Reynolds, of Coffeyville, Kan., are in a local hospital in a critical condition. None of the others was injured so agent seriously as to be detained here.

KEYSTONE STATE | ARGUE LEGALITY

Latest News Happenings Gathered From Here and There.

TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Lay Wreck Fault To Freight Crew. Dead Man's Employers Gives \$500 To Widow-Snowslide Buries Boys Sleeping In Bed.

Nine families are homeless as the result of a fire in the suburbs of Mt. Carmel, which, destroyed two double blocks and gutted another, causing a loss of \$15,000. The fire originated in a basement occupied by Peter Buscavige, and in a short time, the entire building was in flames which spread to the residences of Anthony Lobus and Edward Wilson. A house, occupied by Theodore Halcavich and Paul Rubick, next fell a prey to the flames, as did the hotel of Stephen Homiack.

Employes of the Diamond mine of the Lackawanna Company, at Scranton, into which thirteen miners were hurled 300 feet to death from a lift in which they were descending to work, declared that the mine carriage had been defective for some time, and that the floor fell out because of this defective condition. They minced no words in laying the accident to the negligence of company employes whose duty it was to keep the lift in

At the annual reorganization meet ing of the Phoenixville School Board, it was decided after a bitter contest that dancing would be permitted in the auditorium of the new high school at proper school functions until ten o'clock. This determination was reached only after one of the most exciting sessions of the board, which also resulted in the resignation of John S. Winchester as secretary of the

A check for five hundred dollars came as an acceptable Christmas present to Mrs. Annie May Saul, of Allentown, widow of George Saul, who died last week and left her with five small children. Mr. Saul was employed by a silk dyeing company, which for the benefit of its fifteen hundred employes last summer took out the largest insurance policy ever issued, for \$3,500,-000, every one to share in it as soon as his name got on the pay roll.

Raymond and Robert Laubach, of Emans, had the experience of being snowed under while asleep at their home. A miniature snowslide that fell from the roof of the home of John H. Frankenfield, a neighbor, poured through a second floor window of the Laubach home and covered the bed. It was only after considerable difficulty that the lads were able to dig themselves out.

That the entire crew of the freight train were not minding their business and are equally responsible for the accident was the text of a statement of Superintendent W. H. Keffer, of the Reading Railway, following a thorough investigation of the wreck at Royersford, which caused the deaths of two engineers and seriously injured two

The Allentown Chamber of Commerce, at its annual meeting elected the following officers: President, Edgar J. Lumley; vice-presidents, A. Samuels, L. H. Yeager, James F Hunsicker, George F. Breining; secretary, Harry I. Koch; treasurer, Harvey E. Bohner; trustees, Max Hess, John N. Lawfer, John F. Frey, George T. Hersh, Lewis L. Anewalt.

Robert Argher, eight years, of Treverton, was going on an errand when he noticed a telephone wire that had been blown down by the storm suspended over a high voltage trolley wire. The boy picked it up and a 500volt current shot through his body, burning his hand to a crisp. He was removed in a critical condition to the State Hospital at Shamokin.

Nicholas Demidio, a wealthy con tractor, of Minersville, was shot four times by his wife in their bedroom and instantly killed. She says he came home after having been drinking and shot at her three times as she lay in bed. She seized a pistol she had taken from him Monday when he threatened to shoot her and fired four shots.

war in Europe between John Slivotich, will be permitted to enter any of the As a result of a discussion of the a Russian, and Stephen Horwath, an Austrian, both of South Bethlehem, Slivotich is nursing a stabbed arm. Horwath is in the county jail await | tine or not. ing the result of the Russian's in-

Because the drinking water of Norristown has had a coal tar taste and nauseating odor, probably three-fourths of the 30,000 people there refrain from drinking it. Many of those who did indulge are ill.

William Rosenberry, of Altoona, pleaded guilty at Chambersburg to shooting a deer with horns less than two inches long. He was fined \$100 and the costs which amounted to

Alleging among other things that he compelled her to help cut down trees while she was ill and thus undermined her health to such an extent that she has not recovered. Emma E. Fehr, of Womelsdorf, instituted divorce proceedings against her husband, Calvin T. Fehr, of Heidelberg Township.

Stanley K. Weaver, Councilman of Bethlehem Town Council, received word of his appointment as division passenger agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, succeeding George W. Hay, ing when he arrived. At the hospital who has been made general passenger

IN SHORT ORDER OF COAL TAX LAW

Impost on Anthracite Product is Attacked.

MUSTER IN N. G. P. HOSPITAL

Farmers Among Early Auto Registry Seekers-To Admit Cattle Only For Food-Asks \$2,000,000 More For Mothers.

Harrisburg.-Three points wherein it is charged that the anthracite coal tax act of 1913 is against the fundamental law of the State were set forth by counsel for coal companies in the trial of the test cases in the Dauphin County Court and after testimony was taken the Court fixed January 4 as the date for argument. Three appeals filed by coal companies from the tax settlements of the Auditor General and State Treasurer were selected from about sixty. They were the Aldan Coal and the Plymouth Coal Companies, operating in Luzerne county, and the St. Clair Coal Company, operating in Schuylkill county.

It was contended by counsel for the companies that the tax is on one kind of commodity and therefore not uniform as required; that the act is special legislation and that preliminaries in advertising required for such acts were not complied with and that the coal appraised was out of the State when valued at the close of the calendar year for taxation. It was also con tended that the method of distribution of one-half of the revenue to counties producing coal was inequitable because townships which do not mine coal will share to a greater extent in some cases than those which have mines in active operations.

Attorney General Bell and Deputy Attorney General Hargest vigorously defended the constitutionality of the act with the assistance of Auditor General Powell, while the coal operators' called witnesses stated that coal from their mines was nearly all shipped out of the State when valuations were required to be made and that anthracite was in competition, as far as steam sizes are concerned, with bituminous. Difference in grades of coal was also emphasized.

Applications for registration of automobiles for 1915 are appearing at the State Highway Department at the rate of over 700 a day, and it is expected that before long it will be a thousand a day. The demand for registration is from all over the State and it is noticed that many people living in rural districts are entering papers. whereas a few years ago the early applications came chiefly from the cities It is believed at the department that

Early Auto Registry Seakers.

ably higher than at the same time last Philadelphian Heads Rallway Men.

the registration by the middle of the

holiday week will be not far from 60.

000 or 70,000, which will be consider-

The Pennsylvania Street Railway Association finished its annual convention here and elected officers as

President, C. L. S. Tingley, Philadelphia; vice-president, Thomas A Wright, Wilkes-Barre; secretary, Dr Henry M. Stine, Harrisburg; Executive Committee, Thomas A. Wright. Gordon Campbell, York; Thomas Cooper, Pittsburgh; H. J. Crowley, Pittsburgh, and T. H. Jones, of Philadelphia.

Quarantine Raised From 14 Countles. The State Live Stock Sanitary Board relieved fourteen counties from quarantine for foot and mouth disease, leaving twenty-eight still on the list in which any movement of cattle is prohibited. The counties relieved are Armstrong, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Clearfield, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Somerset.

Venango and Washington. Wants Unclaimed Deposits Public.

Suit to regiure the State Banking Commissioner to require the publication annually of lists of unclaimed bank deposits has been started in the Dauphin County Court in behalf of Mary G. Brackney, of Pittsburgh, R. is contended that the institutions do not comply with an act passed in 1847 requiring such publication.

To Admit Cattle Only For Food.

The State Live Stock Sanitary Board has issued an order that no cattle from points outside of Pennsylvania counties of the State except for immediate slaughter. This appeals to all counties whether they are in quaran-

Muster In N. G. P. Hospital. The adjutant general's department announced that field hospital No. 2 had been mustered into the National Guard at Tacony, Philadelphia, by Major Frank D. Beary, deputy adjutant gen eral. It will be commanded by Major Elmor E. Keiser, Medical Corps

Ask \$2,000,000 More For Mothers. An increase of the State appropria tion for mothers' pensions by at least \$2,000,000 was favored by the legislative committee of the State Feders tion of Labor.

Mrs. Ellen Reichard and her four-year-old daughter were taken to the hospital at Easton unconscious from some unknown cause. They had been staying with James Price and his wife at an apartment. When Price came home from work he heard moaning in his apartment and bursting open the door found his wife lying on the foot unconscious and Mrs. Reichard and her daughter on a bed. There was a strong smell of gas, Price says, but the only gas jet in the room was burnit was said the condition of the Reich ards is critical.