# ALLIES GAIN FROM SEA TO VOSGES; CZAR HOLDS KAISER ON 80-MILE LINE; GERMAN AIR RAIDER NEAR LONDON

Kaiser Rushes up More Troops to Cut Way to Warsaw and Russians Londan. Zeppelins and other aircraft, Report Advances in Galicia and Prussia

ITALY LANDS TROOPS AT THE /L"ANIAN PORT OF AVLONA

Premier Declare Allies Will Not

Quit Till Lost Provinces

Are Regained.

Paris.-Scenes rivaling the most

glorious episodes of French republican

history were witnessed at the opening

ber of Deputies, and no better proof

every element in the country stands

with the Government in its attitude in

Almost every word of the striking

Premier Viviani thrilled the mem-

"There is at this time," he said,

"but one single policy a combat with-

out mercy until such time as we ac-

complish the definite liberation of Eu-

rope, won by a victory insuring peace.

TEN GERMANS SEIZED IN NEW

ORLEANS AS PLANTERS OF

BOMBS IN SHIPS.

New Orleans, La .- An alleged whole

chines were to go off after the ves

The police are working on the the-

Newspapers Oppose Demand to Send

Troops to Europe.

Tokio.-Demonstrations are being

Leading newspapers assert that

is not clear that Japan's allies in

Europe wish the Japanese to take part

in the European war and that in the

part the empire already has played,

was acting in accordance with the

WAR NEWS

the Allies' offensive movement be-

tacks by the Allies in Flanders were

easily repulsed, that the British

750 in prisoners, and that French

toward the Argonne were repelled

with heavy losses to the attackers.

first line of German trenches in the

The French have broken through the

The Mikado dissolved the Japanese

Imperial Diet after the House of

Representatives had rejected the

Government bills providing for ar

man attacks in South Poland were

repulsed and that in two days' fight-

trenchments had been captured near

St. Hubert, in Northern France, and

that an allied force had been de-

feated with heavy loss in a surprise

attack near Vailly, in the Depart-

Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, chief of

the German navy, told an American

ines, which had circumnavigated

the British Isles, might establish

a blockade, blow up food ships and

starve the British into submission.

He praised the United States navy

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bers and the whole nation by the de-

London,-Latest progress on the WITHOUT MERCY TO FOE. western battle front was marked by a general advance of the Allies, according to the official communications Deputies Again Meeting in Paris, Hear from Paris. Before Nieuport, on the northern extreme in Belgium, some progress was made in pushing back the German invaders, in La Bassee region a German attack was repulsed, in the Noyon section another trench was taken, all the way from the Oise to the Meuse the French made gains both in infantry and artillery fighting of the legislative session in the Chamand in the Vosges vigorous attacks by the Germans were repulsed and adcould be given that every faction, vances reported by the French.

On the eastern front, the situation seemed about as mixed as ever, with the present war. cables from Petrograd indicating that the Russians were repulsing the Ger- statements made by the representamans west of Warsaw while develop- tives of the Government was loudly ing new offensive operations in cheered and at every renewed assur-Galicia and East Prussia. Neverthe- suce that France would continue to less Russia seems confronted with the fight to the very end approval was most serious problem of the war, as voiced from every side of the house. the Germans are determined to occupy Warsaw at any cost. The news shows that the Russian center, along a claration that France, Great Britain battle front of eighty miles, from the and Russia were determined to urge janction of the Vistula and the Bzara war on Germany unto the end. to Opoczno, still holds firmly, but the Germans have been reinforcing their armies on this front as well as developing dangerous attacks in southern East Prussia and in southwest Poland. In the south, southwest Poland and in western Galicia, the news points to Russian success. Evidently, from avenged, the stolen provinces regain-Berlin and Vienna reports, as well as the news from Petrograd, the initiative lies with the Russians, and the Austrian offensive has been checked.

Italy took steps in Albania which are likely to infuriate Austria and may lead to Italy's intervention in the war. For the protection of Italian interests, marines were landed at Avlona, directly across the Adriatic from Otranto, and took possession of the city. There was no fighting. The pretext for the step was the activity of Moslem rebels who, said to be instigated by Austria, were massacring the adherents of Italy's friend, Essad Pasha, and were looting just outside the walls of Avlona. An official dispatch sent from the Italian warship. Misurata, at Durazzo, says that the Albanian rebels at Tirana are threatening to move against the government of Essad Pasha. Essad, who was elected as provisional president by the Albania Senate, left for Kroja where he will organize a campaign against the rebels. n agranlane made a raid

Gravesend, on the English coast, but a tale of horror that caused his listenwas driven off by a British piplane, ers to gasp. before any bombs were dropped.

Two British aviators arose and attempted to outflank the German. Quickly they manoeuvred to the height of a mile, and just above the German began gathering speed. The aeroplanes then were flying seventy miles an hour, but the operator of the Taube made in this city in favor of sending extending his motor to its full speed, a Japanese expeditionary force to Eugradually drew away from his pursu- rope. One reason assigned for the ers. The British were spitting fire, manifestations is a desire to distract while the German was unable to reply the attention of those who oppose an on account of strategic position of his increase in the army. pursuers. The spectacle lasted only five minutes.

#### JOFFRE GETS RID OF 24 INCOMPETENT GENERALS. the taking of Kioa-Chow, Japan simply

Paris.—Twenty-four generals have terms of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. been retired by General Joffre, the The papers say it is not consistent French generalissimo, according to to advocate the sending of half a milthe headquarters list made public. Hon men to Europe at a time when an This officially confirms the report that effort is being made to increase the the commander in chief has been army by two divisions. weeding out unfit and incompetent leaders without regard for rank or in-

Ten generals of divisions have been placed on the reserve list. Five of these were retired "for reasons of health" and four "for reasons of personal convenience." No reason was stated in the case of the tenth general. The Allies have gained from four to

# MARCHING ON SUEZ CANAL.

Turkish Army Leaves Damasous-A

Senussi Chief on the Staff. Beriln, (by Wireless Telegraphy to The German War Office states that at-Sayville, L. L)-The following was given out by the official Press Bureau; 'According to a Constantinople dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeltung, the army under the command of the Minister of Marine, Djemal Pasha, has begun a march from Damascus toward the Sucz Canal.

"A brother of the Sheik of the Senussi is a member of Djemal's staff."

# NO ATTACK ON EGYPT ORDERED.

Senussyeh Chief Arms German Officers in Cyrenaica, However.

Petrograd reported that vicious Ger-Rome. Turkish and German officers have joined the chief of the Senussyeh in Cyrenaica, who supplied them with arms, ammunition and money and other supplies.

The chief refused, however, to order an attack on Egypt which would be an act detrimental to Italy and would be likely to provoke a widespread revolt of the Bedouins. This uprising is to be strongly discouraged.

# DIE FOR MESSUDYEH SINKING.

Turks and Germans Tried for Permitting British Exploit. London.-The Daily News corre-

spondent at Athens telegraphs; "Twenty Turkish and ten German officers belonging to the forts of the Dardanelles and the destroyers stationed in the waterway have been court-martialled for their responsibility in permitting the destruction of the Tirkish battleship Messudyeh by a British submarine. Three of them have been sentenced to death,"

# War at a Glance

Four of the seven British seaplanes which made a raid against German warships at Cuxhaven were sunk and the pilot of one of them drowned, according to an official announcement at cruisers, destroyers and submarines took part in the battle.

French aviators flew over Metz, dropping bombs at the German aviation hangars and other points.

Of the fighting on the eastern front, the Berlin War Office says that the Germans' attacks on branches of the tions for one day. Bzura and Rawka rivers have resulted in slight progress, and that Russian FRANCE WILL FIGHT TO END. attacks on Inowlodz have been re pulsed.

An official announcement at Petrograd says that the Russians have repulsed German attacks along the lines of the Bzura and Rawka rivers, and have defeated Austrian forces on the Nida river, on the Tuchow-Alpinz line in Galicia, and on the Zmigrad-Dukla line in the Carpathians.

Emperor Nicholas of Russia has

joined his army at the front. Fighting in Belgium and France continue without material gain for either side, as far as may be judged from the announcements of the French and German War Offices. A correspondent of the Amsterdam Telegraf says the Germans in Flanders have received further reinforcements.

The Italian cruiser Calabria has been ordered to co-operate with the United States cruiser North Carolina in getting Europeans out of Turkey.

#### SUNDAY.

The airmen of the Europeon armies have performed several spectacular feats in the past two days, while the been doing only desultory fighting.

Berlin reports that on Christmas Day eight British ships convoying hydro-aeroplanes made a dash into a German bay, that the hydro-aeroplanes | was passed by the French Parliament. tinue until outraged right has been went into two German rivers (suped, heroic Belgium restored, Prussian posed to be the Elbe and the Weser) dropping bombs aimed at ships at anchor and a gas tank near Cux-

> It is claimed that no damage was done by the invaders, but that German airmen hit the hostile ships with

A Zeppelin scattered 14 bombs over sale plot to destroy ships carrying Nancy, France, killing two persons and horses and mules or munitions of war to the allied armies was unearth-

Eight persons were killed and more ed by the police, following a series than 100 wounded by bombs from Gerof arrests, including ten Germans. The plan, it is said, was to place infernal man Taubes in a town in Poland. A thrilling battle high in the air bemachines, operated by clockwork, in the cargoes of the vessels. These matween English aviators and a German

took place Christmas Day on the English coast. The Germans have apparently come ory that the plot was hatched in New Russians in the direction of Warsaw. York City. One man to -- " to bayo

confessed and told the full details of and seem to be seeking a new route to his part in the affair. He told a story the Polish capital. of how he hoped to achieve fame and The Russians claim successes in a large monetary reward for his work. Galicia, and the Austrians admit re-

The man who confessed is Hans treating before the Servians. to nonred out Albania. WAR DEMONSTRATION IN TOKIO.

Berlin claimed successes for the Turks against the Russians.

# Saturday.

Communications from the various war offices indicate that nowhere was there any cessation in fighting between of Christmas.

Russians are holding their own in battles on all the eastern fronts, according to dispatches from Petrograd. Dispatches from Berlin say it is believed there that the stubborn resistance of the Russians is in the nature of rear-post combats, designed to cover the retirement of the main Russian armies for reorganization back of the middle Vistula.

Hard fighting along the Western battle front is indicated by communications from the French War Office with but slight changes in the general situation.

A battle in the air occurred yesterday above Sheerness, on the east coast of England, when British aircraft attacked a hostile aeroplane coming from the east. According to the British War Office, the hostile aeroplane was driven off after being hit three or four times.

Extreme cold has brought the Russoten miles along the battle front of Turkish operations in Asia-Minor to a 350 miles from the Belgian coast standstill, according to a dispatch from to near Muelhausen and Alsaie since Petrograd.

# Friday.

According to an official announce ment at Petrograd, German forces which had crossed the Bzura and were beaten near La Bassee, losing Pilica rivers, in Poland, have been repulsed. attacks southeast of Rheims and

Attacks and counter-attacks continue along the battle line in France and Belgium, but no material change in the situation has resulted from the

# MRS. TILLMAN GETS CHILDREN.

But Senator's Son Can Have Them

Columbia, S. C .- The State Supreme Court reaffirmed its order awarding to Mrs. Lucy Dugas Tillman custody of her children, Sarah Starke and Douschka Pickens Tillman. The court directed that B. R. Tillman, Jr., the father, should have possession of them during certain periods of 1915. The children are granddaughters of United States Senator Tillman.

# CHOCTAW INDIAN HONORED.

Gabe E. Parker Appointed Head Of

correspondent that German submar-Five Civilized Tribes. Washington, D. C .- President Wilson nominated Gabe E. Parker, of five civilized tribes in Oklahoma. and warned this country against Parker, a Choctaw Indian, is now register of the Treasury. Commissioner Sells, of the Indian Bureau, tle the Germans succeeded in crossselected him for his knowledge and grasp of Indian affairs. Parker was It was conceded by the Germans that the Allies had regained lost ground | not a candidate for the place, for at Richebourg, north of La Bassee, which there were 20 applicants.

Berlin announces that the German orce which the Russians recently lrove back from Mlawa into East Prussia has assumed the offensive and, idvancing again into Poland, after pard fighting has taken the Russian positions at Mlawa.

Vienna dispatches tell of the sinking of the French submarine Curie by the Austrian shore batteries on the Gulf of Otranto, and of an attack by an Austrian submarine upon French warships in the Otranto Channel. A Paris dispatch says that in this attack a torsedo struck a French cruiser, but that the damage done was unimportant.

A German aeroplane flew over Dover, England, and dropped a bomb upon the city.

The British official press bureau, observing Christmas, has suspended an nouncements concerning war opera-

#### THURSDAY.

A Constantinople dispatch reports that a Turkish army has begun a march from Damascus toward the Sucz Canal.

It is rumored in Rome that Em peror Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary is dying

A dispatch from London states that information received there indicates that the Germans have launched a new movement against Warsaw from the southwest, which has forced Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander, to withdraw his forces from

While French and German reports concerning developments along the western battle front are more or less contradictory, a report by an Amsterdam newspaper correspondent states that undeniable advantages have been won by the Allies along the Yser, though the gains are small.

Emperor William, with his entire staff, is reported to have reached Cologne on his way to the western battle front.

Lloyd's is charging 50 guineas per cent, to insure that war between Italy combatants down on the ground have and Germany, Austria and Turkey will not be declared within six months. An appropriation of \$1,700,000.000 to

cover the expenses of the next six months, including the cost of the war,

#### WEDNESDAY.

Hard fighting at many points along the Franco-Belgian front has apparently resulted in little change in the situation, gains claimed for the Allies by the French War Office being disputed in official statements at Berlin. An unofficial dispatch from Petro-

grad says that the Russian force which drove back a German column from Mlawa, in Russian Poland, across the East Prussian frontier now threatens both the right flank of the German Mazurian Lakes position and the left wing of the army operating before A declaration by Premier Viviani of

the Allies' determination to continue the war until "Prussian militarism" is to a halt in their offensive against the crushed was received with enthusiasm in the French Chamber of Deputies.

### TUESDAY.

Petrograd reports that the Russians are still holding at bay, on the Bzura Halle, alles grank Holn, alias Holmes. Fog interferred with the fighting in river, the German column which is er to advance on Warsaw. The battle front in the west there was German column previously reported some fighting without notable result, checked in its advance from Mlawa is Italy occupied all of Aviona, declared to have been driven back across the East Prussian frontier.

> Confirming reports that the Russians have checked the German advance in Poland, the German War Office, which for several days had reported the Germans in pursuit of the Russians, Monday announced simply: "In Poland we continue our attacks against the positions of the enemy." Flerce fighting along the front in

Belgium and France is reported in both French and German official communications, but, while the French War Office claims appreciable gains by the Allies at a number of points the German War Office declares that the Allies' attacks have failed, and the Germans have gained ground in the Argonne. Evacuation of Middlekerke by the Germans is announced in an Amsterdam dispatch.

Guarantees given by the Entente powers that Bulgaria will not attack Greece or Roumania in the event of the latter countries taking hand in the war are regarded in London as foreshadowing the approaching participation of Greece and Roumania in the conflict.

Serious uprisings in the Sudan are reported in dispatches from Berlin. which state that the news comes from Constantinople.

# FULL-TIME NOTICE UP.

Shoe Factory Calls Back All Of Its 7,000 Employes.

Manchester, N. H .- Notices announcing a resumption of full time in all departments were posted in the factories of the W. H. McElwain Shoe Manufacturing Company in this city. Seven thousand employes in the local shops will be affected. Only part of the plant has been running recently and not on full time.

# SWAP HALF AN ISLAND FOR GUNS

Japs Trade Cannon For Upper Half Of Sakhalin.

Washington, D. C .- The Japanese Embassy received official advices from Tokio that Russia has ceded to Japan its half of the Island of Sakhalin for some heavy guns. The island was officially Russian until September, 1905. The southern half was ceded to Japan by the terms of the treaty of Portsmouth.

# YOUTH KILLS ANOTHER.

Tragic End Of Visit To Girl At Glade

Bristol, Va.-Tenn.-James Alterman, 15 years old, shot and killed Bradley Oklahoma, to be superintendent of the Davidson, 17 years old, at Glade Surings, Va. Davidson, who was a telephone operator at Abingdon, Va. had gone to Alterman's home to call on the latter's sister. Young Alter man claims the shooting was acci dentatal; that he was handling a revolver, but had no intention of shoot ing Davidson.

# BIG FLEET TO **CUR WEST COAST**

Twenty-One Dreadnaughts to Remain in the Pacific.

### WILSON TO GO ON FLAGSHIP

The President Will Attend Panama Fair-Big Vessels Ready For Any Far-Eastern Developments.

Washington, D. C.-The entire Atlantic fleet of 21 dreadnaughts will remain on the Pacific Coast for at least four months after the formal opening of the San Francisco Exposition.

Announcement to this effect was made by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. While the primary purpose will be to enable the vessels to take part in the ceremonles incident to the formal opening of the fair, naval officers declared tonight that in view of the delicate situation in the Far East the occasion is propitious in permitting a transfer of the fleet without causing undue comment in certain foreign quarters. It is possible the ships will remain on the west coast until the close of the war.

#### To Escort President.

The fleet will escort the President to the exposition in March after Congress adjourns. It will go through the Panama Canal. Before leaving the vessels will be stocked up with ammunition to replace that to be used at the maneuvers and target practice off Guantanamo next month. The maneuvers will be on a more extensive plan than any ever held. Many of the experiments will be based on what naval experts have learned from the naval battles abroad.

### Expedition To Be Peaceful.

The mere fact that the President is to accompany the fleet, traveling abroad the flagship New York, will emphasize to foreign nations the fact that the expedition itself is an entirely peaceful one. At the same time it is pointed out that the indefinite length of time during which it will remain on the west coast will enable the fleet to be on hand if any trouble occurs in the direction it is most likely to develop. Japan's fleet is now cruis-

ing in the vicinity of the west const

#### Ceremonies At Canal.

of South America.

Rear - Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, had a long conference with the Secretary of the Navy relative to the plans for the trip through the canal. Details will be announced to the publie shortly. After the three days' ceremonies in the Canal Zone and the President reaches the fair, he will return East by train, stopping at a number of places.

# ARRESTS STIR INDIANA.

Mayor, Judges and Other Terra Haute Officials Accused.

Indianapolis. - Practically every member of the city administration of Terre Haute is in the hands of United States authorities as a result of the wholesale arrests made there on indictments charging a conspiracy to corrupt the election of November 3 last. Ninety-three persons, including Mayor Donn Roberts, who is a caudidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 1916; Dennis Shea, Sheriff of Vigo county; Circuit Judge Eli H. Redman, City Judge Thomas Smith and other leading Terre Haute politicians, had been taken in custody.

# \$485,000,000 IN 1914 AUTOS.

There Were 515,000 Motor Vehicles Made In America.

Chicago.-In the year drawing to a close American manufacturers turned out 515,000 motor vehicles valued at \$485,000,000. This information came from Alfred Reeves, general manager of the Automobile Chamber of Commerce, who added that this output came from 450 concerns. He said there were 1,500,000 cars registered in the various States, that there were 15,000 automobile dealers in the country, 13,630 garages and 680 supply

# EMPEROR THANKS WILSON.

Franz Josef Grateful For American Christmas Gifts.

Washington, D. C .- A dispatch to the Austro-Hungarian Embassy from Vienna announced that the Austrian Emperor had expressed his thanks to President Wilson through Ambassador Penfield for the American Christmas gifts distributed among children of dead soldiers. The dispatch also explained the retreat from Servia as the result of bad weather and names Archduke Eugene as chief commander of the Austrian Balkan forces.

# PARCEL POST IS HEAVY.

Christmas Rush Alone Estimated At 100,000,000 Packages.

Washington, D. C. - Preliminary estimates by Postoffice Department officials place the number of parcel post packages handled during the Christmas rush at 100,000,000. It is indicated that the total volume of parcelpost traffic for 1914 will total nearly one billion packages.

#### HAGENBACKS KILLED IN WAR. Famous Animal Trainers Fall Fighting For Germany.

St. Louis.-Word that Lorenz and Henry Hagenback, the well-known menagerie owners of Germany, have been killed in battle was received by George Dieckman, president of the St. Louis Zoological Society. The news originally came in a letter to Peter Bohnem, a native Hollander, from a friend in Germany. Dieckman wrote to Lorenz Hagenback a month ago, but | Stanley's footsteps through Africa. has received no reply.

# KEYSTONE STATE ORDERS 40-CENT IN SHORT ORDER CUTINCOALFREIGHT

Latest News Happenings Gathered From Here and There.

# TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Norristown Under Dog Quarantine-Suit Over \$1.50 Dog Cost Berks . County \$67-Shot Himself When Friend Dies.

Leaving untouched a drink that he ad just ordered, Tighman Desh, aged wenty-six, of Allentown, bastened to is nome after being told of the death of his boon companion, Frank George, told his family that he had taken his last drop of liquor, went upstairs and shot himself in the side. When a physician was called it was found that his wound was not serious. Next morning Desh left home and has not yet returned. His friends say that he was despondent for some time over the disappearance of his young brother-in-law, Michael Morrison, who was kidnapped eight months ago by a band plaints of Harry E. Bellis, an indi-

Four Norristown persons are taking the Pasteur treatment and the judicial and discriminatory. State Live Stock Sanitary Board has established a partial quarantine on dogs in Norristown as the result of a dog biting a number of persons. The animal bit four persons last Thesday night on the street before it was finally killed with a billiard cue in a clubroom. All four persons were bitten within an hour. They are: Minnie Horwitz, Alexander Mack, Edward Epright and Ethel Redfern. The Redfern child, t'e first to be bitten, did not notify the Board of Health until

Martin Boklaski, of Scranton, lone survivor of the fourteen men on the lift which fell in the Diamond Mine December 9, is suffering so severely from the after shock that his wife has notified the authorities that she believes be is losing his mind. While Bokinski was giving testimony at the coroner's inquest, he had to be taken home, his wife explaining that he was not able to tell any straight story of the disaster.

It cost Berks County \$67 to find out whether it was necessary to find a true bill against Mrs. Harry Houck, who was accused of stealing her own dog, and the Grand Jury, after hearing a score of Boyertown folk tell just what they knew about the canine, said to be fifteen years old and worth \$1.50, ignored the case and placed the costs on the county.

Fred Schaub, an Adams Express Company employe, of Corry, was struck on the head by a falling crate the transportation of anthracite coal and a vertebra in his neck was dis- to Philadelphia, when that experience located. Prompt action of a surgeon established the fact that the rates now in reducing the dislocation saved his charged for such coal shipped "out life and at the hospital it was said he would recover.

While in a despondent mood Mrs. Mae Wheatley, of Chester, drank a quantity of poison. Writhing in pain sizes less than pea, and that the rates she made her way to a nearby drug upon these sizes should be the same as store. She was given an emetic and subsequently taken to the Chester Hospital. Her condition is serious,

Fire destroyed the hotel of A. T. Bolich at Gordon entailing a loss of \$20,000. The fire was caused by an of the country are insufficient to afford overheated furnace. The house was them a proper return upon their in filled with guests, all of whom escaped, many in their night clothing.

John Sullvan, Lehigh Valley Railroad scale inspector, who with his wife, boarded at the Exchange Hotel and transportation. To secure ade for the past twenty years, died after quate returns by placing unequal but a long illness, of paralysis of the

The Building Committee of the Waynesboro Y. M. C. A. has awarded the contract for its new edifice to A R. Warner, Waynesboro, at a bid of \$50,699, exclusive of heat, plumbing and electrical work.

Idora Hodgkinson, a three-year-old

daughter of Rev. Mr. Hodgkinson, now engaged in evangelistic work in Canada, was badly burned while playing with matches at her home, 804 Swede street. Fire, that started through an over

day school officers of the New Goshen hoppen Reformed Church, in time to save the building. Stephen W. Staley was elected chief of police by Waynesboro Council Charles W. Harris and A. E. Rentze.

have been elected patrolmen, and

George W. Gans, market master.

The Legislative Committee of the State Federation of Labor has been called to meet at Harrisburg January 18, to discuss bills for workmen's compensation.

The first coasting accident of the season in the county occurred when Carl, five-year-old son of George Scheidt, fractured his leg, as he coast ed down Normal Hill

Playing with his big brother's revolver cost three-year-old Paul Fudore of Pond Creek, the thumb and three fingers of his right hand.

Miss Pearl Bowers, of Harrisburg who lost her speech a year ago through paralysis of the vocal cords, due to a fall against a door, recovered her voice in an attempt to converse with members of her family.

# ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Philippines yearly import 20, 000,000 pounds of salt.

Moving-picture men have followed

Rates on Anthracite to Philadel-

phia Too High.

AWARDED GOLD MEDAL

Standards Of Safety Work is Progress. ing-Awarded Gold Medal For Work For Safety-Asks State To Oust Osteopathy.

Harrisburg.-A reduction of forty cents a ton in the freight rate for anthracite coal carried to Philadel phia is ordered by the Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania. For sizes less than pea a reduction of twenty-five cents a ton is ordered.

The rates which the various coalcarrying railroads are ordered to put into effect are the same as are now charged for coal delivered to Philadelphia for shipment to outside points, and are made as a result of the comvidual, business men's associations and the city of Philadelphia that the rates to that city were preferential, pre-

The railroads affected by the order are the Philadelphia & Reading, the Pennsylvania, Central Railroad of New Jersey, Lehigh Valley and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Rallroad Company.

The charges were filed originally with the Pennsylvania State Railroad Commission, the predecessor of the present body, in April, 1912. Much testimony was heard from both complainants and defendants regarding the reasonableness of the rates and the commission appointed expert account ants to examine the books and records of the companies to ascertain the cost of transporting the coal from the

The substance of the complaints was that the existing rates of freight charged for the transportation of anthracite coal from the various districts in which the coal is mined to the city of Philadelphia are unreasonably high, and are preferential, projudical and discriminatory.

#### Findings Of the Commission. The commission, in submitting its findings, says:-

"After a careful consideration of all of the facts, giving due weight to the large amounts invested in this traffic by the respondents, endeavoring to determine what would be a due return upon these investments, and proper compensation for their service, we have reached the conclusion that the experience of the respondents has itself established the measure of what would be a fair and reasonable rate for side the capes" was a profitable charge. We think, therefore, that the rates for the local delivery of coal in Philadelphia as now existing ought to be reduced forty cents a ton, except for upon pea coal. The effect of this reduction will be to put Philadelphia in

this respect on an equality with the other cities and ports of the country. "If it be true that the existing rates covering all freights upon the milroads vestments, it is entirely clear that the method of correction should be a general advance in such a manner as to equalize the burdens and to affect aliks all interests and all subjects of traffic dens upon localities and commediti where it may be possible would be an imperfect and unsatisfactory method which ought not to be telerated."

Would Oust Osteopathy College. An attack was made before Deput Attorney General J. E. B. Cunningham on the Philadelphia College and lafirmary of Osteopathy, of Philadelphia on the ground that it cannot legally Issue degrees in Pennsylvania, TS complaint was filed by C. Greene Hill dreth, who alleged that the college is New Jersey corporation and is not legally qualified to act as a college that it does not possess the proper and faculty demanded by the Act of 1895. In answer it was contended that eated flue, was detected by the Sunthe college does not come under by act and that its work is recognized by the State Board of Osteopathic B aminers and that it fulfills require

# Standards Of Safety Work.

ments of the profession.

The State Industrial Board has af ranged for a general conference of the committee named to draft standards of safety and sanitation for iron and steel mills and blast furnaces in Pess sylvania to be held in Pittsburgh of January 20. This committee held it first meeting some weeks ago and progress has been made on the progress. posed code. The committee has the arranged for a meeting of the commit tee in charge of the code for cand to be held in Philadelphia on January 14 and for other committees to me here as follows: Quarries, January canneries, January 8 and ladders in **uary** 12.

#### Awarded Gold Medal. Lew R. Palmer, chief inspector

the State Department of Labor and in dustry, has been presented with a state medal by the American Museum medal by the American Museum Safety in recognition of his work is safety in industries and every day life safety in industries and every day life Mr. Palmer, who was noted in his oldege days as one of the ends on Practice days as formerly the safety expert of the Jones & Laughlia Company, of Pittsburgh, coming here is year. He was also connected with the year. He was also connected with the National Council of Industrial Safety in furtherance of its propagands. in furtherance of its propagands.