

incident being the bombardment of Zeebrugge and British warships. A few shells struck hotels where the German staff was quartered and other buildings. The German shore batteries were unable to reach the warships in reply.

The Hague reports that railway communication with Antwerp has been suspended and that no travelers will be admitted to Belgium during the next few days. The Germans are believed to be preparing for another assault on the Allies' defenses, but for the time being there is a nearer approach to rest for the armics spread out from Ostend to Verdun than at any time in the past two months.

The Portuguese Congress today decided that country should co-operate with the Allies when it considers the step necessary. The minister of wat will issue a decree for partial mobilization.

heen successfully floated by the Bank of England, both large and small investors being among the buyers. The country awaits announcement by the chancellor of the exchequer as to the amount of the subscription with the belief that they will exceed considerably the amount of the loan and that the collossal transaction will have an impressive effect upon Great Britain's enemies.

Berlin reports that the Bundesrat has passed laws to prevent and to punish speculation in gold, to fix the price of potatoes, to limit consumption of bread in Berlin, and to extend the moratorium applying to bills of exchange in Alsace-Lorraine, East Prussia and parts of West Prussia another 30 days, making its extent 150 days. It is expected the price of wool will be fixed this week. The British government has taken up all the stocks of leather.

The hunger-stricken Belgians on the border of Holland are pictured as resorting to brigandage. Reports say a state of anarchy is approaching.

Queen Mary has sent to Mrs. Walter H. Page, wife of the American ambassador a letter of thanks for the mission of the Santa Claus ship Jason, which is bringing Christmas gifts from American children to children in England and on the continent. The Jason will arrive at Devenport tomorrow. she will be given an official reception by the municipality of Plymouth and by representatives of the government.

TRENCHES OF ARMIES MEET

the day and gained the stripes of a gen-Is plans of Generals Loyal to Carranza. Vivid Description Given of the Under- eral commanding an army. "To the right and left black clouds

"From Arras where German shells

line as during the last three months.

IN THE INDIAN TRENCHES.

where Along Allied Lines.

tonight by the official press bureau.

London, Nov. 25 .- The life of Indian

ground Defensive and Offensive. from bursting German shells are in-Paris, Nov. 24.-The trenches of the terspersed by chimney stacks from here that General Villa's advance guard steamer Ratiscan, due to arrive in opposing armies between the Oise and which the smoke of industry curls up Somme are at some point only 300 feet as in days of peace. Further down ap- away. General Alvero Obregon is still been chartered for the transporation on household furniture and dwellings amination he admitted that so far as apart, according to a Hava's dispatch where the war has been more pitiless General Lucio Blanco have been ad- with the dates of arrival are: from the front. The correspondent says and where no building remains stand-French officer, acting as guide for ing.

15 newspaper men told them when they still rage to the Bassee canel, a tug of approached the firing line they must be war continues across the same dead silent for "the enemy can hear us." "The crashing voice of the three inch Over this line bullets whistle and shells uns which we had left behind us as screech unceasingly. Dark clouds that ce advanced," continued the dispatch, mark the targets of the German heavy now was almost obliterated by the artillery, stand out in gruesome relief nearer and quicker staccato reports of against a background of snow." the machine guns and the Mausers. At distance of 100 yards was a gray,

nding ridge of earth, the advance line of the cnemy's trenches. f each other's forces, men were shoot-

g each other down point blank, while rom every ridge and every mound, over a with four inches of snow, un- troops in the trenches is described in en batteries completed the turmoil of a dispatch from the front given out

"Here and there a head rises cau-Nothing sensational has happened in ously above a white crested trench. the Indian lines," says the bulletin. There are six quick shots and then the "There has been trenching, counter lead disappears, as though swallowed trenching and hand-to-hand fighting " a sea of snow. This is all specta- but no Gurkaha regiment has penetrattors see of the hundred of thousands of ed behind the German lines and blown men in the burrows. up a powder magazine.

The vast chambers roofed over with the branches of trees and with stout not attacked the Indian trenches as earth, protect the men inside of the line and have been repelled like from shells and the tempests, without difficulty. When the Germans pleasure at the appointment and it was trial. These are underground forts for mod- have captured an Indian trench invar- said it always had been regretted that kitchens for the mess and bunks for the at night with the bayonet.

iffenien awaiting their turn on the fir-

frontier, have made t ElPaso during the Madero administration arrived here today as the Washington representative of Provis-Belgium and have been consistently reional President Gutierrez. fused.

Carranza supporters here regard the **Do Not Believe Report** vacuation of Mexico City as a stratetic move and the beginning of a genral mobilization. Representatives of believe that any such statement as the ooth sides seem to recognize that one referred to was authorized by a vivil war is inevitable with a more responsible German official. definite alignment of the generals as

"If the Germans are prepared to feed the factional strife develops. the Belgiums, an early announcement Capmany, who has for several to that effect and an organization for months been the spokesman of Carthat purpose will be mediately reavaa here, issued a format statement quired to save the lives of millions of tonight saying the evacuation of Vera Cruz shows not only the unswering steadfastness of President Wilson but one is starving in Belgium, the official fire hazard and the premiums exacted, to the extent of any liquidating movealso the friendliness of the American ministers in Brussels, the appeals of people.

are considerably more than a million

Will be Supported by His Troops El Paso, Texas Nov. 24.-Carranza is in itself sufficient evidence". roops are moving to the assistance of their garrisons in West and East Mexico, according to an official report

TROOPS TO ASSISTANCE

Garrisons of Towns Loyal to Carranza

today to agents here. Villa's forces

TO BOTTLE UP VILLA.

Villa Near Capital.

today.

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO FLAGS

Ships Carrying Provisions, Etc., to are being allowed to take Mexico City Belgium will Carry Certain Flags but it is asserted the former first New York, Nov. 24-The American chief soon will dominate all coast coun-Commission for relief in Belgium retry and begin an aggressive movement ceived today from London instructions

into the North. It was stated officially that Generals concerning flags and insignia to be car-Villareal, and Hay were at Puerto, ried by American relief ships to in-Mexico, entraining their forces on the sure their safety and prompt docking gunboat Zaragoza for Tampico threat- in English and Dutch ports. Each ened by Villa troops. General Obre- vessel will have a flag in white with red letters reading: "Commission Belgon's army is moving to the assistance of Guadalajara. Carranza forces led gian Relief, Rotterdam". They also Wilmington and Charlotte for special by General Aguilar are depended on will carry long banners with the same to hold Vera Cruz.

sides of the vessels when approaching port.

The commission announced the following prospective arrangements for shipping food:

"The steamer Orne sails with Mexico City, Nov. 24 .- It is reported Thursday from Philadelphia. The has reached Teolo Yucatan, 24 miles Philadelphia about November 25th has pear the crumbling ruins of Arras, in the city and his difficulties with of food. Other ships under charter The steamer Ferrona, due Decem- to bear the burden. justed. The two generals conferred

ber 1st to 10th, steamer Hannah, due December 15th. the Muskinonge, due In a statement today General Obre-December 15th and the John Hardie gon said that General Villa had arrested Julio Madero, brother of the late due December 15th. The Ferrona will President Madero. He declared that he dock in Philadelphia, the John Hardie its Insurance Department of the makand General Pablo Gonzales had suffi- in Baltimore and the others in New ing of rates, that the people demand York. In addition, the teamship Northcient troops to defeat General Villa, western Millers, with a capacity of but that they had desisted to allow 7.000 tons, will sail from Philadelphia ent conditions the State should char-Villa to enter the city where the entire about January 15th with a cargo of Constitutionalist army would bottle flour from the Northwest.

him up. "When Francisco Villa and Emiliano MISTRIAL ORDERED IN

Here, face to face, and within range Conditions There are About as Else- tional Palace," said General Obregon,

After Three Days Deliberation

(Special Star Telegram.) Farmville, N. C., Nov. 24.-Having had the case under deliberation since

Saturday, the jury in the second trial of S. M. Pollard, charged with killing

Chief of Police T. H. Smith, reported today that it could not agree and a mis-

under bond of \$2,500. Several sensational incidents occurred during the fires and reducing fire waste, but that

victed, but appealed to the Supreme ourt which granted him a new trial.

this State is ctually sold is yet to be determined repeated appeals old and lacks much of the elasticity There were rumors that a money pool to the Germans for the right to buy of otner systems, and the rates comfood in Germany and import it into paratively and proportionately on same might be organized to take care of such properties are too high. The report firms or individuals as may need finan- Lincoln county, and a party of campstates that the companies assert their cial assistance, because of the reopendesire to work out some reduction of ing. No such movement is contemplat- perate battle with the flames in the "These are only a few instances the rates and that in this desire the ed so far as could be learned tonight, woods whereby they escaped with only which make it impossible for us to committee and all right thinking peo- but it is an accepted fact that any their clothing and with faces scorched ple concur.

Fire Waste Too Great

waste in North Carolina is entirely too out his commitments. great, but insists that it cannot be reasonably expected that the fire waste will be reduced when the people of the State are ignorant of how the rates are. people. As regards the report that no made and of what defects increase the statements of the Spanish and American with rates arbitrarily fixed by the insurance companies and combinations Cardinal Mercier and the daily detailed of large property interests procure big accounts from every source of wide- reductions in rates, and with classifispread suffering prove that such a re- cations believed to be unfair and dis- be made to minimize foreign selling, were formed in lines and taken from in premiums for the same property. done. and a half people dependent on the Also, that in spite of the fact that in soup kitchens as the present movement 1912, \$256,480,000 of net risks were

written in the State and the premiums aggregated \$3,285,000, no official in the State and no owner of property insurance had any voice in fixing the

rates or classification of the property. The commission illustrates how low

rates are secured by combinations by reciting the organization and advantages of The Factory Insurance Association and the low rates it procures of 25 cents on the \$100 for a three years policy.

First Class City Rating

The report treats the first class city rating allowed for Raleigh, Durham, fire fighting equipment and regulalegend which they will string on the tions and the application of the co-in-

mittee believes that coinsurance should drained. be aptional with the insurer and that each policy should bear a statement the property insured is arrived at.

State Must Assume Control

The commission finds that arbfitrary and increased rates make it imperative that the State assume control through better treatment and are entitled to it and that rather than continue prester one insurance company to carry all the fire insurance in the State. regulate its rates, fix the terms of policies tax it as fire companies are now taxed, "and in' a few years the State CASE OF S. M. POLLARD would receive revenue sufficient to pay Jury in Second Trial Fails to Agree off the State debt and the people would ed.

in the meantime pay lower rates for the insurance of their property". "Flat Commission" Must Go

commission" system for compensation their boat and it was an hour before for agents must go and the agents' compensation must depend to some ex- found no survivors.

tent on the proportions of his fire losses-the contingent plan. The comthe insurance law of the State of Kantrial was ordered. Pollard was held sas which has been sustained by the

the Department of Insurance be allowed more money for investigating this shuld not be obtained through in-At his former trial Pollard was con- creased taxes on the insurance companies.

> Other Recommendations The committee recommends

amounting to many millions of dollars reserve of some 80,000 acres. member of the exchange requiring as-

sistance will receive all reasonable ac-The committee declares that the fire commodations from the banks to carry In point of fact, Wall Street regards the actions of the exchange as a senti-

mental, rather than an actual factor toward restoration of normal conditions. There naturally is much conjecture as reopening the bond market believe all a riot was imment when extra forces offerings will be readily absorbed.

port is cruelly false and that there criminatory along with actual increases though it is not clear how this can be the building under close convoy.

# WATER COVERED TRACTS

Chambers Case Charging Fraud in Sale of Florida Everglades.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 24 .- Water covered the tract of the Chambers Land dense fog. Company in Florida at the time it was sold to investors, but that fact was outdoors by the smoke which penetratset forth in the company literature, ed homes, factories and office buildings. according to testimony today by E. L. Conditions on the streets were almost Russell, of Miami, Fla., on trial here as stifling. Street car and vehicle with four other officials of the con- traffic was reduced to a minimum cern on charge of using the mails to speed because of the danger of collidefraud. Russell said the exact truth sions.

was told about the land, and investors surance clause to policies in the fire were assured on the strength of asserdistricts of these cities. The com- tions by state officials that it would be

J. O. Wright, of Washington, a government engineer, sent to Florida to food of the process by which the rate on investigate conditions in the Everglades, testified he believed a plan to The commission reports unfavorably dig canals to the ocean to drain the on the increases made for insurance Everglades was feasible. On cross exoccupied by tennants as falling most he knew the Everglades never had heavily on a class of people least able been reclaimed or made cultivatible.

# UNIDENTIFIED SCHOONER

Vessel in Squall Went Down Three caused by the smoke.

Miles Off Maine Coast.

Kittery, Me., Nov. 24 .- An unidentified schooner went down in a squall three miles northeast of the Isles of Shoals today and all her crew are believed to have drowned. The vessel appeared to be a Gloucester fish car- Oklahoma are spreading to the south-. rier and was bound west heavily load-

Two lobster fishermen in a motor boat a mile or more from the scene were reported today.

saw her careen and disappear. A line The commission insists that the "flat became entangled in the propeller of 400,000 plant of the Oklahoma Pipe they could go to the rescue. They

The Wood Island life saving crew day but did not reach the fire swept went out toward the scene of the district. mission recommends the adoption of wreck as soon as the fishermen re-

ported it. They had not returned at a late hour.

NEXT STEP UNCERTAIN

Lawyers for Frank May Not Appeal to Other Justices of Supreme Court

At Harrison small fires have been reported in the United States forest

Capt. R. R. Rice, a pioneer settler of ers returning from a trip told of a desand arms burned from a ten-mile flight through the blazing woods.

Fifty-seven convicts were in peril of their lives for several minutes last night. in the burning of a rock crusher plant just a mile west of the new state capitol. The men were housed in the stockade 150 feet from the burnment, but bankers who have favored stockade locked and escape impossible, of guards were rushed to the endan-So far as is possible every effort will gered buildings. Hurriedly the men

# DANGER AT ST. LOUIS

OFFERED BY SALESMEN. Smoke So Thick People Driven From Homes and Offices.

> St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 24 .- A heavy blanket of smoke, believed to have come from Arkansas or Southeastern Missouri, forest fires, hung over the city tonight producing the effect of a

Thousands of persons were driven,

# KANSAS CITY SMOKY.

## everal Vehicle Collisions Result from Smoke Conditions.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 24.-Several vehicle collisions here tonight were the, result of a dense smoke cloud which continued to come from forest fires in Arkansas. With darkness the smoke cloud settled closer to earth and the irritating atmosphere forced persons inside their houses. Traffic was greaty retarded.

From many places in Eastern Kansas AND CREW REPORTED LOST. and Missouri there continue to come reports of accidents and discomforts

FIRE IN OKLAHOMA

#### Heavy Rainfall But Not in Sections Being Swept by Flames.

Muskogee, Okla., Nov. 24 .- Reports tonight indicate that the forest fires in the Kiamichi mountains of Eastern west towards the Oklahoma-Texas boundary. New fires in the vicinity of Eagletown, Octavia, Noah and Bethel

Dispatches from woods where the Line Company is located, report the fires receding. A heavy rain fell in the extreme southern part of the State to-

AGAINST ALL FOREIGNERS

## Panama Passes Drastic Law Giving President Extraordinary Power

Panama, Nov. 24-The National Assembly today pased a law which virtually places in the hands of the President power to expel all foreigners. Washington, Nov. 24 .- Attorneys for The law declared the President may Leo M. Frank, of Atlanta, Ga., con- expel within 24 hours any foreigner victed of the murder of Mary Phagan, who has become obnoxious, without

%apata are found together in the Nathe Republic will feel a convulsion of repugnance which will shake it to its foundation. It is then that we will start our campaign to eliminate them

and we will be successful." ENGLAND SENDS ENVOY TO THE HOLY SEE.

Vatican Expresses Great Pleasure Over Great Britain's Action.

"The report says the Germans have, Rome, Nov. 24 .- The appointment of for the next term of Superior court United States Supreme court, and that Sir Henry Howard as envoy from Engorden pillars in front supporting desperately as they have other parts land to the Holy See was announced The Vatican expressed great today.

kitching for warfare, with sanitary ditches, lably it has been re-captured usually Great Britain and the United States were not represented among the dip-

to the trenches of both the combatants Further on, the trenches are so near such other that the Germans and French exchange newspapers. Complicated barbed wire defenses protect the trenches here from surprise At a converging point on one spo stands a building at the walls of which the encuies arrived at the same time and a German rifleman, breaking a bole through the wall, thrust a bay onet under the nose of a French senti "This is the spot where the situation was critical for the sentime	war. Describing German attempts to seduce the Indians the report says the operator of a taube aeroplane threw down over the trenches many leaflets bearing the announcement by a Ger- man professor that Sheik-Ul-Islam had proclaimed a holy war. All the leaflets fell into the hands of white soldiers. "Two Indians were creeping towards a German trench on a scouting expe- dition one night when a search light was thrown on one of them. He was quick witted enough to realize that no	Once, during the reign of the late Pope Leo, England sent Sir Henry Er- rington to Rome on a mission to the Vatican and in 1902 the United States sent William Howard Taft to settle the Philippine friars land question. Neith- er country, however, ever has been represented by a permanent diplomatic agent to the pontiff as have other non- Catholic countries like Prussia and Russia. New York, Nov. 24.—Contributions for the American Red Cross received through New York delegates of the Central Association o fthe German Red Cross societies total \$576,671 to date, it was announced tonight by Dr. Bern-	SAN DOMINGO ELECTIONS Bryan Gets Personal Report from Commission as To Result Washington, Nov. 24.—Secretary Bryan received in person today the report of a commission headed by for- mer governor Fort, of New Jersey, which went to San Domingo to arrange for the recent presidential election. Mr. Bryan said the election had brought general satisfaction. Presi- dent Jiminez received not only a ma- jority of the popular vote but a plur- alty in the electoral colege. American observers were stationed at every polling place. The commission got as many civillans for the duty as possible but drew on the force of marines in	against the co-insurance clause being effective as to any policy except where the assured shall in writing request such clause, the request to be attached to the policy. Recommendation is made that the Insurance Commissioner have right to pass on qualifications as well as char- acter of agents licensed. Also, that insurance adjusters be licensed, their characters and qualifications passed on by the State Insurance Department; that half the premiums on insurance paid to agents be flat and remainder contingent upon the profits of the agency, this being to effect more care- ful discrimination by agents between good and bad risks. The committee asks that in the event the Legislature confers on the cal	h as to their next step in the fight save the condemned man's life. hry Peeples one of counsel returned Atlanta today, leaving Henry Alex- ler to handle the case here. Mr. xander said yesterday he would ap- to other justices of the Supreme art for the writ of error refused by tice Lamar, but declared today that rse might not be followed. He may ke application for the writ to the ire court Monday. Vashington, Nov. 24.—The greatest eat area in the world's history will planted for the 1915 harvest as a ult of the European war in the opin- of Charles M. Daugherty, statisti- expert of the Department of Agri-	foreigners taking part in politics and from writing articles against the political party in power. There is much opposition to the law owing to its drastic provisions. It is held in some circles that the law takes away and confers the powers of the courts on the President. Washington, Nov. 24.—Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, expended \$6,500 dur- ing the primary and election campaigns at which he recently was reelected, ac- cording to a statement of expenditures filed with the Secretary of the Senate. Of this amount he received contribu- tions of \$903. Senator Overman, of North Carolina, also has filed a statement showing ex-	
and where a brigadier general saved	ordinary resources would save his (Continued on Page Ten)	hard Dernburg, official representative of the organization here.	but drew on the force of marines in San Domingo to assist.	Brent the Designature conters on the lour	capore of the boput thene of fight	also has filed a statement showing ex- penditures of \$685 and receipts \$25.	No. of the second s