ANY ITEMS left in stock M after the Holidays will go well, if judiciously advertised just now. Clearance sales are popular.

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# AMERICAN DEMAND

Makes Another Appeal to Modify Protocol, Providing for Withdrawal of Troops.

HOPE NOT YET BANISHED

Joint Commission to Meet Early Next Week, When American Reply Will be Made.

Washington, Dec. 28 .- One more appeal for modification of the protocol providing for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico is made by General Carranza in a message deliver. ed to Secretary Lane today by Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican members of the joint commission. The Mexican first chief replied to the insistent American demand that the protocol signed by his spokesmen at Atlantic City be ratified, with an 800 word document in which he failed to accede

ing anything that could be construed as the agreement now will be considered the three American representatives Secretary Lane, J. R. Mott and Judge George Gray, Secretary Lane advisd his colleagues late today of the charently could. Early next week a joint session of the Mexican-American comericans will give the Mexicans their answer and on its nature depends the

to the demand, but refrained from writ-

Neither Mr. Cabrera nor Secretary ranza's reply. Mr. Cabrera left for New York soon after its delivery and Secretary Lane declined to reveal its character until it had been submitted to his colleagues. The same reticence was displayed at the Mexican embassy. Mexicans Confident.

missioners were confident that no in-American government. The chief insis-American troops should be withdrawn unconditionally, which the American commissioners would not consider. It was indicated tonight that Carranza's insistence on that point was less pro nounced now, and that the change in his attitude has been wrought largely by the altered military situation

northern Mexico. One Objection Indicated.

There appeared reason to believe that one of the conditions to which Carran Ta now objects is that under which he they marched out. It was pointed out that since the protocol was drafted the steady growth of his army of bandits has made it difficult for Carranza to agree to use any considerable part of his army in the district now occupied by Pershing, when it might be necessary to use the same forces in meeting more active moves of Villa at other

is understood, he expressed a willinghess to ratify the agreement if a more definite date for the troops' withdrawa! Were specified and if a more lenient attitude were displayed toward the question of increased bandits activity. Car. ranza holds that the presence of the American troops on Mexican soil gives illa pretext for urging the disaffected

Arredondo Not Recalled. exalled by his government and that he was to be succeeded by Consul De Negri, of San Francisco, who would be charge without diplomatic rank. Mr Afredondo denied the story categori-

without information.

ALL BUT EIGHT OF CARRANZA FORCE OF FIFTY WERE KILLED Presidio, Texas, Dec. 28.—Of a Car-Tanza force of 50 men from the Ojingarrison, all but eight were killed captured in an engagement with VILuth of here, according to a statement the Mexican consulate here tonight. Colonel Hernandez, commander of the

SED PROFANE LANGUAGE TO HIS WIFE, SAY WITNESSES Testimony Presented Against F. L.

Small, on Trial for Murder.

designed to show that Frederick L. and profane language to his each individual." \*ife, Florence Arline Small, for whose the testimony of several witnesses to-

lip L. Davis, formerly employed

one occasion Small had kicked his Mary E. Conner, wife of the loaddressed profane language to senting more than 60 colleges. tord that he had arranged.

## WEATHER PREVENTS ANY ABLE-BODIED BRITISH 'ADVANCE'

General Maurice Tells Associated If He is Between Ages of 18 and 45 Press of Obstacles Encountered on Somme Front.

Says the Wet Ground and Fogs Make It Impossible to Continue the Offensive Now-First Rumanian Army Re-Formed.

London, Dec. 28 .- The continuation of the British offensive along the Somme front is impossible as long as the present weather lasts, Major General Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, so in-

formed the Associated Press today. "I told you some time ago," he said, "that our offensive would not cease during the winter, but it must be apparent from the daily reports that no battle has been offered in that sector since October. In the first place we under-estimated the effect of the shelling on the terrain. The country over which the advance will have to be made is thickly sprinkled with shell holes filled with water. Also, never having held the same line in any other winter, we underestimated the effect of the fog in the valley of the Somme. "There have been frequent frosts.

not severe enough to harden the ground, but sufficient to form fogs, serve battalions at prescribed strength, making artillery observation practically useless and also preventing | tia shall be drafted by the President to the drying of the ground.

know. We may be able to resume in unorganized militia is defined as includ-March as we found the ground at ing every able-bodied male citizen Neuve Chapelle in fairly good shape within the prescribed age limit, or in March, 1915, although it had been those who have declared their intention very bad during the winter. Unable of becoming citizens. to continue the offensive for the present, we have done the next best thing. | which will be amplified in great de-The taking over of a section of the tail later, also strike at the problem of French line has kept us busy during dependent families of soldiers which the last ten days. The operation has has cost the government several milbeen successful and I will be glad to lions of dollars already through the tell you the exact extent of the line border mobilization. Recruiting officers mans know the point of junction.

"In Rumania, the first Rumanian army, which has borne the brunt of the on them. Such persons are to be acfighting, has been entirely withdrawn cepted only for reasons in the public and now is re-forming in Moldavia, interest, men who wish to become offiwhile its place has been taken by the cers being the only class specifically Russians. In Dobrudja the line has been moved back in alignment with the battle front north of the Danube. In this region both our allies and the enemy are suffering from adverse weathe rconditions."

NEW APPOINTEES FOR THE OFFICERS' RESERVE CORPS

Names of 121 Men are Announced by the War Department.

Washington, Dec. 28 .- Names of 121 additional appointees to the officers' reserve corps created by the National Defense act were made public today at the War Department, after acceptances had ben received. They have been assigned in grades ranging between second lieutenant and major, both to line and staff divisions of the army, and are subject to call for active service in

Seventy-nine of the new reserve officers are in the Eastern department, 33 in the Central, six in the Western and

same number of names, making the present strength of the new corps about 250. Plans of the War Department contemplate the building up of an officers reserve corps of not less than 50,000

### COLLEGES ARE URGED TO AID PREPAREDNESS

assador Designate Arredondo had been By Emphasizing the Necessity of Conference on Eight-Hour Law Physical Training.

> Officers Elected by National Collegiate | Agreement Could Not be Reached as to Athletic Association, in Session at New York-Addresses

New York, Dec. 28 .- A resolution endorsing physical preparedness in the cause of National defense was adopted today by the National Collegiate Ath-Carranza troops, was one of the surviv. letic Association. It was a substitute Ors Benigno Quintela, a Villa leader, for one proposed by the conference hour controversy, were discontinued ab- fort to attain a lasting peace based on committee on National preparedness ruptly today when it became apparent respect for international rights and the and was as follows:

"Resolved. That this convention calls upon all affiliated persons to give their entire support to the cause of the Na- after the United States Supreme Court tional defense to the end that the na- hands down its decision on the constition shall, be assured of immunity tutionality of the Adamson act. Ussipee, N. H., Dec. 28.-Incidents from invasion and that all members be urged to emphasize the necessity of the railroad representatives refused to are prepared to negotiate direct with a former Boston broker, used physical preparedness on the part of

An amateur athlete was decided by murder he is on trial, were related in the convention to be one who participates in competitive physical sports only for the pleasure and the physical, mental, moral and social benefit diand jobs by the defendent, said that rectly derived therefrom. The vote on

this question was 24 to 11. For the first time in the history of the association delegates were presigh school principal, said that ent today from al' 'e districts, repreife on one occasion, because she Dean LeBaron R. Briggs, of Harvard, not steer his motor boat with who presided, refused to accept anoth-(Continued on Page Two.)

# MAN HELD LIABLE

He May be Drafted in the Militia in War Time.

WATER FILLS SHELL HOLES UNDER THE DEFENSE ACT

Further Act of Congress Would Not b Required-When Guard Regiment Called Out a Reserve Battal. ion Would be Organized.

Washington, Dec. 28 .- Every ablebodied male citizen of the United States between the ages of 18 and 45 years is held liable for service in the National Guard in war time, without further act of Congress, by War Department regulations of the government of the Guard issued under the National Defense act.

day, the militia bureau directs that shall be organized out of the National Guard reserve and by voluntary enlistment.

"If for any reason," the order continues, "there shall not be enough reservists or enough voluntary enlistments to organize or to keep the refire a sufficient number of unorganized mili-"The French arrived at the same de- reserve unit at prescribed strength."

The National Guard regulations men or those with others dependent up-

It is provided in the regulations that no officer of the Guard hereafter shall fense act unless he shall have subscriborders of the President and of the govbe made on recommendation to the Secretary of War from governors or the territorial units of the Guard, and after proper physical and mental examination be handled in the same way and any officer, who fails in the examination as up for re-examination within a year.

After three years' active service or when the organizations are disbanded the National Guard reserve. The reserve is to remain an unor

temporary purposes. It will be composed of men who have served three years serve three years more in the reserve unlss they prfer active service. They that they held at the time of furlough from activ service 'except that when drafter into the Federal service they will report in the grade of private.

### BROTHERHOOD CHIEFS BREAK WITH MANAGERS

Discontinued Abruptly.

Wage Schedule Under Adamson Act-Will Await Supreme Court Decision.

New York, Dec. 28 .- Conferences between representatives of the railroads and the four brotherhoods of railway employes, at which were discussed the

It was announced by both sides that AUSTRIAN CIVILIANS FAVOR there would be no more meetings until

toward the enforcement of the new wage schedule fixed by the Adamson

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## RUSSIA IS STILL MORE HOSTILF TO MOVE FOR PEACE

Attitude Strengthened, if Sible, by German Reply to Wilson's Note.

REGARDED AS "EVASIVE"

It is Believed Russia's Final Word Will be Said When Answer to President is Made.

Petrograd, Dec. 28, (via London, Dec. the Russian foreign minister and the In a circular prepared nearly two vigorously expressed the reluctance months ago, but made public only to- of the nation to consider any peace proposals at the present time, it is bewhere a National Guard regiment is lieved that, except for the formulation called out for war service, a reserve of Russia's official reply to President battalion to fill vacancies at the front | Wilson's note, the last word has been said here regarding the possibility of peace negotiations.

Russia's negative attitude has been strengthened, if possible, by the German answer to the American note which the Russian government considers "not only irrelevant, but impertinent, to the United States," according to information received by the Associated Press.

Russian official circles call attention turely to the consideration of peace which, in the Russian view, Germany lies under the present conditions.'

The foreign office denies that other neutral government will follow the lead of the United States and Switzerland and has dissipated the view taken yesterday by part of the press regarding the neutral governments which in the form of a neutral league intended, according to reports to bring combined pressure upon the the war to a speedy conclusion.

GERMANY'S REPLY TO THE NOTE FROM SWITZERLAND. Berlin, Dec. 27 (delayed)-The German reply to the Swiss note was handed to the Swiss minister today. It is

on the same lines as the reply

"The Imperial government has taken note of the fact that the Swiss Federal placed itself in communication with also ready to take action and side with the United States toward bringing about an understanding between the belligerent nations and towards the attainment of a lasting peace.

"The spirit of true numanity whereby the steps of the Swiss Federal Council are inspired is fully appreciated and esteemed by the imperial gov-

"The Imperial government has informed the President of the United States that a direct exchange of views of obtaining the desired result.

"Led by the same considerations that caused Germany on December 12 to offer her hand for peace negotiations the government has proposed an mmediate meeting or all the belligerents at a neutral place.

"In agreement with the President o he United States, the government is of the opinion that the great work of preventing future wars can only be aken in hand after the present world noment comes they will joyfully be ready to co-operate in this sublim

ts noble traditions, in mitigating the sufferings caused by the present war nas won unending gratitude, will also contribute to safeguarding the world's peace, the German nation and government will highly welcome such ac-

NORWEGIAN LABOR PARTY SENDS MESSAGE TO WILSON London, Dec. 29 .- The Norwegian labor party, says a Reuter dispatch from Christiana, has sent to President Wilson the following message:

"The Norwegian social-democracy

numbering a third part of Norwegian electors, expresses sympathy with Presdent Wilson's energetic labor for the the establishment of a lasting peace." The Norwegian peace union has resolved to send the Norwegian government a declaration urging the govern-

SEPARATE PEACE, IS REPORT London, Dec. 29.-Recent reports from Switzerland have reported the internal conditions in Austria-Hungary The break came, it was learned, when as so serious that those governments hood chiefs for an agreement looking a humiliating peace to what has been termed inevitable bankruptcy and ruin. The Morning Post's Budapest correlaw which goes into effect January 1. spondent, writing December 22, records The brotherhood chiefs held, it was opinions to the foregoing effect as besaid, that their men had the right to ing prevalent in some quarters in Ausbegin drawing wages according to the tria-Hungary but in no wise confirms the orders of the railway association Pronunciation of "peace" produced in scale provided by the Adamson law im- the view that they are favored by the mediately after the law became effec- Austrian and Hungarian government. tive, irrespective of the suits brought On the contrary, the correspondent by the railroads to test its validity. | contends that however much a separate lated their written and verbal agree- lently fluctuating line of light, while newspapers that the Order of Merit has A statement issued by Elisha Lee, peace may be desired, it is almost un ments, but they have deliberately been Tetrazini's voice showed as a finely been conferred on Captain Valentiner, chairman of the conference committee thinkable and certainly for the pres- from each other." of railway managers, covered the posi. ent impossible. He concurs with the (Continued on Page Eight.)

#### PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY LANSING ADOPT POLICY OF SILENCE REGARDING PEACE

All Steps Hereafter Will be Considered by American Government as Confidential-Secret Exchanges With Belligerents May Take Place-Teutonic Allies Would be Willing to Outline

Terms, if Necessary to Gain Conference.

absolute silence regarding the peace called in to participate in consideranegotiations has been adopted by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing. It was stated officially today that all steps henceforth will be regarded as signatory to the entire peace treaty confidential; that no comment will be made on any development and that ru- peace in the future, such as freedom

The decision to pursue this course formation of a world league to enforce partment had received the official texts of the German and Austrian replies to elligerents proposing a discussion of eace terms, and after it was learned hat the Teutonic powers would be willing to permit a confidential exchange of tentative terms if it became necesening to prevent a gathering of peace

Secret Exchanges May Follow. In many quarters the official attitude was construed as indicating that colonies, and requiring Germany at secret exchanges were expected to fol- the same time to evacuate all enemy low, if they did not precede the formal answers of the Entente nations to the notes of President Wilson and the Central Powers. Because of the highly confidential nature of any such negotiations, it is pointed out, the intermediary would be obliged to refrain from admitting even that they were in

miers and the comment of their press. Consequently, there is no disposition ditions she will stop fighting.

ng a method of procedure, Germany is belligerent powers convene at an early warring countries in an effort to bring said to be willing to consider other suggestions regarding methods from any quarter, including her enemies. The views of the German government, further are represented as be-

> ing as follows: If the Entente considers that guarguarantees that Germany is willing to make some declaration regarding the principles to which she is willing to ment at the proposed conference. The German government considers that ing into any lengthy discussion present war in progress. In this congested should result immediately in the establishment ofpeace. It is conof a preliminary nature to determine whether it might not be possible to

> Germany's Proposed Plan. According to the German diplomats the plan Germany is proceeding upon would provide that the delegate should first agree upon territorial and mmediately connected terms, and that a preliminary treaty then should be settled upon. This complete, the Ger-

IMMEDIATE RETURN OF

Washington, Dec. 28 .- A policy of man idea is to have all the neutrals the future. They regard it as a matter for the conference to settle wheth or one to that part having to do with guarantees for the maintenance of mors will not be discussed in any way. of the seas, limitation of armaments, peace and establishment of an inter

President Wilson's identic notes to the point of Germany and her allies were dential negotiations than in public The radical element in German polisary to do so to bridge the gap threat- tics, it is said, must be considered Under any circumstances, however, i was said Germany would not consider making peace if the Entente should insist upon retaining Germany's lost territory now occupied

In admitting today that no further communication had accompanied the German or the Austrian reply to the President's note, officials stated flatly that such questions to this effect in the future would not be answered. Notes Vary Slightly.

The official texts of the German and So far as the Entente governments the Austrian replies, received today understood that varied slightly from each other and has reached here to shed more light on lation. Most of the difference, offitheir attitude than has been given cials thought, was in the warmer, more cordial tone of the official version.

mously will refuse to enter any sort President's note as calling for the creof peace conference until Germany has ation of a basis for the foundation of indicated herself clearly on what con- a lasting peace, while the Austrian note has it an "exchange of views for the eventual establishment of peace." Germany proposes "the speedy as ply to President Wilson is regarded by sembly on neutral ground of delegates

date at some place on neutral ground. The most decided difference noted dent Wilson himself the view that it was necessary to postpone dicussion of guarantee for a pemanent peace. The Austrian reply "concurs with the Presantees for the future are the principal ident that only after the termination elements to be achieved, and. lacking of the present war will it be possible confidence in the German government, to undertake the great and desirable work of prevention of future wars."

Wilson's Note Misconstrued.

The President's note says the United is over" but did not specifically declare tries there is uncompromising hostility guarantees for the future with the to any plan not guaranteeing "repara-

the President's note to expressions sugtral Powers for the accomplishment of the same end, caused further embar- vice of the nation concerning the course rassment here today in the administraion's attempt to disassociate the American action from the Central Powers' note of six days before. The official text of the German note follows: Text of German Note.

The imperial government has accept. ed and considered in the friendly spirit which is apparent in the communica-(Continue on Page Eight)

#### MACHINE IS DEVISED TO PHOTOGRAPH SOUND CARS MAY BE ORDERED

Question Taken Under Advisement Vibrations of the Human Diaby Commerce Commission.

Commissioner McChord Says Roads are Association for Advancement of Science Violating Written and Verbal Agreements-Objection Raised by Railroads.

Washington, Dec. 28.-After an all day hearing, the Interstate Commerce Commission today took under advisement the question of whether it shall seek to solve the car shortage problem by ordering all railroads to return cars of other lines to their owners immediately upon unloading.

Railroad representatives, headed by American Railway Association, appearing in response to a summons to show cause why such an order should not be ment of Science here today. issued, earnestly urged against the ac- | The sound machine, which is called "338 men and 58 women were shot, 48 tion. They declared that most of the the "phonodeik", photographs the vi- men and one woman stabbed, 27 men concede the demands of the brother- Great Britain and France, preferring roads were doing their best now to brations of the human diaphragm gov- and one women beaten to death, six deal fairly with the public and argued erning the volume and cadences of the men and five women burned and one mission would interfere with opera- 40,000 times, on a screen. When the ed during the hold up of a train. Of 107 tions and make the situation worse.

railroads," he said, "not only have vio-

When Atterbury objected, saying (Continued on Page Two.)

phragm Flashed Upon Screen.

Witnesses Machine in Operation. Various Topics are Dis-

New York, Dec. 28 .- A machine that "shows how sound looks," a restored "pithecanthropus erectus" who roamed | tion." the earth 500,000 years ago as the whether man has been on this continent 125,000 years or 200,000, and many number of civilians assassinated in East addresses on modern economic and hu-W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the political public by the Koenigsburg statistical Pennsylvania and president of the at the various sessions of the office and totals 6,408, of whom 99 were American Association for the Advance-

Commissioner McChord said the rail- into the machine a confused irregular | given as the cause of death." roads seemed to pay no attention to blot of light flashed upon the screen. which has adopted various drastic marked contrast a mild glow regularly measures to relieve car shortage. "The and delicately outlined. A record of

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# BY THE TEUTONS

Berlin Reports Capture of 3,000 More Prisoners and Twenty-Two Machine Guns.

ACTIVITY AROUND VERDUN

Greeks Who Were Interned in Germany Reported Ordered to Fight Against Allies.

The latest official communication rom Berlin records fresh advances for the Teutonic Allies against the Russians and Rumanians in Wallachia, The invaders now are well beyond Rimnik-Sarat, advancing along the railroad toward Fokshani. Three thousand more prisoners and 22 machine guns have been captured by the invaders, bringing the number of men taken in the Rimnik-Sarat maneuver up to 10.200.

Although the Berlin war office reports that the Teutonic Allies in Dobrudja are keeping up their pressure against the Russians and Rumanians and have forced the Russians from fortified height positions east of Matchin, on the east bank of the Danube, opposite Braila, Petrograd announces that the invaders south of the Danube have been repulsed with heavy losses, has been occupied by them. British armed motor cars, says Petrograd, did great execution in this fighting.

Considerable fighting has again taken Mort Homme and on the eastern slopes of Hill 304, where the Germans made an attack but were repulsed, and where later the French bean a bombardment along the French front there have been reciprocal bombardments and attacks by small patrol parties interspersed with fighting in the air and aerial raids by French, British and German aviators. In the encounters in the air each side is reported to have lost machines.

In the Austro-Italian theatre, the weather has cleared and the artillery luels have been renewed with vigor, especially on the Carso front. In Macedonia, except for British attacks against the Bulgarians northeast of Lake Doran, which Berlin reports were successful, comparatively quite still

South of Brody in Galicia the Germans have brought their howitzers into play against Russian positions and at various points have damaged their

Unofficial advices received in London rom Saloniki say the Greeks who surrendered to the Bulgarians at Kavala and were interned in Germany have been ordered by King Constantine to proceed to the Macedonian front to fight against the Entente Allies. Simultaneously from Athens comes an unofficial dispatch announcing that Greece is addressing another note to the Entente, declaring that unless there is a change in the Entente blockade, Greece may be forced to seek the ad-

COUNT CZERNIN IS NOW THE Berlin, Dec. 28, (via Sayville).-Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, has sent a telegram to the German chancellor announcing that he has taken possession of his new office and asking for the chancellor's "precious co-operation in the fulfillment of our task," says the Overseas News Agency. Count Czernin is quoted by

"Our alliance has formed the main pillar of our foreign policy. For more against powerful enemies, whose aims was our destruction. The heroic courage of the allied (Teutonic) armies and the self-sacrificing co-operation of the nations will, I am sure, bring final success and with it a guarantee for our existence and our future."

The German chancellor, in replying, thanked Count Czernin and added: "Our alliance creates a firm and unshakable basis upon which, as I confidently trust, our common work will bring the war to a good ending and, after a victorious peace, will firmly establish and foster the welfare of our nations in mutual, trustful co-opera-

SAYS RUSSIANS ASSASSINATED

OVER 6,400 IN EAST PRUSSIA Berlin, Dec. 28, (via Sayville) .- "The Prussia in 1914 during the Russian inwomen," says a statement today by the semi-official Overseas News Agency. 'Among these," adds the statement, that a hard and fast rule by the com- voice and projects them, magnified man choked to death and two men killdemonstrator spoke the word "war" men and four women, only 'murder' is

ORDER OF MERIT BESTOWED UPON SUBMARINE CAPTAIN Amsterdam, Dec. 28, (via London).-Caruso's voice caused a broad, vio- Announcement is made in the Berlin captain of a German submarine, for

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The discussion as to the antiquity of sinking 128 ships of a total tonnage of

# cally and the State Department was