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in Weekly Review

of the War.

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GERMANS ARE STILL ON THE DEFENSIVE Reports of Great Massed Efforts by Germans in West Are Numerous.

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NATION TO JOIN **ALL TRANSPORTS** Great Christmas Member-(Continued from Page One.) ship Campaign Will

similar request from the same crew in a very short period, so that the department has been placed at the marcy of its employes." The generals recommendations fol-

The generals recommendations fol-low: "First—That the crows shall be of the best type of American citizens available, who are experienced in the work of maintenance and operation of vessels of this service. "Second—That the tenure of services of such employes shall be of such duration that they cannot be termi-mated at the will of the employes. Subject to Discipline. "Third—That all members of the crew shall be subject to military dis-cipline thus enabling a prompt and shrict compliance with such orders as may be given.

strict compliance with such orders as may be given. "No plan other than an entisted service can possibly be suggested un-der which crows of vessels of the army transport service, the mine planters and the harbor boals can be controlled, with fixed "these of pay in different grades and it is urgently recommended that in view of the usual conditions now existing that a law be enacted along the lines here-tofore proposed for the commission-ing, warranting and enlisting of the crews of the entire service." The first recommendation for es-disted crews for army vessels wits made by a board of officers in 1918. It was declared them to be a neces-sity to enlist the crews to obtain a

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by the senate manufacturers' sub-committee. Further progress in another in-vestigation, that of the alleged dis-loyal St. Paul speech of Senator La Follette, will be discussed at a meet-ing of the senate privileges and elec-tions committee Thursday. The railroad problem is being studied by many members of congress, with all waiting President Wilson's recommendations. It is thought at the capital that the president may

POLICE AND NEGROES IN

105 Are Arrested.

recommendations. It is thought at the capital that the president may not present his views to congress until after it reconvenes January 3, but members are prepared to post-pone the holiday recess should the president decide to address congress later this week.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- On the

CHAIRMAN OF RED CROSS

WAR COUNCIL CALLS ON

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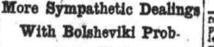
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—On the sever of great Christmas membership campaign of the American Red Cross, beginning tomorrow, Henry P. Davison collarity and the society's war, council, issued this call:
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MASS MERTING HELD. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A great mass meeting tonight at the largest, theatre in New York opened the, Chiristmas week campaign to add 800.. add 800.. The railway situation, notwith-theatre in New York. Former Presi-land the meeting and Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross war council, was one of the appeartures of soldiers who demobil-ized themselves. Many strikes are threatened owing to the non-arrival of funds for the pay-ment of wages. The serious fuel situation in Petro-The serious fuel situation in Petro-

A novel feature of the entertain-ment was a human Red Cross flag formed on the stage by 400 women. The Star Spangled Banner was sung by John McCormaok.



washingron, bec. 16.—The first section of the American army's new experimental truck transport service has been started from Detroit on its way to the Atlantic seaboard to test the army's plan for relieving con-gestion in freight terminals by the overland use of motor trucks. In a statement tonight Guarter-master General Sharpe said if the plan proves successful it is estimated that the total relief to the relievade man proves successful it is estimated



THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN, MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1917.

ENTENTE GOVERNMENTS

NEARING AN AGREEMENT

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(Continued from Page One.) Tairs. It was also asserted Means was preparing to offer for probate an al-leged second will of James C. King which would give an additional \$2,-000,000 to Mrs. King. Re-open Investigation. North Carolina officials: re-opened the investigation and at a hearing in September Means was bound over to the jury and lates indicted. At his trial, which began November 26, the state contended that Means had "looted" the woman's fortune and killed her to escape "an early ac-counting." Witnesses asserted Means had kept the woman a virtual prison-ar in the Chicago beach hotel. The defense denied this and offered evi-dence to show that Mrs. King approv-ed Means' speculation with her money. LONDON, Dec. 16 .- While the Rus-Means said on the stand that he

investigated neutrality violations for Germans before the United States broke with Germany, but always was

GASTON B. MEANS FOUND

NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

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THE BOLSHEVIKI OF MRS. KING AT CONCORD

broke with Germany, but always was loyal to his country and turned over to officials information he thought of value to this country. The defense contended the woman's death was accidental; that she stumbled, fractured her ankle and in failing fired the pistol. Mrs. King's mother, Mrs. Anne L. Robinson, of Asheville, and her sta-ter. Mrs. Mary C. Melvin, took oppo-site sides in the case, the mother ap-pearing as a witness for the prosecu-tion and the daughter siding with Means. Means.

FACES INDICTMENTS. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Gaston B. Means, acquitted of the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, faces indictment in this county for forgery and em-bensiement, District Attorney Swann announced tonight.

bezziement, District Attorney Swana announced tonight. "There is concrete evidence in our hands tending to show that Means forged many documents, on which he obtained large sums of money from Mrs. King's estate," said Mr. Swann. "and there is evidence pointing to him as the embezzler of the major portion of Mrs. King's wealth. "Until I hear from Assistant Dis-trict Attorney Dooling, who aided in the prosocution of Means in Concord and who worked on the case against him, I shall be unable to say just when we shall take the evidence be-fore the grand jury. I believe, how-ever, that Mr. Dooling will arrive to-morrow or Tuesday at the latest and that before the week is over the bulk of the evidence will be laid before the grand jury.

THREE POLICE CASES FORM DAY'S ARRESTS

Larceny, and Usual Drunks Occupy

Three cases occupied the police on Sunday, of which one, Red Williams, 25, was arrested for drunkenness, and another. Ensis Johnson, colored, fourteen years old, was taken into

susted to harged with disorderly con-duct, after indulging in profane and vulgar tanguage out of all proportion to the expectation from one small colored child.



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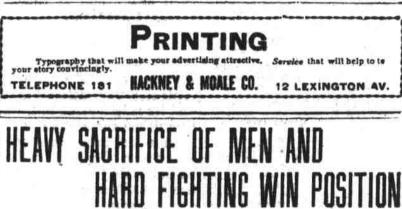
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France and to the north of the Chemin-Des-Dames. In both of these the Germans were worsted by the French. A small British maneuver south of Cambrai, resulted in

the capture of a few German prisoners and a machine gun Mard Fighting. Between the Brenta and Plave riv-ers in the Italian highlands hard fight-ing continues without cessation. The enemy to the east of the Brenta has been able, by throwing huge numbers of men into the fray and seemingly discourseling the automous cassalitation armistice peace negotiations are to begin.

ing continues without constitute enemy to the east of the Brenta has been able, by throwing huge numbers of men into the fray and seemingly disregarding the enormous casualties that are being inflicted upon him to. advance his lines to Caprille Hill, a dominating point at the head of the San Lorenso valley, which leads to the Venetian plans. Here, however, he has been forced to stop under the inc terrific defense of the Talians who evidently have massed their forces in order to bar the way to a further ad-vance. In the valley itself and on the slopes on either side of it, well-tried to the confiscation of religious instruction in the schools.

strikes of employes in the fuel de-partment, who refuse to work under permant, who retuse to work under the Bolsheviki commissaries. A sim-ilar cause has been responsible for a strike of the employes in the Petro-grad city hall, who quit work on the appearance of the new Bolsheviki payor, who formerly was a day lab-orer. WHILE SNOW IS HERE

Police on Sunday.

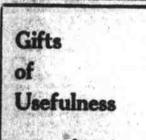
of the evidence will be laid before the grand jury. "The people of New York can rest assured that all the facts in the Means-King case will be brought to light in this county. Forgery and embezziement are extraditable of-fenses, and if any person outside the jurisdiction of the state is indicted for these crimes in this county he be brought here for trial."

Assault, Trespass, Disorderly Conduct

allied aircraft, as reprisals for the re-peated bombardment of open towns in France and Great Britain by the Germans has been successfully initi-

'Reports of observers recently out "Reports of observers recently out of Germany, who were present during previous air raids, state that these raids have had a very depressing effect m the civilian population and have beightened the growing discontent among the German people, who now for the first time are being brought face to face with real war condi-

armistice concluded by the "The armistice concluded by the Russians with the enemy now includes the entire eastern front from the Bal-lie to the Black sea. Negotiations are not proceeding smoothly. The Ger-man demands as reported to us, specify, among other points, the im-mediate opening up of channels of commercial intercourse between Rus-sia and Germany."



are here in abundance. Come into our store and we will be glad to assist you in selecting.



Phones 556-557.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 16 .--- A three hour battle with riot guns and three hour battle with riot guns and revolvers, between the police and fre-questers of a negro club on Water street, took place today and resulted in the wounding of one policeman, two white citizens and three negroes. Of the injured, two probably will dis. The proprietor of the club, William "Baby Doli" Thom and 105 other persons including twelve young white women are under arrest.

The fight started about 2 a. m. and continued until 5 o'clock. Thousands of shots were fired. Virtually the whole police force was at one time emgaged in the slege of the quarters held by the negroes and the final ac-

held by the negroes and the final ac-tion took place when Superintendent of Police Redgate and five patroimen foresd their way into the club room and fought those inside face to face. Early this morning a white man complained that he had been rough-ly handled at the Thomas. The regu-lar policeman summoned two others and went to the club to investigate Shots were fired at them through the door and one policeman was hit. The officers sent in a call to headquarters for help and the men inside barri-caded the doors, opened the windows

officers sent in a call to headquarters for help and the men inside barri-caded the doors, opened the windows facing on Water street and threaten-ed to shoot any one approaching. The reserves who tried to force their way into the building were met with a volley of shots. The police superintendent then called for nearly all his men and the place was sur-rounded. One detail fired into the windows of the club with riot guns thus preventing the negroes from

thus preventing the negroes shooting into the street. A large number of these inside tried to get away, but were gathered in by the police. Chief Redgate and five officers gained access to the rear of the club room and went in. When they reached the smoke-laden club room, five men were found there who surrendered only after they had emptied their weapons.

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Thomas fied to the cellar of an ad-joining building, but was captured and held without bail. Of the 106 persons under arrest, twelve were white men and twelve young white women, the rest being negroes.

TO HOLD REHEARSALS FOR "HONOR OF NAME"

Will you do your bit for our boys? Here is your opportunity. All who are willing to assist in "The Honor of the Name" come to Langren Hotel at S Tuesday night. Don't wait to be asked. There isn't time. You must volunteer. All honor to the volun-

Advt. CANDY LOVERS NOTICE.

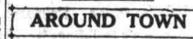
Baker, the Candy Maker, having obtained some new ideas in California will present a few in the way of home-made Candies at 16 Broadway, Lan-tran Building. The firm of Baker and Laney was mutually dissolved. Re-member sweet sixteen. 215-5

that the total relief to the railroads through the shipment to the coast, under their own power of the 30,000 under their own power of the 30,000 war trucks the army has under con-struction, will amount to 690,000 tons and also will permit the transporta-tion of 90,000 tons of government ma-terials to the coast from the interior storage depots. "The plan will serve also another urgent need," said General Sharpe. "The training our men will receive in driving loaded army trucks from fac-

The training our men will receive in driving loaded army trucks from fac-tory to seaport under the trying con-ditions which will be encountered this winter will, as nearly as possible, reproduce the actual service condi-tions abroad." "A comprehensive system of

"A comprehensive system of through routes between the truck production centers, the storage cen-ters and Atlantic coast ports is being the

production centers, the storage cen-ters and Atlantic coast ports is being worked out. The routes are those which can most easily and clearly be brought into condition to stand the traffic and which will lead most di-rectly from the truck production centers to the seaboard. "A central main line highway will be selected between Chicago and New York city, and leading to this feeder routes from the various scattered motor production centers. In the east, branch routes will lead off the main line north and south to the various Atlantic coast ports. "State and county officials have been called to Washington and are urged as a patriotic duty in the war emergency to bring these local gaps immediately into suitable condition."



GOES TO NEW ORLEANS.

Mrs. John J. Clarke leaves today for Atlanta, where she will be joined by her daughter. Miss Edith, who is a student of Agnes Scott college, after which they will go to New Orleans to spend the holidays with friends.

CONDITION UNCHANGED.

The condition of Raymon Groom, who is at the Meriwether hospital with a bullet in his right lung as a result of a fight with L. V. Shepherd, remains unchanged. It has not yet been decided when an operation will take place. Small hope for the re-covery of young Groom is entertained.

REMOVED TO HOSPITAL A. B. Freeman was removed yes

A. B. Freeman was removed yes-terday afternoon to the Meriwether hospital, where he is under treat-ment as the result of a severe injury received inst Tuesday night, when he stipped and felt on Patton avenue, breaking loose the ligaments and muscles of one of his legs which was lame, and otherwise injuring himself.

THRIFT COMMITTEE MEETS.

The thrift committee composed of the various club woman of the city, of which Mrs. Theodore F. Malloy is chairman, will meet at the home of Mrs. Malloy, 73 Merrimon avenue, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. All mem-bers are urged to be present as meas-ures for carrying out the committee's portion of the work in this county are to be outlined.

The snow which has covered the ground for the past several days has shut off the supply of food for the foothered tribe, and unless the poo-charged with stealing soda waters and ple provide for the songsters there there there there of his will be a general smigration of the birds to sections where there there employer to the value of \$3. birds to sections where food may be

charged with sceams some where and doilet articles from the store of his employer to the value of \$3. Another haul of whiskey was made at the depot yesterday afternoon, when broken bottles and flowing liquor revealed the contents of a drunk. Twenty-eight quarts, intact, of black marks which are bordien around A little forethought on the part of

residents in placing food in accessi-ble places will do much to protect and conserve the birds, and this will in no way comflict with the conser-vation of food, for the reason that high grade whiskeys, besides se broken bottles, were found in drunk.

the birds can exist on small bits of scraps that can be used for no other

At times like the present, it is stat-ed, the birds become very gentle, and procured, and the small amount of trouble it takes so place the crumbe where the birds will find them will be well repaid by the computer in be well repaid by the songst

LIFE AT TRAINING **CAMPS IN PICTURES** **CAR THAT OVERTURNS**

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Alpine regiments are stationed to ground taken from them. Prior to gaining the summit of Ca-prille the invaders twice were sum-marily repulsed, but for their final at-

the schools. Little is heard from the constituent assembly in the day's dispatches. One group of the constituent delegates has gone to Kiev to hold sessions there. News from the Russian province is fragmentary. The all-Siberian work-men's and soldiers' council is trying to form a congress at Irkutsk. The constitutional democrats announce the formation of a constitutional demotack they brought up heavy reinforce ments and the valiant defenders were compelled to give ground.

The agreement for an armistice formation of a constitutional demo-between the Bolsheviki government in 'gratic government in Poland.

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NO DEATHS.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 16 .---- E. F. Gallagher, Munhall, Pa.; W.

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 16.—For the second successive day no deaths were reported today at Camp Sevier, it was stated at divisional head-quarters. More than sixty hours has passed without a death occurring in the division and the number of patients in the hospital has also greatly decreased, according to the health report today. Sinkness in the Thirtieth division is now not more than one-half larger than the normal amount, it is estimated. Kramer, Detroit, Mich.; and W. L.

ATRMAN HUBT.

PARIS, Saturday, Dec. 15.-Lec. fell with his machine Thursday while WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- General making a flight over the grounds at Pershing advised the war department today that First Lieutenant H. & French school. Benoit's legs were broken. He was taken to a bospital C. Boyle, medical officers reserve

C. Boyle, medical pincers reserve corps, attached to the Brilish forces, was severely wounded in action De-cember 7. Boyle's next of kin, Mrs. Margaret Boyle, lives at Luserns, Pa. General Pershing also reported the Latayette flying deaths of three men from natural deaths of three men from natural deaths of three men from natural

MARINE NEWS. AT ATLANTIC PORTS .- Arrived.

Steamers Andanis, Asturienne, Bor-giun, Borusund, Ceylon, Dora, Egoria, Irishman, Jacinto Verdaguer, Juan Margal, Lapland, Mundelta, Nickerle, Frins Willem, J. St. Veronica, Sna Four, Taormina, Verona, Motorshir Anam, steam yacht United States.

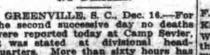
SPORT CALENDAR

Monday. Meeting of the American Baseball ssociation, at Chicago, Benny Leonard vs. Chic Brown, ten

ounds, at New Haven. Gus Christie vs. Harry Greb, twelve

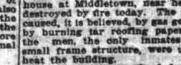
Tounds, at Cinchnati. Ted Lewis vs. Bryan Downey twelve rounds, at Columbus, O. Johnny Griffiths vs. Foung Denny, twenty rounds, at New Orleans. Johnny Ertle vs. Kld Williams, Streen rounds, at Bellimore





taught by modern warfare, and other interesting scenes. The picture shows in detail the many and varied subjects taught the embryo officers, and will be viewed with interest by all who have gala-tives or friends in the camps, show-ing, as it does, the many endurance tests the men have to undergo before qualifying for commissions in the nu-tional army. The scenes in the picture are said to have been taken at Forts Meyer, Niagara, Benjamin Harrison, Sheri-dan, Snelling and Plattaburg, in which eighty per cent of all the candidate officers are trained.

Kramer, Detroit, Mich.; and W. L. Wiley, Rockford, Ills., all members of the 115th sero squadron, U. S. A., were burned to death when the guard house at the government abro ware-house at Middletown, mair here, was destroyed by fire today. The fire was caused, it is believed, by gas generated by burning tar roofing paper which the men, the only inmates of the small frame structure, were using to heat the building. The men were confined for minor offenses. Ernmer was rescued alive but died later in the post hospital. The others were dead when comrades inagged them from the burning build-ing.





At the suggestion of the Military Training Camps' association a moving picture showing the work being ac-complished by the officers' training camps has been made and will be shown in Asheville at the Galax theatre today and tomorrow. This picture is entitled "Who Leads the National Army?" While comparatively few Ameri-

National Army?" While comparatively few Ameri-cans have had an opportunity of visiting any of the great training camps, those who have been there have not had an opportunity of seeing in full the work being done. This picture is designed to give the public an intimate insight into the work, showing in detail the various branches of the work from the time "reveille"

of the work from the various branches is blown at 5 o'clock in the morning until the sound of "taps" at 10 o'clock at night, including bayonet drills, the attack and defense of trenches as taught by modern warfare, and other

SEVERELY WOUNDED.