FRENCH PUSH ENEMY BACK **ACROSS LINE NEAR NANCY**

Sudden Offensive Move Made on Right Wing Is Sucessful, Paris Reports, and Germans Lose Artillery Duel.

Allies Make Progress Between Ypres and Roulers, While Belgians and British Hold Invaders Between Dixmude and Nieuport.

Battle in Belgium Now Raging Most Fiercely on Lower Reaches of Yser Southward to Region of Lens in France.

The French have taken the offensive east of Nancy and have driven the Germans back across their own frontier, asserts an official report issued in Paris today. This flatly contradicts the Berlin reports, which declare that the French right wing has been driven back, leaving the fortress of Verdun isolated.

In Belgian, it is stated, the Allies have made progress between Ypres and Roulers. This also is in direct contradiction to the German version.

It is further asserted that around Soissons and Berry-au-Bac, in the centre, the French have won in an artillery duel and destroyed German

Furious night attacks mark new German assaults on the Allies' line between Nieuport and Dixmude.

Paris admits slight gains by the Germans on the Yser and near Lille after heavy losses, but asserts the Allies are slowly forcing the Germans back in northern France below Lille.

The Germans got into Dixmude, Belgium, but were driven out. The city of Nieuport is said to be substantially in ruins from shell fire.

The British fleet at this point is re- General von Rinhardt Commanded ported to have been driven to sea because of the superiority of the German land guns.

Both armies are intrenching themselves in their main positions.

The British are bearing the brunt of the heavy fighting southwest of Ypres and between Armentieres and Lille. They are said to be slowly driving the Germans back to the east.

A great battle is said to be raging around the walls of Warsaw. The German attack is aided by bomb throwing Zeppelins.

The forces that have crossed the Yser in Belgium are asserted to be making progress.

Radom and Rawa, west of the Vistula, the Petrograd War Office affirms. Battle in this territory substantiates the Russian claim that the Austro-German movement against Warsaw was checked earlier in the week and the invaders forced back toward their

A flanking movement from East Prussia by which the Germans endeavor to seize the railroad from Mlawa on the Polish frontier to Novo Georgiesky, a strongly fortified position north of Warsaw, has been repulsed simultaneously with the checking of the main German frontal attack on the Vistula from Warsaw to Ivangorod. The Germans have been

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For Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair tonight, with heavy frost or freezing; Wednesday fair, with slowly rising temperature; diminishing northwesterly winds. For details, see last page.

AMERICANS PROTEST LOSS OF GOODS IN BRITISH SHIPS

State Department Advises Shippers to Use Neutral Bottoms.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27,-Acting Secretary of State Lansing today admitted that protests had been filed with the State Department concerning the sinking of several British merchant ships carrying American cargoes.

The State Department has made it clear to shippers that the use of belligerent ships must be at their own risk, and has suggested that, in future, American shippers make use of neutral bottoms,

EXPLOSION MAIMS GRIDIRON HERO WHO HUMBLED HARVARD

Tobin, State College Captain, and Leader of Sophomore Class May Both Lose Sight as Result of Celebra-

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Oct. 27 .- Capain E. W. Tobin, of Penn State's football eleven, and G. J. Saurhoff, of Haddon Heights, N. J., president of the sophomore class, were terribly burned last night by the explosion of five barreis of gasoline that was poured over a huge pile of firewood to celebrate the return of the team from Harvard, where it played the Crimson to a tie in Satur-day's game.

Both men, it is feared, will lose their yesight. They are in the Beliefonte eyesight. Hospital.

So great was the force of the explosion that houses in all parts of the village were shaken, windows of college buildings and fraternity houses were shat-tered and plaster fell from the walls in the home of Dr. E. E. Sparks, president of the college. Hundreds of spectators who circled about the bonfire, 50 feet away, were knocked down. Many suf-fered injuries from flying debris and in the stampede that followed.

Tobin and Saurhoff were standing side by side, 25 feet from the pile. Under Saurhoff's direction Tobin lighted a torch and threw it into the woodpile. Nearby was a half barrel of gasoline. This exploded and immediately there followed the ignition of fumes from more than four barrels poured liberally over the mass of timber.

mass of timber.

Thirty-five hundred persons, assembled on the drill ground near the armory for the celebration, were frantle in their struggles to escape from the heat and flames that spread furiously over the ground and leaped high into the air. Telegraph poles, wagons, small build-

relegraph poles, wagons, small buildings, boardwalks and fences were piled together all day long by more than 1000 students, members of the freshman and sophomore classes. By nightfall their woodpile was larger than any three-story building, and an elaborate celebration had been arranged for the evening. Lete last been arranged for the evening. Late last night, after the wind had died down, the crowd assembled for the ceremony, and Captain Tobin was accorded the honor

of applying the torch. Windows were broken in the new Car negic library, the electrical engineering building, the Armory, and the beautiful memorial window in the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity was destroyed. The flame: were seen many miles from State College

FRANCO-PRUSSIAN VETERAN KILLED IN BELGIUM BATTLE

Wurttemberg Brigade.

BERLIN, Oct. 27. Lieutenant General von Rinhardt, attached to the Wurttemberg troops, has of 1870, and retired from active service in 1905. He volunteered at the beginning of the war and received command of a

The report is confirmed that Emperor William has conferred the decoration Pour le Merite on Commander Weddigen, of the submarine U-9, for the destruction of the British cruiser Hawke. It is understood that the crew of the submarine has received the decoration of the Order of the Iron Cross of the First Class.

Lineman's Fall Due to Cold Hands The first victim of the cold today was Leidy Howard, an employe of the Philadelphia Electric Company, who fell while working on a pole at 15th and Lattimer streets when his hands grew numb. He was picked up by workmen and taken to the Polyclinic Hospital.

Fighting in Poland has shifted to EUROPE ORDERS GUNS IN U. S. Several Thousand Rapid Firers Want-

> ed by Certain Warring Nations. PITTSBURGH, Oct. 27 .- An order for DESPERATE ATTEMPTS AT RESCUE. several thousand rapid-fire guns has been received from certain of the warring na-tions in Europe by the Sharon Driggs Seabury Ordnance Company at its own

"Dear Fren Al"

"I am riting to tell you that the world's serious is over, but i would worry. There is a find chance for me to see them big football games wen my new boss,

RING W. LARDNER is aroun. He is sum gridiron doper

LEDGES to rite up that MICHIGAN-HARVARD

GAME "Lardner has rote one of them stories ail ready what they calls advance stuff and it is on the sporting page today, so you had beter ten to it & read it. He is going to rite sum moar of them kind of stories & all so rits the details of the game & posemordem or watever it is. All these rite ups will be printed in

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& not in no other sheet. Well, Al, he could not of chose a better paper to rite for, that's a fact, you know me. Al, I wouldn't tell you rong. Tell all your frens to order thare paper early from the newsdealers & hoping you are well, for I am the same, 1 am

"Your fren, "BILL



MANY DIE IN MINE TORN BY EXPLOSION; HUNDREDS RESCUED

Flames Sweep Through Shafts of Illinois Colliery AUSTRIAN TROOPS RUSHED and Hamper Work of Saving Trapped Victims.

EDWARDSVILLE, Dl., Oct. 27.-Beween 50 and 100 men lost their lives in an explosion within Franklin mine, at Royaltown, Ill., near here, this morning. At noon 30 bodies had been recovered and the rescuers, who at that time had been working frantically for several hours. been killed in Belgium. He was a veteran gave little hope for the remainder of those still in the mine.

The timekeeper at the mine declared this afternoon that 372 men had entered the mine when the blast occurred and that 282 had been rescued alive, although many of these were injured. With the 30 bodies recovered, this leaves 60 men unaccounted for and supposed to be trapped in the burning west entry.

Flames are raging in the west entry, in which the men still in the mine are

Helmet rescuers of the State mine escue staff, who arrived at the scene of the explosion at 11 a. m., and a corps of volunteers endeavored to pierce the cordon of flames that surrounds the entrance to the drift.

shortly after nearly all the men employed in the mine had descended into the shaft. One party was waiting at the top to be taken below when the explosion shook the earth.

A volunteer corps was quickly formed from the miners left waiting on the surface, and a telegraphic appeal was sent for the State mine rescue car. The huge fans began forcing air into the mine. The first attempt to descend was baffled by a rush of flames that shot nearly to the surface. The air pressure fought back the flames toward the lower levels. and the first squad of rescuers descended.

At the entrance to one of the levels
the rescuers found a heap of 15 bodies,
some of them charred and burned beyond recognition. In still lower levels 250 men rescued were found huddled together in a frightened group, and many of them were burned and otherwise injured.

When these men were brought to the surface an attempt was made to reach the west entry. A burst of flame drove the rescuing party back to the shaft, and several other attempts to penetrate the entry were beaten back by the flames. Shortly after noon word came from the bottom of the shaft that the flames were raging through the entire west entry where the men are trapped, and that the rescue workers were unable to advance only a few feet.

Rescue work was hampered by the frantic efforts of women and children, whose fathers and brothers are among the doomed men, to reach the mouth of the shaft. was finally roped off about

A space was finally the mouth of the shaft.

HEROIC SEARCH FOR SON. James Harris, a volunteer rescuer and father of Russell Harris, one of the entombed miners, descended with the first crew in search of his son. He ran wildly through the burning drift, shouting his boy's name, but got no response. Concluded on Page Two.

"The Hands of Esau"

Tomorrow's instalment of this remarkable series of articles on political conditions in Philadelphia deals with HOUSING

and the problems which confront those who seek to improve living conditions, especially among persons of small or moderate means in this city.

TO AID GERMANS IN WEST 10,000 Soldiers Reported Arrived in

Belgium City. LONDON, Oct. 27.

Austrian troops are being sent west to aid the Germans in Belgium, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam. It says that 10,000 Austrians arrived at Ghent on Sunday.

BILLY SUNDAY TABERNACLE MAY FACE LOGAN SQUARE

Lot on Line of Proposed Parkway Sought as Site.

The big tabernacle to be built for "Billy" Sunday's evangelistic campaign will occupy the large vacant lot on the line of the proposed Parkway, near Logan Square, at 19th and Vine streets.

That the appeal for the use of this lot, made by the leaders in the preparations for the great revival, which has the backing of Meyor Blankenburg, would be granted, became known today when Henry R. Edmunds, president of the Board of Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia, said that he was in entire accord with the opinion given by the

It is understood none of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Free Library opposes granting the privilege to the Sunday Campaign Committee and it is assumed favorable action will be taken on the request at the meeting of the

board this afternoon. The site, adjoining Logan Square, which is controlled by the library officials, is well suited to the needs, being in easy access from Broad Street Station and the Reading Terminal, and having excellent trolley accommodations. The tabernacte which will be erected on the lot will seat at least 25,000 persons, it is said.

JAPANESE POUR UNCEASING FIRE INTO TSING-TAO FORTS

Another German Battery Silenced by Bombarders. TOKIO, Oct. 27.

The heavy guns of the Japanese that are bombarding the forts of Taing-Tao. the port of the German leasehold of Kiao-Chau in China, are never slient. It was announced by the War Office today that the cannonade is going on night and day. One of the German forts has now been silenced by the Japanese howitzers.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK IN ITALY Inhabitants Panic-stricken, But Lit-

tle Damage Done. FLORENCE, Italy, Oct. 27.-A severe earthquake shock was felt here today. The inhabitants were panic-stricken, but little damage was done.

'SMASH PENROSE," ROOSEVELT URGES MANY THOUSANDS

Colonel in Stirring Speeches Blight.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT UNIONTOWN, Pa., Oct. 27,-"Smash Penrose, that is the only way you will ever get decent government in Pennsylvania. He is the enemy and not the friend of the people."

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt made this statement to 10,000 residents of Monongahela Valley and carried it into Fayette County, the stronghold of Senator Willlam E. Crow, this morning. He continued his denunciations of Penrose and urged the support of the Washington party ticket before thousand of workmen, women and school children.

Everywhere the Roosevelt special train stopped there was a repetition of yesterday's enthusiasm. The crowds that greeted the Colonel were greater than those that turned out to hear him in 1912.

"This is bully," cried Roosevelt, as the train pulled out of Charlerol. "It beats 1912. I really believe Pinchot and Mc-Cormick will do better than I did two ears ago. Teday is Colonel Roosevelt's 56th birth-day. He celebrated it the first thing this morning by eating a brace of pheasants presented to him by Mrs. Frederick Fields, of Williamsport.

CAMPAIGNS IN SNOW STORM. They enabled him to keep his old-time punch which he recovered when he started his invasion yesterday, and he attacked Penrose and Penroseism bitterly

and viciously. Snow fell all morning, but at each stop Roosevelt rushed out to the platform of his private car without a hat or overcoat on, and denounced the senior Senator, with the flakes falling on his uncovered head.

The Republican Organization-controlled police of Allegheny County broke up the meeting at McKeesport a few minutes ahead of the scheduled time. They kept order while Roosevelt was denouncing Penrose, but when the Colonel launched into an attack upon Coleman. Repub-lican candidate for Congress in the dis-trict, they stopped the meeting by ordering the streets cleaned for traffic As the special train was pulling out of McKeesport a quick stop aaved the Colonel's private car from being struck by a slowly moving freight train, which was crossing at St. Clair street.

ORATION IN CROW'S HOME. Roosevelt fought Penrose this morning in Allegheny, across Washington and Greene Counties and at noon entered Uniontown, the home of Senator Crow, Republican State chairman, and senator Penrose's campaign manager. A throng of 5000 met him at the station.

The Colonel bowed and smiled. The Roosevelt party immediately boarded a special train on the Baltimore and Ohlo for Morgantown. W. Va., where Roosevelt addressed a State meeting of West Virginia Progressives at 1 o'clock Fully 10,000 persons heard him at Morgantown, where, in addition to urging

MEXICAN PRIESTS REVOLT TO RESCUE CHURCH PROPERTY

Lead Third Revolution, Striking at Both the Carranza and the Villa Constitutionalists.

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 27. - Mexican priests are reported to be leading s third revolution in central Mexico, striking at both Carranza and the Villa Constitutionalists.

and former soldiers of all armies to raily around the new cause, which aims primarily to protect what remains of church property. The new movement started at the town

the Constitutionalists' General waved a Bishop's mitre from the roof of the cathedral and confiscated all the church property.
Two Americans were executed by Her

of Union De Tula, State of Palisco, when

rera's forces after they had captured Paral, according to a telegram to the Carranza Consulate here. The men wer Edward P. Baker, of Philadelphia, and James Breudensteln, of El Paso. They were accused of aiding the Villa garrison.

FEAR YAQUI UPRISING Unruly Band of 1500 Reported 15 Miles From Naco.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Apprehension is still felt along the Arizona border, despite the fact that Governor Maytorena's Mexican troops have withdrawn from Naco, a total distance of 30 kilometers. Colonel Hatfield, at Naco, telegraphed the War Department today that Governor Maytorena had little control over the Yaqui Indians under him.

A force of about 1500 of them are re-

ported is miles southwest of Naco, and a "considerable force" only a mile and a half west of the town, where they are strongly intrenched. No fighting has yet been reported to the War Department.

JACK FROST MAKES 1914 DEBUT MINUS AN ADVANCE AGENT

Sudden Cold Snap Brings Forth a Harvest of Red Noses, While Philadelphians Shiver.

Calls Upon Voters to Rid

State of Its Political

State of Its Political And everywhere bout the spines of those who while chills run up the spines of those who bark out "CLOSE THE DOOR."

The first real cold snap of the year tinged the noses and stirred the blood of Philadelphians this morning, while a strong northwest wind whipped over level stretches and skidded around corners to the great discomfort of those unprepared for it.

Tonight, according to the weatherman, any pumpkin careless enough to be out in the open air without blankets or a blazing log fire, will get frost-bitten.

The velocity of the wind during the night grew so great for a time that a 90-foot smoke stack at the car barn of the street, was tilted almost to an angle 45 degrees. Should the stack fall only the barn will suffer. Stationery stores throughout the city

did a thriving business today in the sale of "Close the door" signs. Pawnshops also were able to reap their profits on overcoats and furs that had been "stored since last winter.

by tonight chilly blasts will be blow-ing over Florida and the South. In the Middle West and Lake region, New England and Pennsylvania several points reported temperatures below freezing. At the Washington Weather Bureau an air vacuum off the Florida coast caused by the departure of a storm to sea was given as the cause of the sudden drop

n temperature.

Poor consolation to shivering Philadelphians is given by the weatherman in the shape of a list of Jack Frost doings elsewhere, all far in excess of his exploits here. A snow and sleet storm at Wil-liamsport, for instance, fought unavail-

ingly to curtail the energy of Colone Theodore Roosevelt and his party. Chicago fired a fusillade of dispatches to prove its right to its title of Winds City," reporting snow lasting nearly all day yesterday and a temperature of 36 degrees. The coldest spot on the map, according to the Weather Bureau reports mercury got as low as 20 degrees above

SNOW FALLS IN MANAYUNK Another "First Flurry" Also Re-

ported in Frankford. Two snow flurries about 2 o'clock this orning, the first of the season, sting 15 minutes, were reported different parts of the city, one at Manayunk and the other near Frankford ave-nue and Orthodox street. Lieutenant Lynch, of Engine Company

No. 14. was the one who saw the Frank-ford flurry. He took no chances with his reputation, however, and kept quiet about it for hearly ten hours until he found a motorman and conductor who also said they had seen the snew flakes.

SNOW AT HAMMONTON

First Touch of Winter Attended by Stiff Northwest Wind.

HAMMONTON, N. J. Oct 21.—The first snow of the season fell this morning in the vicinity of Winslow Junction. It in addition to urging was accompanied by a stiff northwest wind, compelling many workers in the brickyard to don winter clothing.

HUGE LEVIES ON RUM MEN BAR SENATE TO PENROSE

More Than \$1,000,000 Assessed From Liquor Dealers of State, in Evidence Before His Colleagues.

First Rate on Beer Was Ten Cents a Barrel: Now Raised to Fifteen Cents. One Distiller Pays \$18 a Day for Penrose Campaign

Dealers in Western Part of Pennsylvania Suffer Most, and Complaints From Those Who Will Not Pay Form Basis of Much of the Testimony.

NO. 2 More than \$1,000,000 has been collected the liquor interests and manufacturers Pennsylvania in the attempt to return ies Penrose to the Senate, according to testimony presented to the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The greater portion of this money was raised by direct assessment upon saloon-keepers, brewers and distillers. Not a dollar of the money has been expended in the Brumbaugh campaign, the entire amount being used directly to effect the nomination and return of Penrose to the Senate. A large portion was spent in the primary fight, but failed to be ac-counted for in the expense items filed by the candidate.

Such is the evidence gathered by internal revenue collectors, backed up by letters written by officials of the various liquor organizations in the State and which will be testified to by a number of witnesses in the Senate's investigation which would inevitably follow a Pen-

The largest contributors to the "slush fund" have been members of the Penn-sylvania Federation of Liquor Dealers, the Pennsylvania Brewers' Association and the Brewers' Association of Western Pennsylvania. That these organizations have been collecting the largest fund ever gathered for political purposes was the charge made in the preliminary hearing before the committee in Washington be-fore that body decided to postpone the investigation until after election.

Witnesses have been secured who will testify that a general assessment of \$25 counties the tax amounted to \$50, while in hree Western counties the State and local organizations have made as many ac three direct assessments.

RETAILERS RAISED \$400,000.

Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, candidate for the Senate, and Representative-at-Large Arthur H, Rupley, of Carisle, are in possession of letters written by officials of the organizations denanding of saloonkeepers and liquor dealers that they "come across" with the Penrose contributions. These letters were sent only to the most trusted friends of the associations, as, in the majority of cases, the collecting agents made personal calls, even refusing to

Representative Rupley states that it can be proved on the stand that more than \$400,000 has been raised among the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, than \$400,000 has been raised among the Kensington avenue and Cumberland 8000 retail liquor dealers in Pennsylvania. om Washington it has been learned at a sufficient number of witnesses that a sufficient number of have been secured who will testify that to their knowledge \$200,000 has been raised by saloonkeepers. The brewers and distillers have also

been heavily taxed.

beer was 10 cents a barrel. As the pri-mary election drew near the amount was From Washington comes the news that raised to 12 cents, and it is now 15 cents y tonight chilly blasts will be blow- a barrel, according to internal revenue collectors from the western part of the From all that can be ascertained no definite schedule has been obtained re-garding the assessments of the distillers, Their fax has been regulated according to capacity of plant. One distiller, however, has admitted to several men en-

gaged in the investigation that his daily assessment amounts to \$15. His distillery is one of the largest in western Pennsylvania. Three large distillers large distillers have promised to give full details on SALOON MEN'S PROTESTS IN EVI-DENCE

The majority of the letters in the possession of Representatives Palmer and Rupley are protests from saloonkeepers in central and northern Pennsylvania re-garding the assessments. Several of garding the assessments. Several of these will be published before election. The majority of the evidence regarding the "siush fund" has been obtained in western Pennsylvania, where the col-

lecting agents have been particularly active. The largest breweries and dis-tifieries in the State are in the section west of Harrisburg.

Those particularly active in raising money for Penrose, it is alloged, are John Gardiner, president of the Pennsylvania Brewery Association, and Neil Bonner. president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Liquor Dealers. The majority of the collecting agents who have been interrosaied declare that they receive their or-ders direct from these men. Senator Pen-

rose, likewise, has been in close ; with the officials for many months. Nell Bonner has siways been a Demo-crat, but now openly declares he is work-ing for Penrose in the interest of the liquor business. He made this statement publicly recently at the Liquor Dealers' Association in Atlantic City, declaring that Penrose stood for rum and that he must be re-elected. Gardiner is known as a Republican but has been closely associated in politics for a number of praces with his brother-in-law. B. Goldon Bromley, city chairman of the Old Guard Democratic Committee, and political adviser of City Solitics Michael J. Byan During the gubernaturial light Gardine and Bonner were warm supported.