

Fifteen of the foremost men and women both here and abroad tell how they explain the paradox of the great war and the Christmas spirit, in a notable symposium in this week's issue of

Collier's THE NATIONAL WEEKLY

GANG FOREMAN SLAIN BY NEGRO LABORERS

Halted Workmen Stealing Coal in Cumberland—Slayers Said They Were Freezing

HARRISBURG, Dec. 20.—William Ury, white, a foreman for the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company in charge of a gang of laborers on a line being constructed near Newville, Cumberland County, was murdered by three Southern negroes last night when he tried to prevent their taking coal from the contractor's supply.

TAGS WORTH \$500,000 SENT TO AUTO OWNERS

First Batch of License Plates, Made by Prisoners, Shipped From State Capitol

HARRISBURG, Dec. 20.—Almost 2000 stacks of mail were carted from the Capitol to the postoffice today, in addition to the usual daily output. They contained some 40,000 pairs of automobile license tags—chocolate brown tags for 1917.

Half a hundred clerks and others in the automobile division of the State Highway Department have been busy for sixty days preparing the tags against starting shipment today.

CHURCH AND RESIDENCE DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Fire at Highspire, Pa., Believed to Have Been Started by Incendiary

HARRISBURG, Dec. 20.—Fire believed to have been of incendiary origin at Highspire early this morning destroyed the home of Samuel Oris and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, causing a loss of more than \$12,000, partly covered by insurance.

Many other homes in the vicinity and the borough schoolhouse were threatened for a time because of a lack of water supply. Two Stetson and three Harrisburg fire companies were called to aid in fighting the flames. To fight the blaze a line of hose had to be stretched more than 1000 feet from a creek in the lower end of the town. To reach water the firemen had to cut through four inches of ice and then shovel out the mud and slush to keep the pumping engine from clogging.

The St. Peter's Church loss is \$10,000, and \$5500 of this is covered by insurance. The church trustees will meet tonight to consider rebuilding plans.

Samuel Oris first discovered the flames, which started under the kitchen porch. The officials are positive the blaze was started by an incendiary.

ITALIAN GUNS ACTIVE

Austrian Columns Shelled Heavily While on March

ROME, Dec. 20.—The Italian War Office has issued the following statement on military operations:

In the Trentino there were the usual artillery actions, which were particularly heavy in the area of the upper Asiago Valley, where our batteries effectively shelled an enemy column on the march.

On the Julian front there were only artillery duels. Our batteries shelled enemy intrenchments on Monte Cucco, on the Middle Isonzo, and the railway station of Volcistrada and Osvostrada, southeast of Gorizia, where dispersed enemy troops on the march on the Carso.

Glass Workers Scarce in South Jersey

MILVILLE, N. J., Dec. 20.—Lamp glass workers are in great demand at the various glass plants in South Jersey, and while the manufacturers have many orders for this grade of ware, they are unable to secure enough hands to run their plants to full capacity.

Suggestions for Women Mesh Bags Vanity Cases Dainties Chatelaine Novelties Bar Pins Bangles Wrist Watches Lorgnettes Z. J. Pequignot Jewels 131 Walnut Street

SONNINO RIAFFERMA LA SALDEZZA DELL'INTESA

Ripete con Briand Che la Mossa Tedesca E' Una Trappola Tesi agli Alleati

PROPOSTE NON SINCERE

Applausi Entusiastici Accolgono il Discorso del Ministro degli Esteri Italiano nella Camera

ROMA, 20 Dicembre. Parlando davanti alla Camera dei Deputati lunedì, il ministro degli Esteri, on. Sonnino, disse che parecchi ordini del giorno erano stati presentati circa le proposte di pace da parte della Germania e dei suoi alleati. "Che lasciava supporre che non sarebbe pratico né decente discutere la questione oggi. Inoltre bisogna metterli bene in mente che possono degli alleati dell'Intesa potrebbe prendere in considerazione qualsiasi condizione di pace che potesse per ipotesi essergli eventualmente offerta in forma separata.

"Nell'interesse pubblico e per rispetto ai nostri alleati non posso comunicare alcuna informazione in riguardo alle eventuali condizioni di pace, ad eccezione della nota che io sbilli l'onore di leggere alla Camera.

"Se proposte concrete dovessero essere fatte in avvenire, le prenderemo in considerazione e discuteremo sul punto che non sarebbe pratico né decente discutere la questione oggi. Inoltre bisogna metterli bene in mente che possono degli alleati dell'Intesa potrebbe prendere in considerazione qualsiasi condizione di pace che potesse per ipotesi essergli eventualmente offerta in forma separata.

"Nell'interesse pubblico e per rispetto ai nostri alleati non posso comunicare alcuna informazione in riguardo alle eventuali condizioni di pace, ad eccezione della nota che io sbilli l'onore di leggere alla Camera.

"Se proposte concrete dovessero essere fatte in avvenire, le prenderemo in considerazione e discuteremo sul punto che non sarebbe pratico né decente discutere la questione oggi. Inoltre bisogna metterli bene in mente che possono degli alleati dell'Intesa potrebbe prendere in considerazione qualsiasi condizione di pace che potesse per ipotesi essergli eventualmente offerta in forma separata.

"Nell'interesse pubblico e per rispetto ai nostri alleati non posso comunicare alcuna informazione in riguardo alle eventuali condizioni di pace, ad eccezione della nota che io sbilli l'onore di leggere alla Camera.

"Se proposte concrete dovessero essere fatte in avvenire, le prenderemo in considerazione e discuteremo sul punto che non sarebbe pratico né decente discutere la questione oggi. Inoltre bisogna metterli bene in mente che possono degli alleati dell'Intesa potrebbe prendere in considerazione qualsiasi condizione di pace che potesse per ipotesi essergli eventualmente offerta in forma separata.

"Nell'interesse pubblico e per rispetto ai nostri alleati non posso comunicare alcuna informazione in riguardo alle eventuali condizioni di pace, ad eccezione della nota che io sbilli l'onore di leggere alla Camera.

"Se proposte concrete dovessero essere fatte in avvenire, le prenderemo in considerazione e discuteremo sul punto che non sarebbe pratico né decente discutere la questione oggi. Inoltre bisogna metterli bene in mente che possono degli alleati dell'Intesa potrebbe prendere in considerazione qualsiasi condizione di pace che potesse per ipotesi essergli eventualmente offerta in forma separata.

"Nell'interesse pubblico e per rispetto ai nostri alleati non posso comunicare alcuna informazione in riguardo alle eventuali condizioni di pace, ad eccezione della nota che io sbilli l'onore di leggere alla Camera.

"Se proposte concrete dovessero essere fatte in avvenire, le prenderemo in considerazione e discuteremo sul punto che non sarebbe pratico né decente discutere la questione oggi. Inoltre bisogna metterli bene in mente che possono degli alleati dell'Intesa potrebbe prendere in considerazione qualsiasi condizione di pace che potesse per ipotesi essergli eventualmente offerta in forma separata.

"Nell'interesse pubblico e per rispetto ai nostri alleati non posso comunicare alcuna informazione in riguardo alle eventuali condizioni di pace, ad eccezione della nota che io sbilli l'onore di leggere alla Camera.

"Se proposte concrete dovessero essere fatte in avvenire, le prenderemo in considerazione e discuteremo sul punto che non sarebbe pratico né decente discutere la questione oggi. Inoltre bisogna metterli bene in mente che possono degli alleati dell'Intesa potrebbe prendere in considerazione qualsiasi condizione di pace che potesse per ipotesi essergli eventualmente offerta in forma separata.

"Nell'interesse pubblico e per rispetto ai nostri alleati non posso comunicare alcuna informazione in riguardo alle eventuali condizioni di pace, ad eccezione della nota che io sbilli l'onore di leggere alla Camera.

"Se proposte concrete dovessero essere fatte in avvenire, le prenderemo in considerazione e discuteremo sul punto che non sarebbe pratico né decente discutere la questione oggi. Inoltre bisogna metterli bene in mente che possono degli alleati dell'Intesa potrebbe prendere in considerazione qualsiasi condizione di pace che potesse per ipotesi essergli eventualmente offerta in forma separata.

"Nell'interesse pubblico e per rispetto ai nostri alleati non posso comunicare alcuna informazione in riguardo alle eventuali condizioni di pace, ad eccezione della nota che io sbilli l'onore di leggere alla Camera.

"Se proposte concrete dovessero essere fatte in avvenire, le prenderemo in considerazione e discuteremo sul punto che non sarebbe pratico né decente discutere la questione oggi. Inoltre bisogna metterli bene in mente che possono degli alleati dell'Intesa potrebbe prendere in considerazione qualsiasi condizione di pace che potesse per ipotesi essergli eventualmente offerta in forma separata.

"Nell'interesse pubblico e per rispetto ai nostri alleati non posso comunicare alcuna informazione in riguardo alle eventuali condizioni di pace, ad eccezione della nota che io sbilli l'onore di leggere alla Camera.

"Se proposte concrete dovessero essere fatte in avvenire, le prenderemo in considerazione e discuteremo sul punto che non sarebbe pratico né decente discutere la questione oggi. Inoltre bisogna metterli bene in mente che possono degli alleati dell'Intesa potrebbe prendere in considerazione qualsiasi condizione di pace che potesse per ipotesi essergli eventualmente offerta in forma separata.

"Nell'interesse pubblico e per rispetto ai nostri alleati non posso comunicare alcuna informazione in riguardo alle eventuali condizioni di pace, ad eccezione della nota che io sbilli l'onore di leggere alla Camera.

"Se proposte concrete dovessero essere fatte in avvenire, le prenderemo in considerazione e discuteremo sul punto che non sarebbe pratico né decente discutere la questione oggi. Inoltre bisogna metterli bene in mente che possono degli alleati dell'Intesa potrebbe prendere in considerazione qualsiasi condizione di pace che potesse per ipotesi essergli eventualmente offerta in forma separata.

"Nell'interesse pubblico e per rispetto ai nostri alleati non posso comunicare alcuna informazione in riguardo alle eventuali condizioni di pace, ad eccezione della nota che io sbilli l'onore di leggere alla Camera.

"Se proposte concrete dovessero essere fatte in avvenire, le prenderemo in considerazione e discuteremo sul punto che non sarebbe pratico né decente discutere la questione oggi. Inoltre bisogna metterli bene in mente che possono degli alleati dell'Intesa potrebbe prendere in considerazione qualsiasi condizione di pace che potesse per ipotesi essergli eventualmente offerta in forma separata.

svolti soltanto fuori di artiglieria. Le nostre batterie hanno bombardato trinceramenti nemici sul Monte Cucco, nel Medio Isonzo e le stazioni ferroviarie di Volcistrada, ed hanno disperso truppe nemiche in marcia sul Carso.

Mackensen Wins Fortified Line

Continued from Page One wondering where the next blow will be struck.

The Rumanian advance has now about doubled the distance between General Sarraff's forces in Macedonia and the original Rumanian front, and it is believed that there is all danger that these forces might effect a penetration to the Rumanian theatre for the relief of Romania. This advance now seriously threatens the line of the stereti, in Moldavia, according to the German military authorities. The line in question is about a forty-mile front, which was long ago fortified, and is believed now to be even stronger than at the time of its original preparation.

The Rumanian petroleum wells in the district occupied by the Teutonic troops have been found so little damaged, the report states, that oil already is being produced so fast as it can be transported with the aid of the Rumanians who have remained on the ground and are willing to work.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 20.—The Russian War Office has issued the following: "On the Rumanian front two enemy squadrons with a battery of horse artillery deployed in the region of the village of Batoc, midway between the villages of Danubel, west of Vizura, but retired in disorder under the fire of our artillery. Two cannons and a limber were hit by our artillery and abandoned by the enemy."

FRENCH HALT TEUTON ASSAULT ON SOMME

PARIS, Dec. 20.—A raid was undertaken by German troops Monday night on the Somme front north of Chilly.

On the Verdun front active artillery fighting occurred in the region of Louvois and Chambrettes.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Army headquarters has issued the following: "On the east bank of the Meuse yesterday afternoon the artillery engagement increased in intensity. The French attacked Fosses Wood, Chambrettes, which lies before our position. It remained in their hands after hand-to-hand fighting. At all other places on the front of the attack they were repulsed.

Northwest and north of Rheims French detachments, advancing upon our trenches after strong artillery preparation, were repulsed.

Although the German military authorities are making no effort to belittle the recent French gains in the neighborhood of Verdun, and look for more attacks in the near future, they maintain that the results attained are small and have no effect on the general military situation. They do not believe the anticipated future attacks will necessitate any transfer of troops from the east to the west, since ample reserves are on hand.

SULLA FRONTE ITALIANA

Ieri sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione alla fronte italo-austriaca.

Sulla fronte del Trentino si sono avute le solite azioni di artiglieria che sono state particolarmente violente nella zona dell'alta valle dell'Adige dove le nostre batterie hanno cannoneggiato efficacemente una colonna nemica in marcia.

Sulla fronte delle Alpi Giulie si sono interrotti da appiarsi, specialmente quando egli afferma che era sua opinione che la massa delle potenze centrali era una trappola per gli alleati, trappola nella quale essi non sarebbero caduti, e riaffermo solennemente l'incrollabile solidarietà degli alleati dell'Intesa, solidarietà che si sarebbe presto manifestata nella risposta identica che essi avrebbero data alle potenze centrali.

Ieri sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione alla fronte italo-austriaca.

Sulla fronte del Trentino si sono avute le solite azioni di artiglieria che sono state particolarmente violente nella zona dell'alta valle dell'Adige dove le nostre batterie hanno cannoneggiato efficacemente una colonna nemica in marcia.

Sulla fronte delle Alpi Giulie si sono interrotti da appiarsi, specialmente quando egli afferma che era sua opinione che la massa delle potenze centrali era una trappola per gli alleati, trappola nella quale essi non sarebbero caduti, e riaffermo solennemente l'incrollabile solidarietà degli alleati dell'Intesa, solidarietà che si sarebbe presto manifestata nella risposta identica che essi avrebbero data alle potenze centrali.

Sulla fronte del Trentino si sono avute le solite azioni di artiglieria che sono state particolarmente violente nella zona dell'alta valle dell'Adige dove le nostre batterie hanno cannoneggiato efficacemente una colonna nemica in marcia.

Sulla fronte delle Alpi Giulie si sono interrotti da appiarsi, specialmente quando egli afferma che era sua opinione che la massa delle potenze centrali era una trappola per gli alleati, trappola nella quale essi non sarebbero caduti, e riaffermo solennemente l'incrollabile solidarietà degli alleati dell'Intesa, solidarietà che si sarebbe presto manifestata nella risposta identica che essi avrebbero data alle potenze centrali.

Sulla fronte del Trentino si sono avute le solite azioni di artiglieria che sono state particolarmente violente nella zona dell'alta valle dell'Adige dove le nostre batterie hanno cannoneggiato efficacemente una colonna nemica in marcia.

Sulla fronte delle Alpi Giulie si sono interrotti da appiarsi, specialmente quando egli afferma che era sua opinione che la massa delle potenze centrali era una trappola per gli alleati, trappola nella quale essi non sarebbero caduti, e riaffermo solennemente l'incrollabile solidarietà degli alleati dell'Intesa, solidarietà che si sarebbe presto manifestata nella risposta identica che essi avrebbero data alle potenze centrali.

Sulla fronte del Trentino si sono avute le solite azioni di artiglieria che sono state particolarmente violente nella zona dell'alta valle dell'Adige dove le nostre batterie hanno cannoneggiato efficacemente una colonna nemica in marcia.

Sulla fronte delle Alpi Giulie si sono interrotti da appiarsi, specialmente quando egli afferma che era sua opinione che la massa delle potenze centrali era una trappola per gli alleati, trappola nella quale essi non sarebbero caduti, e riaffermo solennemente l'incrollabile solidarietà degli alleati dell'Intesa, solidarietà che si sarebbe presto manifestata nella risposta identica che essi avrebbero data alle potenze centrali.

Sulla fronte del Trentino si sono avute le solite azioni di artiglieria che sono state particolarmente violente nella zona dell'alta valle dell'Adige dove le nostre batterie hanno cannoneggiato efficacemente una colonna nemica in marcia.

Sulla fronte delle Alpi Giulie si sono interrotti da appiarsi, specialmente quando egli afferma che era sua opinione che la massa delle potenze centrali era una trappola per gli alleati, trappola nella quale essi non sarebbero caduti, e riaffermo solennemente l'incrollabile solidarietà degli alleati dell'Intesa, solidarietà che si sarebbe presto manifestata nella risposta identica che essi avrebbero data alle potenze centrali.

HINTS AT FAVORABLE OUTCOME WITH MEXICO

Professor Rowe, of American Commission, Cheerful After Adjournment

An early solution of the problems at issue between the United States and Mexican Governments was intimated today by Prof. L. S. Rowe, secretary of the American Commission, which last night wound up its session with the Mexican representatives with an indefinite adjournment.

Professor Rowe would not say what his solution would be, but his words had an optimistic ring.

From other sources it was learned that if First Chief Carranza does not sign the protocol agreed upon at the Atlantic City conference, the negotiations of the joint commissions of America and Mexico will end abruptly.

The attitude of the United States was communicated in a terse ultimatum of 452 words, which had been drawn by Secretary Lane, ratified by his colleagues, Judge Gray and John H. Mot and it is said, approved by the President. The lead of the de facto Government has until the end of the year to give his reply.

The United States, according to those who know, has become weary of the "manana" policy and tactics adopted by Carranza and has determined on a vigorous policy.

Luis Cabrera, who is the chief spokesman for the First Chief, was asked last night if an ultimatum had been decided upon. He hesitated for a moment and replied: "I can neither affirm nor deny any such statements as that at this time. You will have to wait until Carranza has answered."

From another official source, however, it was learned that the message to Carranza was virtually an ultimatum. It indicated the attitude of the United States in accepting the protocol the negotiations would be stopped automatically.

This same informant disclosed that the chief obstacle to an agreement seemed to be the disposition of General Pershing's forces. Carranza, it is said, holds that the presence of the American troops is a source of strength to the bandits, who stir up the people against the de facto government by pointing to the "invaders." The ultimatum, so it is inferred, declares that the United States alone is to be the judge of the time when Pershing shall be ordered to withdraw.

The feeling obtains that having made formal protest against its objectionable provisions, the de facto leader will plead to his people that he is face to face with a situation in which might is right. Thus, with a protest for political reasons, he will sign the agreement.

Negotiations reached the climax with Carranza's refusal to sign the protocol. Carranza had laid before the joint commission on Monday the oral rejection by Carranza

and the reason by the First Chief for his refusal to ratify the protocol. Secretary Lane invited the commissioners to meet in a secret session late Monday night. At that conference Senator Paul was requested to put into writing the nature of Carranza's objections to the protocol, and to outline at length the reason for the First Chief's attitude.

The message will be coded tonight and wired to Carranza to the American representative, who will transmit it to Carranza. The official letter containing the ultimatum also will be sent today.

BELL REFUSES TO GIVE UP DESERTING MEXICAN

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 20.—Holding toward Americans increased in Juarez today as the result of General Bell's refusal to turn over to the Carranza commander General Comandante, who deserted and fled to El Paso. Americans were advised not to visit the Mexican city until the situation is adjusted.

Having failed to move General Bell, Juarez garrison, today appealed to the El Paso civil authorities, alleging that Comandante looted the Juarez treasury before fleeing to El Paso. He declared further that he would refuse to return deserters from the American army who sought refuge in Juarez.

General Gonzalez's revolt against General Murguia and his refusal to surrender his command threatened serious consequences today. General Comandante has sent word of telegrams to General Obregon, urging that he send a force to depose Gonzalez. Gonzalez appeared to have the upper hand. He was in position to cut off Murguia's supplies at Chihuahua City and at the same time to desert to Villahermosa.

General Gonzalez's revolt against General Murguia and his refusal to surrender his command threatened serious consequences today. General Comandante has sent word of telegrams to General Obregon, urging that he send a force to depose Gonzalez. Gonzalez appeared to have the upper hand. He was in position to cut off Murguia's supplies at Chihuahua City and at the same time to desert to Villahermosa.

General Gonzalez's revolt against General Murguia and his refusal to surrender his command threatened serious consequences today. General Comandante has sent word of telegrams to General Obregon, urging that he send a force to depose Gonzalez. Gonzalez appeared to have the upper hand. He was in position to cut off Murguia's supplies at Chihuahua City and at the same time to desert to Villahermosa.

General Gonzalez's revolt against General Murguia and his refusal to surrender his command threatened serious consequences today. General Comandante has sent word of telegrams to General Obregon, urging that he send a force to depose Gonzalez. Gonzalez appeared to have the upper hand. He was in position to cut off Murguia's supplies at Chihuahua City and at the same time to desert to Villahermosa.

General Gonzalez's revolt against General Murguia and his refusal to surrender his command threatened serious consequences today. General Comandante has sent word of telegrams to General Obregon, urging that he send a force to depose Gonzalez. Gonzalez appeared to have the upper hand. He was in position to cut off Murguia's supplies at Chihuahua City and at the same time to desert to Villahermosa.

General Gonzalez's revolt against General Murguia and his refusal to surrender his command threatened serious consequences today. General Comandante has sent word of telegrams to General Obregon, urging that he send a force to depose Gonzalez. Gonzalez appeared to have the upper hand. He was in position to cut off Murguia's supplies at Chihuahua City and at the same time to desert to Villahermosa.

General Gonzalez's revolt against General Murguia and his refusal to surrender his command threatened serious consequences today. General Comandante has sent word of telegrams to General Obregon, urging that he send a force to depose Gonzalez. Gonzalez appeared to have the upper hand. He was in position to cut off Murguia's supplies at Chihuahua City and at the same time to desert to Villahermosa.

General Gonzalez's revolt against General Murguia and his refusal to surrender his command threatened serious consequences today. General Comandante has sent word of telegrams to General Obregon, urging that he send a force to depose Gonzalez. Gonzalez appeared to have the upper hand. He was in position to cut off Murguia's supplies at Chihuahua City and at the same time to desert to Villahermosa.

General Gonzalez's revolt against General Murguia and his refusal to surrender his command threatened serious consequences today. General Comandante has sent word of telegrams to General Obregon, urging that he send a force to depose Gonzalez. Gonzalez appeared to have the upper hand. He was in position to cut off Murguia's supplies at Chihuahua City and at the same time to desert to Villahermosa.

General Gonzalez's revolt against General Murguia and his refusal to surrender his command threatened serious consequences today. General Comandante has sent word of telegrams to General Obregon, urging that he send a force to depose Gonzalez. Gonzalez appeared to have the upper hand. He was in position to cut off Murguia's supplies at Chihuahua City and at the same time to desert to Villahermosa.

400 CHILDREN IN PANIC

Boiler Explodes in Pittsburgh Junction School—Pupils Escape

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 20.—When a boiler exploded in the engine room in the basement of the Jefferson Public School, at Pittston Junction, 400 children became panic-stricken. Only heroic efforts of the teachers saved the pupils from injury and perhaps death. Classes were marched from the building in an orderly manner.

Sent to Prison for Threats

BELLEFONTAINE, Pa., Dec. 20.—Announcement has been made that the Superior Court has confirmed the verdict and sentence of the Center County Court in the case of B. Paul Swartz, convicted of attempted extortion by threats to burn a barn. He must serve not less than ten nor more than fifteen years in prison. He has been in jail for six months.

Menigitis Attacks Guardsmen

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 20.—Four companies of the Georgia Infantry Brigade have been quarantined because of the discovery of four cases of spinal meningitis among them.

Coatesville to Have Mummies Parade

COATESVILLE, Pa., Dec. 20.—Coatesville is to have a mummies' parade, Marching clubs from all over the county will participate for cash and other prizes. The Chamber of Commerce has donated liberally to the success of the demonstration. The chamber also has arranged for a community tree.

Boiler Explodes in Pittsburgh Junction School—Pupils Escape

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 20.—When a boiler exploded in the engine room in the basement of the Jefferson Public School, at Pittston Junction, 400 children became panic-stricken. Only heroic efforts of the teachers saved the pupils from injury and perhaps death. Classes were marched from the building in an orderly manner.

Sent to Prison for Threats

BELLEFONTAINE, Pa., Dec. 20.—Announcement has been made that the Superior Court has confirmed the verdict and sentence of the Center County Court in the case of B. Paul Swartz, convicted of attempted extortion by threats to burn a barn. He must serve not less than ten nor more than fifteen years in prison. He has been in jail for six months.

Menigitis Attacks Guardsmen

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 20.—Four companies of the Georgia Infantry Brigade have been quarantined because of the discovery of four cases of spinal meningitis among them.

Coatesville to Have Mummies Parade

COATESVILLE, Pa., Dec. 20.—Coatesville is to have a mummies' parade, Marching clubs from all over the county will participate for cash and other prizes. The Chamber of Commerce has donated liberally to the success of the demonstration. The chamber also has arranged for a community tree.

400 CHILDREN IN PANIC

Boiler Explodes in Pittsburgh Junction School—Pupils Escape

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 20.—When a boiler exploded in the engine room in the basement of the Jefferson Public School, at Pittston Junction, 400 children became panic-stricken. Only heroic efforts of the teachers saved the pupils from injury and perhaps death. Classes were marched from the building in an orderly manner.

Sent to Prison for Threats

BELLEFONTAINE, Pa., Dec. 20.—Announcement has been made that the Superior Court has confirmed the verdict and sentence of the Center County Court in the case of B. Paul Swartz, convicted of attempted extortion by threats to burn a barn. He must serve not less than ten nor more than fifteen years in prison. He has been in jail for six months.

Menigitis Attacks Guardsmen

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 20.—Four companies of the Georgia Infantry Brigade have been quarantined because of the discovery of four cases of spinal meningitis among them.

Coatesville to Have Mummies Parade

COATESVILLE, Pa., Dec. 20.—Coatesville is to have a mummies' parade, Marching clubs from all over the county will participate for cash and other prizes. The Chamber of Commerce has donated liberally to the success of the demonstration. The chamber also has arranged for a community tree.

Boiler Explodes in Pittsburgh Junction School—Pupils Escape

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 20.—When a boiler exploded in the engine room in the basement of the Jefferson Public School, at Pittston Junction, 400 children became panic-stricken. Only heroic efforts of the teachers saved the pupils from injury and perhaps death. Classes were marched from the building in an orderly manner.

Sent to Prison for Threats

BELLEFONTAINE, Pa., Dec. 20.—Announcement has been made that the Superior Court has confirmed the verdict and sentence of the Center County Court in the case of B. Paul Swartz, convicted of attempted extortion by threats to burn a barn. He must serve not less than ten nor more than fifteen years in prison. He has been in jail for six months.

Menigitis Attacks Guardsmen

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 20.—Four companies of the Georgia Infantry Brigade have been quarantined because of the discovery of four cases of spinal meningitis among them.

Coatesville to Have Mummies Parade

COATESVILLE, Pa., Dec. 20.—Coatesville is to have a mummies' parade, Marching clubs from all over the county will participate for cash and other prizes. The Chamber of Commerce has donated liberally to the success of the demonstration. The chamber also has arranged for a community tree.

Boiler Explodes in Pittsburgh Junction School—Pupils Escape

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 20.—When a boiler exploded in the engine room in the basement of the Jefferson Public School, at Pittston Junction, 400 children became panic-stricken. Only heroic efforts of the teachers saved the pupils from injury and perhaps death. Classes were marched from the building in an orderly manner.

Sent to Prison for Threats

BELLEFONTAINE, Pa., Dec. 20.—Announcement has been made that the Superior Court has confirmed the verdict and sentence of the Center County Court in the case of B. Paul Swartz, convicted of attempted extortion by threats to burn a barn. He must serve not less than ten nor more than fifteen years in prison. He has been in jail for six months.

Menigitis Attacks Guardsmen

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 20.—Four companies of the Georgia Infantry Brigade have been quarantined because of the discovery of four cases of spinal meningitis among them.

Coatesville to Have Mummies Parade

COATESVILLE, Pa., Dec. 20.—Coatesville is to have a mummies' parade, Marching clubs from all over the county will participate for cash and other prizes. The Chamber of Commerce has donated liberally to the success of the demonstration. The chamber also has arranged for a community tree.

BUGBEE MAY BE COMPTROLLER

Republican Chairman Announces Candidacy—Edge Backs Him

TRENTON, Dec. 20.—Newton A. K. Bugbee, chairman of the Republican State committee, has formally announced his candidacy for the office of State Comptroller of New Jersey, to succeed Edward L. Edwards, Democrat, whose term will expire early in February. The Comptrollership pays \$5000 a year for a term of three years.

It is regarded as reasonably certain that Bugbee will get the place. Governor-elect Walter E. Edge thinks Bugbee should have the post in recognition of his services to the Republican party.

Meningitis Attacks Guardsmen

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 20.—Four companies of the Georgia Infantry Brigade have been quarantined because of the discovery of four cases of spinal meningitis among them.

Coatesville to Have Mummies Parade

COATESVILLE, Pa., Dec. 20.—Coatesville is to have a mummies' parade, Marching clubs from all over the county will participate for cash and other prizes. The Chamber of Commerce has donated liberally to the success of the demonstration. The chamber also has arranged for a community tree.

Boiler Explodes in Pittsburgh Junction School—Pupils Escape

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 20.—When a boiler exploded in the engine room in the basement of the Jefferson Public School