CITY'S ONLY ACE RECEIVES OVATION

Thousands Cheer Major C. J. Biddle as Red Cross Speaker

ADDRESSES NOON RALLY

Business Men Vie With Stenographers and Office Boys in Shouting Welcome

Francis Farquhar, Christmas rollcall chairman for the Red Cross district composed of Pennsylvania and Delaware, announced in Harrisburg, at noon today, that the total membership reported up to that hour was 887,227.

Major Charles J. Biddle, Philadelphia's only "ace," was given a tremendous reception at the final rally of the Red Cross Christmas rollcall campaign at the Liberty statue at noon today.

As he stepped upon the platform to speak a sustained shout of wild acclaim went up from the throats of the thousands who thronged Broad street almost as far back as Chestnut.

The bedlam was still in full swing when Dr. Charles B. Hart stepped forward to propose three cheers for the aviator-hero, but before the words could form on his lips the impromptu demonstration increased with such volume that he could not hear his own voice.

Overcome by Reception's Fervor

So overcome was Major Biddle at the spontaneous welcome that it was some moments before he could speak coherently and the crowd, respecting his emotion, waited with patent understanding for him to begin.

After recounting his experiences in the French army, with which he fought for ten months prior to this country's entry into the war, Major Biddle told of the great work of the Red Cross overseas and issued an appeal for its support in post-war activities, which he declared were even more important than those carried on before the armistice was signed.

"Our Duty Is Not Over"

"Our duty is not over by a long shot," he said. "We have a million and a half men still in France. True, they are not fighting, but neither are they living in hotels. You have rain and storms here, but you ought to see the brand they have in France.

"Although the men are pretty well seasoned by life in the trenches, sickness is inevitable under the conditions they are forced to experience. Hardy as they are, they are certainly not immune from disease.

"I can vouch for the vast strides made by the Red Cross in the war zone during the last year, from actual experience. Last February, before the Red Cross was well organized in France, I was taken to a hospital with minor wounds. Laboring with inadequate facilities and handicapped by a shortage of doctors and nurses, the Red Cross was literally swamped with unattended wounded.

"It was fighting manfully, with sacrifice and devotion, but it wasn't equal to the gigantic task.

"Two months later I was wounded again and taken to a field hospital. The difference was marvelous. American efficiency and pure American grit had overcome all obstacles and the treatment given the wounded could not have been more thorough.

"Not Time to Relax"

"The Red Cross scope of operations is even more comprehensive now, but this is not the time to relax. There are still thousands of maimed and wounded boys over there who need constant attention, and for those that have come through whole there is the Red Cross canteen, the greatest of war's institutions from the doughboy's standpoint.

"Those boys over there are homesick and it is the canteen, with its comforts and healthful surroundings, that will supply the unspoken want of every soldier who must remain on the other side until peace is definitely established."

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury, Mrs. Arthur Gray, Mrs. Henry N. Paul, whose son, Samuel Paul, is also an aviator and a close friend of Major Biddle, and scores of others congratulated the returned "ace."

John C. Bell, former State Attorney General, and Mrs. Arthur H. Lea, vice president of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of Red Cross, were also speakers at the rally.

E. T. Stotesbury Directs Singing

A trio of S. A. T. C. boys from State College sang some of the popular war songs and the Leo Feist trio contributed several numbers. E. T. Stotesbury in a burst of enthusiasm directed the community singing of "Smiles" and "Over There."

The Chester Valley branch of Red Cross reported incomplete returns of 631 memberships.

"While figures so far show us far behind last year," declared H. W. Smith, office director of the roll-call drive, "these figures are no indication of the real total. It will be impossible to have the definite figures before the last of this month, though we will be able to announce estimates tomorrow. I am expecting many of the districts to send in their reports tonight."

At midnight the Christmas rollcall campaign for new members will end. It is Philadelphia's last chance to write its name high upon the honor roll of the crimson symbol of "good will to men."

$100,000 IN FURS STOLEN

Atlantic City Store Is Stripped of Everything of Value

Atlantic City, Dec. 23.—Furs, reported to be valued at more than $100,000, were stolen when the store of Cohen & Gettelmen, 1111 Boardwalk, was entered by burglars sometime since yesterday morning.

A score of detectives working on the case have made no arrests. It is thought the thieves used an automobile truck to remove the loot, as almost every article of value is missing.

Elkton Marriage Licenses

Elkton, Md., Dec. 23.—The following marriage licenses were issued here to the following couples: Alfred Taylor and Edna Barlies, Emmett Sturts and Nellie Shade, George P. Baldt and Catherine Lutz, Philadelphia; Roy Wallace, St. Louis, and Helen H. Keown, Philadelphia; Conrad Miller, Paterson, N. J., and Ethel Morrison, Philadelphia; Lloyd H. Sawyer, Richmond, Va., and Harriet Pilling, Philadelphia; William R. Bachel, Philadelphia, and Leah Hedrick, Spring City, Pa.; Thomas C. Courtney and Ella Jones, Philadelphia; Norris S. Tichnick and Eleanor Denkelocker, Limerick, Pa.; Harold E. Stratton, Hammond, Ind., and Hazel Griner, Salem, N. J.; Ivan J. Jenkins and Emma Cramp, Gloucester; William A. Reed and Margaret Frame, Camden; Harold C. Hoag and Nila M. Bates, Athol, Mass.; Homer E. Cooke and Esther Kerner, Lititz, Pa.; Charles I. Griffin and Lillian Smith, Fort Deposit, Md.; Frank Douglas, and Edna M. Harris, Philadelphia.

BLOODY FIGHTING IN ESSEN STREETS

Soldiers and Workmen Mow Down Spartacides With Machine Guns

THREAT FROM GROENER

Declares He Will Seize Berlin if Order Is Not Re-established Shortly

Zurich, Dec. 23.

Bloody street fighting at Essen between the forces of Workmen and Soldiers' Council and the Spartacides was reported in a dispatch received today. There were many casualties. The Spartacides apparently were defeated.

Rioting started when the leaders of a strike at the Bottorr mine were arrested by agents of the Workmen and Soldiers' Council. The Spartacides obtained re-enforcements, attacked the prison, released their comrades and imprisoned the Soviet representatives.

Shortly afterward an armed mob marched upon the Moller mine and attempted to destroy the plant. Workmen and Soldiers' forces, planting machine guns at strategic points, met the rioters with a deadly fire and dispersed them. Many fell.

Zurich, Dec. 23.—(By A. P.)—The Ebert Government in Berlin is reported to be faced with another crisis through the resignation of the minority members of the cabinet.

Political circles in Berlin, another report says, are agitated by a rumor that General Groener, who succeeded General Ludendorff as chief quartermaster general, has threatened to seize Berlin with troops that have remained faithful if order is not re-established there shortly.

Dr. Carl Duisburg of Leverkusen, head of the German aniline dye industry, is reported to have fled to Switzerland. Dr. Duisburg was generally looked upon as the connecting link between "business" and General Ludendorff and was one of the most active of the pan-Germans.

The bourgeoise parties in Germany are striving to erect a solid front against the majority Socialists in the coming elections to the national assembly. The elections are only four weeks away and the former Right and Center parties are still much disorganized.

The Socialists have an intact party organization and have a strategic advantage because they now are in virtual control of the Government. An added factor is that the Ebert-Haase Government has been strengthened in its position by the action of the recent revolutionary congress, which not only widened the jurisdiction of the cabinet, but placed at its disposal a serviceable central committee of Soldiers and Workmen's Councils. This has been interpreted as marking the defeat of the ultra radical tendencies championed by the proletarian extremists.

The Provisional Government will use the time before elections for alleviating economic conditions.

As the Majority Socialists are virtually in command of the central government and dominate the local governments throughout Germany, they probably will enter the election fight as a solid majority irrespective of the future action of the Independent Socialists or the Spartacus group.

The national assembly will be called to order ten days after the elections, which will be held January 19. This period will be used in collating the vote and arranging technical details. The session will continue eight weeks. Cities which are urging that the national assembly meet there are Frankfort, Cassel, Erfurt, Bayreuth, Weimar and Nuremburg. Berlin is likely to be overlooked, as the progress of the congress held last week convinced the out-of-town delegates that Berlin is too noisy.

All Bavarian industries employing more than ten persons have been ordered to shut down from December 23 until January 2 for the purpose of saving coal. The workers will receive 90 per cent of their ordinary wages, of which the employers will collect two-thirds from the communities in which they are located, under a State Treasury ruling made for the purpose of guarding industries.

HOG ISLAND CAR WRECKED IN REAR-END CRASH

An impenetrable fog was responsible for two rear-end collisions today on the Hog Island road near Ninetieth street and Tinicum avenue. A trailer car suddenly stopped for some unknown reason, when a second car crashed into the rear of the stalled trolley, injuring a score of workers

TRANSPORTS BRING BIG TROOP CONTINGENTS

Cedric Carries 2244—George Washington Arrives With 3792

By the Associated Press

New York, Dec. 23.

The United States transport Cedric arrived in port today from Liverpool, carrying sixty-five officers, 2168 enlisted men, four nurses and seven civilians. The troops comprise Winchester casuals Companies Nos. 1062 (negro), 1065, 1066 and 1067; Liverpool casual Companies Nos. 1002 (negro), 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006 and 1007; the 332d aero squadron, and fourteen officers and 424 men sick and wounded. Of the latter seventy-four are bedridden cases, two mental and two tubercular.

The Cedric was followed into port by the transport George Washington, the ship that conveyed President Wilson to France, also bringing home American troops.

The George Washington, which left Brest December 15, had 331 officers and 3461 men, including the 139th Field Artillery, complete, 63 officers and 1184 men; Batteries A, B, D, E and Headquarters Company, 137th Field Artillery, 33 officers and 324 men; 138th Field Artillery, 35 officers; advance school detachment, Eleventh Division, 49 officers and 82 men, and sick and wounded, 969, of whom 75 are bedridden.

The sick included thirty-three men suffering from mumps. There were no deaths on the voyage across.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Sailing from France of the transport Rijndam on December 19 with about 3000 officers and men was announced today by the War Department. The vessel probably will dock at Newport News, January 1.

On board the Rijndam are Casual Companies 111 and 404, Thirty-second Brigade Headquarters, Coast Artillery Corps; Ninth and Thirteenth Anti-Aircraft sections; 114th Ammunition Train; thirty-one casual officers, including Brigadier General Charles Zimmerman.

ARREST REVEALS TWO THEFTS

Jewelry Aggregating $6000 Stolen by Negro, Police Say

Thefts totaling approximately $6000 from the James B. Gillies jewelry store, Broad street and Susquehanna avenue, were discovered today following the arrest of Henry Harris, a negro employed at the place. Harris had eighteen pawn tickets for pieces of jewelry, most of them pledged for sums ranging up to $75, the police say.

Harris, who lives in Beechwood street, above Montgomery avenue, was arrested on a charge of robbing the cash drawer of Henry Sohl, a restaurant man at Tulip and Clearfield streets. Harris was eating in the place at the time the robbery is alleged to have taken place.

A search of Harris revealed the pawn tickets and disclosed his employment at the jewelry store. Gillies was notified, and he with Detective Irving Dogole, made an inventory of the store's stock. Forty gold watches, diamond rings, necklaces, bracelets and brooches were found to be missing from the stock.

Harris was held in $500 bail on the robbery charge preferred by Sohl.

GIRL GIVES SLEUTHS REAL "MOVIE" CHASE

Pretty Theft Suspect Leads Exciting Pursut Through Hotel Corridors

A regular motion picture chase today through the corridors of two floors of the Hotel Adelphia, in which four detectives tripped over their quarry and fell in a heap in true movie style, ended in the capture of a girl of real film-queen type—furs, silk gowns, and all.

Registering indignation that was anything but silent, the young woman was led to City Hall to answer charges of hotel robbery. She gave the name of Cleo Miller, and her age as eighteen. At first she said she lived in Milwaukee, but later said her home was in Vesper, Wis.

To charges that she had stolen more than $500 and jewlry worth $1000, she uttered indignant denial.

About $500 was found in a room she had taken in the hotel under the name of "Mr. and Mrs. H. Coleman," although she was alone. Guests of the hotel identified articles she had as their property, taken from their rooms last night and early today. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Taylor and R. O. Pfeffer, of the Adelphia, claimed several valuables, as did L. Lunine, of the Vendig. The girl is alleged to have stopped at the Vendig, and Manager Kimball, of the Bingham, declared she stayed there one night.

Detectives Swan and McNutt, of the Adelphia, and City Detectives Martin and Smith set out to trap Miss Miller today, but she fled when she saw them. Down corridors and stairs, the pursuit led, until the girl reached a dark place around a corner. There she crouched to let her pursuers pass, but one of them stumbled over her and all fell, the young woman at the bottom of the pile.

Helped to her feet she voiced several threats to "Make somebody pay for this outrage," but she was led away to a cell. Magistrate Mecleary held her without bail for court this afternoon.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Henry L. Real, 1229 Ogden st., and Hattie Freeman, 1229 Ogden st.
James M. Price, 511 S. 47th st., and Elizabeth Reading, 1806 Kater st.
Frank Allen, 15 S. Iber st., and Susie Smith, 15 S. Iber st.
John Dunlap, New York city, and Marie Richardson, 210 N. Darien st.
Shelton White, 1528 S. Capitol st., and Lizzie Dorsey, 1536 Warnock st.
Benjamin Greenfield, 990 N. 7th st., and Ida Reichbard, 808 Jefferson st.
James E. Randolph, U. S. A., 1021 W. Master st., and Beatrice Harrison, 1021 W. Master st.
William Sheldon, 310 S. Camac st., and Elizabeth Jones, 1333 Rodman st.
Milton May, 956 N. 11th st., and Mary F. Devlin, 7622 Germantown ave.
Walter Lamb, 1715 Bainbridge st., and Hulda Thompson, 1600 Page st.
Dale C. Rich, Amatole, N. J., and Ida Wiesand, 3229 N. Hope st.
Christopher Kneersan, Reading, Pa., and Bessie Fasig, Reading, Pa.
Walter S. Sutton, 5 S. West McHenry, st., and Edna New, 2417 Jefferson st.
Flore Novelli, 1938 S. 10th st., and Mary Giovinetti, 1943 S. 10th st.
Gadsen Heath, 2210 S. Jone st., and Florence Dickerson, 1040 S. Cleveland st.
Arthur L. Purner, 1 S. A., Newell, Va., and Georgia E. Eckleberry, Newell, W. Va.
Carl J. Weingeyer, Fox Chase, and Helen C. Griesbach, 709 Lycoming ave.
Isadore Rappaport, 2012 S. 10th st., and Minnie Acnenbaum, New York city.
George Coley, 2633 Roberts ave., and Nora Davis, 2629 Roberts ave.
Wilson Perdue, 833 Ricks st., and Callie Shanks, 3726 Merion ave.
Robert Lockett, 1685 Hunting Park ave., and Jennie Clark, 4826 N. 18th st.
Ernest B. Millar, 2235 Hunting Park ave., and Carrie E. Kaufman, 3014 W. Dauphin st.
John A. Johnson, 4815 Glenmore ave., and Rebecca Curtis, 1328 S. May st.
Jacob Lewis, 1639 Seybert st., and Annie F. Capes, 1638 Seybert st.
Edward Banks, U. S. A., 1208 S. 16th st., and Eliese Mejay, 1208 S. 16th st.
Frank W. Theil, U. S. A., 6112 Media st., and Edith C. Roth, 6112 Media st.
James H. Mackay, Colonnade Hotel, 15th and Chestnut, and Anna M. Brooklyn, 3924 N. 22d st.
Frank E. Lawler, U. S. N., and Lena Welk, 2615 Mascher st.
Sidney Mac Gean, 2517 Nicholas st., and Florence Sines, 2335 N. 24th st.
James H. Hall, 104 N. 19th st., and Eleanor H. Hoffer, 104 N. 19th st.
John Dittmar, 2741 Poplar st., and Jennie Evans, 1710 Parrish st.
Carroll H. Harris, U. S. N., Indiana, and Florence Christine, 313 Spruce st.
Edward McGorman, 2725 Reese st., and Emma D. Garrigues, 835 E. Auburn st.
Giovanni Amalfitano, Wilmington, Del., and Maria Capessuto, 2926 N. Lambert st.
John B. Hennessy, U. S. N., and Florence Radford, 5446 Spruce st.
Roxey Garrett, Nogales, Ariz., and Rosetta Wardell, 4540 Pulaski ave.
William Hewlit, Jr., 3716 Reedinat st., and Mamie Soder, 3031 Memphis st.
Charles Jacoby, 2337 Emerald st., and Marie Zak, 2839 A st.

GAS KILLS SAILOR; COMRADE OVERCOME

Men Found in Third Street Hotel Believed Accident Victims

One sailor was killed and a second overcome by illuminating gas at the Commercial Hotel, 66 North Third street.

Both sailors were attached to the Battleship Ohio. The dead man is said to be J. J. Conotz, thirty-two years old. The other sailor, who registered as R. E. Smith, twenty-eight years old, was removed to the Roosevelt Hospital and is expected to die. He is thought to be Ephraim Simons. The two seamen registered at the hotel Saturday morning.

According to the proprietor of the hotel the two spent yesterday in bed. Early this morning a maid, when passing their room on the fourth floor, detected the odor of gas.

She notified the proprietor, who summoned the police, and the door of the room was forced open. The room was filled with gas which flowed from an open jet near the bed.

The police believe before the two men retired for the night the gas was lowered and the window raised. During the night the high wind which arose is thought to have blown out the gas.

COL. KENNEDY COMING HOME

Head of Cumberland Valley Railroad to Return From France

Chambersburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—Colonel Moorehead C. Kennedy has cabled from London that he will arrive home on December 31 after reporting at Washington. He will come here to Ragged-Edge, his home. His family will return from Virginia at once.

Colonel Kennedy has been with General W. W. Atterbury in the transportation service in England and France. He will resume his duties as corporate head of the Cumberland Valley Railroad at once.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SICK

Visiting Nurse Society Plays Santa Claus to Families

Many sick folk who have been dependent upon the Visiting Nurse Society because of illness were made happy this afternoon, when Christmas baskets and bundles of toys and candies were sent to their families under the direction of the Visiting Nurse Society.

Members of Emergency Aid committee and the National League for Woman's Service lined up their cars before the Visiting Nurse Society headquarters, 1346 Lambert street, this afternoon and played the part of Santa Claus in delivering packages.

COLONEL MINER GAINS CROSS BY RARE FEAT

Pennsylvania Artillery Commander Lost Leg at Apremont, but Saved Battery

Extraordinary heroism won Colonel Asher Miner, of Wilkes-Barre, the Distinguished Service Cross, according to an official copy of his citation given out today by the War Department.

Colonel Miner commanded the 109th Field Artillery, and in the fighting at Apremont, October 4, for which he was decorated, he lost his leg.

One of his batteries was being raked by continuous shell fire. Badly wounded, Colonel Miner went into the thick of the shells and superintendent the transfer of the battery to another position.

Official announcement that Colonel Raymond Sheldon, of Summit, N. J., has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross also is made by the War Department today. Colonel Miner's citation follows:

Colonel Asher Miner, 109th Field Artillery, for extraordinary heroism in action at Apremont, France, October 4, 1918. One of the batteries of the regiment commanded by this officer, assigned to an advanced position in direct support of an infantry attack, was heavily shelled by the enemy while it was going into action. It being necessary, therefore, to take another position, Colonel Miner went forward under heavy shell fire and personalip supervised the placing of the guns in the new position. Colonel Miner continued his efforts until be received a severe wound that later necessitated the amputation of his leg.

COURT LIMITS SEAMEN'S ACT

U. S. Supreme Bench Sustains Wage Section, With Restrictions

Washington, Dec. 23.—(By A. P.)—In its first interpretation of the La Follette seamen's act, the Supreme Court of the United States, answering questions certified from the lower court, today declared constitutional the sections regulating the payment of wages to seamen, but limits the act's application to foreign vessels only while they are in American waters.

Under the act seamen are entitled to receive on demand, at every port after the voyage has been started, half of the wages earned up to that time, the master's refusal to comply serving to release them from service.

In deciding proceedings brought by Erik Sandberg and other seamen against the British Ship Talus, the Supreme Court upheld opinions of the Circuit Court of Appeals, holding that, in computing the amount that should be paid on the wages due, advances made in foreign ports are to be taken into consideration.

I. N. S. MUST STOP "PIRATING" NEWS

Associated Press Wins Against Hearst Service in Supreme Court

By the Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 23.

Injunctions granted the Associated Press to stop pirating of news by the International News Service were sustained today by the Supreme Court of the United Statese.

The opinion was rendered on a vote of five to three, Justice Clark, of Ohio, a newspaper publisher himself, taking no part. Justice Brandeis dissented entirely in a verbal opinion. Justice Holmes and Justice McKenna in their associate opinion, merely declined to uphold all the views of the majority.

As between the public and news gathering organizations Justice Pitney expressed doubt whether there could be any property in uncopyrighted news. As between rival news gathering organizations said there was a quasi property interest.

The International News Service contention that the Associated Press relinquishes its property right in news matter when it is published, the court held "is untenable."

The Court declared the processes used by the International News Service in taking Agociated Press news amounted to an "unauthorized interference with the normal operation of complainant's legitimate business."

Justice Holmes, in an associate opinion, said he partially agreed with the majority, but dissented from the principle that there is property in news. Justice Pitney announced that Justice Clarke took no part in the proceedings.

Justice Brandeis delivered a dissenting opinion, disagreeing both with the majority and the views of Justices Holmes and McKenna.

COLLEGE GIRLS TO LEAD SINGS

Bryn Mawr Students Will Head Home Town Communities

To be classed as a by-product of the war is the fact that all Bryn Mawr girls have gone home this vacation prepared to lead community singing in their home towns.

The development of the art of leading untrained singers has created much interest at Bryn Mawr, as elsewhere, and a lesson on this subject was given in the gymnasium classes just before the close of college for the Christmas recess.

The students found that to lead singing well is not just to keep time and wave their arms in haphazard fashion. The teachers learned from officers in the army the most approved method of bringing their singers to the highest pitch of enthusiasm, and in turn taught the girls the gentle art of making folks sing.

The fact that the college authorities recognize the educational value of this form of recreation is in keeping with the general trend of today to lay stress on socializing influences.

CHRISTMAS AT GREENBAUM'S

Several Hundred Employes Receive Gifts From Management

Several hundred employes of Greenbaum and Company, Twenty-second and Arch streets, made merry at their customary Christmas celebration. At 10 o'clock all work at the plant was stopped and the employes adjourned to the laundry, where a dance was held and other exercises appropriate to the season were carried out.

After members of the firm had made addresses a buffet lunch was served. Each employe was presented with a substantial money present.

On Monday next the same program of exercises will be carried out at the firm's plants in Bridgeton and Minotola, New Jersey, and on Tuesday at the Atlantic City plant.

PREMIER KAROLYI TO RESIGN

Head of Hungarian Cabinet Says Government Lacks Cohesion

Zurich, Dec. 23.—Count Karolyi, addressing the Hungarian Cabinet, Saturday, announced his intention to resign as Premier, according to a Budapest dispatch received here today.

Previous dispatches have quoted Count Karolyi as saying that the lack of cohesion of the various political factions, added to the food and economic situation, eventually would compel him to abandon control of the Government.

WAR RANK MAY BE PERMANENT

Baker Asks Congress to Continue Generals in New Dignity

Washington, Dec. 23.—(By A. P.)—Bestowal of the permanent rank of General on John J. Pershing, commander of the American forces in France; Peyton C. March, chief of staff and Tasker H. Bliss, military representative at the supreme war council, and a permanent rank of Lieutenant General to Hunter Liggett and Robert L. Bullard, commanding the First and Second Armies, was asked by Secretary Baker today in a letter to Chairman Dent of the House Military Committee.

HOG ISLAND WAGE SCALE WILL STAY

Yard at Peak Soon, Brush Says on Saccarappa Trial

SEES ROUT OF CRITICS

New President Predicts Most Bitter Enemies Will Soon Be Cheering

Combating weather conditions that scarcely could have been less favorable the 7500-ton cargo steamship Saccarappa, third vessel to be completed at the Hog Island shipyard, made a short but successful trial run down the Delaware River yesterday. It will be delivered to the shipping board this week.

Held up a short distance beyond Fort Delaware, about forty miles from Philadelphia by a dense fog and rainstorm that stopped river traffic all yesterday afternon and last night, the Saccarappa's temporary master, Captain L. H. Porter, decided it was unsafe to venture farther and anchored his vessel. At 12:30 this morning, however, he was able to go out the Capes for a twelve-hour run at sea.

A possible disaster was narrowly averted by the skilfull handling of the ship by Captain Porter. When two hours out from Hog Island the British steamship Delaware, with its anchors dragging under the influence of a strong tide and lying broadside across the channel, suddenly loomed up out of the mist, a hundred yards distant.

The Saccarappa was making about ten knots and quick action was necessary to avoid a collision, but Captain Porter made it under the prompt response of the vessel to the wheel, and the Saccarappa came to a standstill, broadside on, only a few feet from the steamer Delaware. A delay of a half hour followed, due to an air bubble forming in the steering transmission system because of the emergency demand made upon the Saccarappa's turbines. There were no other mishaps of any kind.

Four score persons were the guests of the American International Shipbuilding Company, agents of the Emergency Fleet Corporation in the construction and operation of Hog Island, who were specially invited on the run by Matthew C. Brush, newly elected president of the company, "to see for themselves that Hog Island can really build seaworthy ships." Other prominent officials on board, besides Mr. Brush, were F. W. Wood, vice president; W. H. Blood, Jr., assistant to the president; H. C. Higgins, official representative of Rear Admiral F. T. Bowles, assistant general manager of the fleet corporation, and Commander Allen, of the navy, who will command the vessel when it is turned over to the Navy Department by the shipping board. Included in the party were ten newspaper men from Philadelphia and New York.

It was Mr. Brush's original plan to take his party as far as Cape May on the Saccarappa, but when the fog ended the day's run, they were transferred to the A. I. S. C. Tug No. 1 and landed at Newcastle, Del., returning to the city last night by train.

Since the Quisconck was launched, the Hog Island management has made it a policy to have every hull 80 per cent complete before it leaves the ways.

Labor conditions in the great shipyard at the present time are satisfactory, according to Mr. Brush, who took up his duties as president of the agency corporation only last Wednesday, succeeding Frederick Holbrook. There are 31,000 steadily employed, yet the yard could readily absorb 5000 additional workmen, he said. Of the number required, 50 per cent should be experienced shipbuilders, and the rest ordinary laborers. Skilled steel workers released from munitions plants can readily find employment there.

Asked what assurances are being given the yard's employes as to the maintenance of the existing scales of wages for the several classes of labor used, Mr. Brush said:

"We are adhering strictly to the scale laid down by the Macy labor adjustment board, and we will not depart from that."

The Macy board fixes the wages of shipbuilders in yards throughout the country, and recently granted a considerable increase to certain classes of labor. For example, skilled riveters are now being paid 80 cents an hour. Overtime has been abolished, however.

Shipments of necessary materials to the yard are improving steadily, Mr. Brush asserted, and this situation has contributed appreciably to the general speeding up. "We will soon reach the peak of our producing capacity," he declared. "The time is not far off when those who have been most bitter in criticism of the enterprise will be ready to stand on the sidelines and cheer."

TREES FOR FRENCH ORPHANS

Stars of Red, White, Blue and Gold Typify Aid Sent Abroad

At this peace Christmas, when the after effects of war still cast a shadow over many homes of stricken Europe, the Philadelphia committee of the fatherless children of France has arranged Christmas trees to stand at various public squares of the city as symbols of sympathy and relief extended to the little folks of France, to whom peace alone can not bring back happiness and comfort.

In common with committees in virtually all the large cities of the United States, these trees will bear besides electric candles, stars of red, white, blue and gold which will tell the story of aid sent to the children of France.

The progress which the committee is making in raising the fund will be indicated by the stars on the trees. Each red star will show that some one has given ten cents, which will provide for a child for one day. The white stars mean seventy-five cents, or one week, with generous measure. The blue stars are for $3, or one month, and the gold stars mean that contributions of $36.50 for one year have been made.

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GIRL FOUND SEVERELY BEATEN

Moans Lead Camden Police to Discovery in Deserted House

Stripped of all her clothing and badly cut and bruised from head to foot, Miss Jessie Bowland, thirty years old, 933 Point street, was found unconscious today in the abandoned Cooper Mansion, Point and State streets, Camden.

Low moans attracted the attention of Motorcycle Sergeant Kay and Patrolman Boyd as they were passing the deserted house, rapidly falling into ruins. They found the girl lying on the bare floor in an unfurnished room. She apparently had been beaten.

The policemen removed her to Cooper Hospital where she is in a semi-conscious condition and unable to tell what happened.

COSIMA WAGNER DIES; WIDOW OF COMPOSER

Called "Empress of Bayreuth" Because of Her Autocratic Sway in Music

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.

Cosima Wagner, widow of Richard Wagner, the German composer, is dead, according to a dispatch received from Bayreuth today.

The death of Frau Cosima Wagner, widow of the great German composer and sometimes called "the Empress of Bayreuth" by reason of her autocratic rulings of the musical performances given in that place, removes from the world one of the few survivors who followed at close range the struggle of modern music to emancipate itself from the pedantic imitation of the classic forms. The daughter of Franz Liszt and the Countess d'Agoult, she was married in 1857 to Hans von Buelow, from whom she was separated in 1869. Her father's mighty championship of the illustrious radical, Richard Wagner, at a time when the great composer was without money and almost without friends is an interesting page of history of modern music. Cosima's marriage to Wagner took place on August 25, 1870. The residence at Bayreuth and the initial performances in the newly built theatre during the years immediately following marked the most brilliant period of their lives.

After the death of Richard Wagner in 1883, Cosima Wagner assumed a sort of controlling interest in the festival performances of the Wagnerian music dramas, using her power in an autocratic way sufficient to incite even royalty to envy. No singers appeared in these performances without her permission, her arbitrary rulings in matters artistic having received as much censure as admiration. Around the American production of "Parsifal," which took place in 1903, she waged what she believed doubtless to be a "holy war," carrying her protests to the Kaiser. Powerless to prevent the infringement of the composer's regulations regarding the performance of his last great work, Frau Wagner declared a boycott against Herr Conried and every singer who took part in the New York production, which blacklist she cherished with grim determination until the last. With her death, the scepter of Bayreuth passes into the hands of Siegfried Wagner, the only son of the composer, and himself a musician of distinction.

The latter was a party to a suit brought by his mother shortly before the outbreak of the great war against his sister Isolde, wife of Herr Biedler, conductor of the Royal Opera in Munich, to prevent her from using "nee Wagner" after her name. Frau Wagner based the suit on her contention that Frau Biedler was the daughter of her first husband, Von Buelow, having been born in 1865, five years before her divorce. Wagner and Cosima had lived so long together before the legal separation, Von Buelow viewing their relations philosophically because of his admiration for the great composer, that the son Siegfried and his sisters, Eva and Isolde, had always been regarded as Wagner's children until their mother challenged their paternity in the courts.

RESOLVES TO BE GOOD

Soldier Tells Wife He Would Avoid Anything Like Battle

"If hell is anything like modern warfare, I'm going to be good as long as I live."

This sentiment is expressed by Captain Joseph M. O'Donnell, of Quakertown, in a letter to his wife, written after he had gone through the ordeal of the Chateau Thierry drive. And this in spite of the fact that he is a veteran of the Spanish-American war and saw service on the Mexican border.

Captain O'Donnell has been connected with the Pennsylvania National Guard for twenty years. He has been associated with Pottsville, Doylestown and Phoenixville regiments, in addition to the "Old First" of Philadelphia. He is now in charge of a prison camp at Blois-Loir-Et, where 2000 boche prisoners are housed.

SOLDIER FOUND DEAD IN ROAD

Post-Mortem Examination Will Be Made Today

Andrew Eskowicz, a soldier, 1637 Ruffner street, was found dead on a pile of bricks today at Fern Hill and Abbottsford road. There were no marks of violence on the body, and a post-mortem examination will be made to determine the cause of death.

The body was found by Patrolman Rolay, of the Germantown police station, and was sent to the Germantown Hospital.

LOST AND FOUND

MONEY.—Lost, small roll of notes and a check; liberal reward if left at 4106 Baltimore ave. Loecher.

DEATHS

FORCUM.—Dec. 19, at Charlottesville, Va., ELIZABETH J., wife of Wm. E. Forcum. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Tues., 1 p. m., from Carr's undt., 2218 Jefferson st. Int. private. Northwood Cem.

FRIES.—Dec. 22, AMELIA E., widow of Joseph E. Fries. Relatives and friends invited to funeral, Thurs., 8:30 a. m., from 5441 Race st. High mass at the Lady of Victory Church at 10 a. m. Int. private.

MEANY.—Dec. 23, at 2534 S. Pershing st., THOMAS MEANY, Sr. Notice of funeral later.

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REPORT 111 FROM HERE

Daughter Born to Ensign Basil L. Steel on Day He Died of Pneumonia

For two months Corporal Vincent B. Grube lay in a French hospital, his mind a blank from shell-shock.

The War Department failed to notify his parents that he had been injured, and not hearing from the young soldier himself for so long, they became frantic.

Letters and telegrams were showered on the Washington authorities but to no avail. Not until December 13 did any information arrive and then it was stated that Corporal Grube had been missing since November 10. A week later a letter arrived from Corporal Grube himself, explaining his long silence. His parents live at 331 North Fourth street.

On October 8, the same day that Ensign Basil L. Steel, an assistant paymaster in the navy, died of pneumonia at Cardiff, Wales, a daughter was born to his wife in this city. This tragic coincidence became known yesterday when word of the young officer's death reached his father, the Rev. Charles L. Steel, rector of the Calvary Episcopal Church, Forty-first and Reno streets, West Philadelphia.

Ensign Steel's wife before her marriage was Miss M. Gladys Stephens. She is a daughter of the Rev. J. M. Stephens, of Jenkintown. Their child's name is Mary Louise.

Before the war Ensign Steel was a student of the University of Pennsylvania Law Department. Later he left the University and engaged in business. He had a wide circle of acquaintances.

Enlisted as Seaman

Steel enlisted on December 14, 1917, as an apprentice seaman. He was promoted to first-class yeoman early in May, 1918, enrolled as assistant paymaster May 24 and commissioned ensign after passing the pay course at Annapolis. He was sent overseas in August and assigned to duty as pay officer in the United States naval base at Cardiff, Wales.

More than 6000 names are on the combined casualty lists today, including 427 from Pennsylvania. The total for Philadelphia and vicinity is 111, three having been killed in action, eight having died of disease, thirty-two having been severely wounded, forty-seven having been less seriously injured, eighteen having been only slightly hurt and one being listed as missing.

Among the officers included in the roster of severely wounded is Lieutenant Charles Wadsworth Nevin, son of Mrs. Charles W. Nevin, 2021 Locust street. This is the third time that Lieutenant Nevin's name has appeared on the official casualty list, he having been injured first at Chateau-Thierry, then

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Hero of Zeebrugge Raid to Speak

For the benefit of the British Red Cross and other British war relief organizations, Captain Alfred F. B. Carpenter, the heroic commander of the Vindictive, which figured prominently in the Zeebrugge raid, will speak at the Metropolitan Opera House next Saturday evening. Arrangements for the benefit are being made by the British war relief committee of the Emergency Aid.

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