### **Today**

Goat's Head Swallowed. Kaiser as Dragon. Tighten Up, America. Prussian Appetite Big.

Nearly half a million square miles of territory, all the shore of the Baltic, fifty millions of population are ceded by Russia to Germany at the first stroke.

Russia, even if she had a gov-ernment, a directing brain, would be powerless, cut off from the Bal-tic, shut out of the Mediterranean by Prussia's control of Turkey and the Dardanelles.

The head and neck of the poor Russian goat are in the mouth o the Prussian boa-constrictor. How long will it take for the whole animal to be swallowed?

After Germany swallows Rus-

sia, what? Germany leading her own forces, plus Austria, Bulgaria, and Turkey.

and feeding on Russia, would present something of a problem.

It may become worth while for this country, now busy with its nobly altruistic helping on the other side, to think earnestly about its future problems at home.

If it is true that we are short of grain, rifles, and other things, we might consider gradually storing up those things against the day of further kultur expansion.

Germany at least should be con-fined to Europe, and whatever part of Asia she can get. It is perhaps not too early to think about things necessary in order to make sure that Hohenzollern rule will never come as far as this conti-

Isn't it important to put on the right basis the northern half of America, from the Panama canal to the north pole?

The Canadians may be trusted to do their share in co-operation with the United States, if it ever comes to a question of a war between America and Prussianized

But what about Mexico to the south? What about the country that offers a foothold to German wireless stations, the country to which Prussia kindly offered a strip of Texas, while offering California to Japan?

Isn't it important for the United States to think about mak-ing Mexico useful, secure, happy, and prosperous—as the Mexicans would like to have her?

Isn't Mexico, run partly by brigandage, partly by guess work, and partly by Prussian influence, rather a dangerous breeding place and LANDING PLACE for any ettacks upon America from Eu-

The President has one quality besides many others. He keeps his counsel, gets all possible information and gives out very little as to

Those that study his face, in Washington, as he goes about, concentrated, rarely smiling, do not doubt that his thought is on the problems of THIS continent, its future and security, as well as upon the immediate great problem of helping Europe to remain civil-

It may sound ridiculous in optimistic quarters to talk about victorious Prussia attacking this con-

It would have sounded ridiculous while ago to talk about rrussia taking Russia, welcomed by the inhabitants of Petrograd, with Russian regiments joining the Prussian army. In war, it i the ridiculous that HAPPENS only too

The important step is to establish order in Mexico in the quickest possible and most permanently satisfactory way-by giving the Mexicans United States citizenship, United States public schools, and United States wages. The other side of the Prussian

problem may be presented as fol-

When a savage beast has eaten all it wants, it lies down to rest and digest. Russia is a considerable meal, even for Prussia's appetite, and she will hardly feel ike swimming across the Atlantic for more exercise immediately after such a meal.

In one of his operas Wagner has a character, the giant Fafner, that typifies Prussia.

Fafner secures the Rheingold treasure. He changes himself into a huge dragon, and you see him on the stage, a husky German, with a bass voice hidden inside of him, lying on his pile of gold and growling, "I lie and pos-sess, let me sleep."

The Kalser has in Russia and marvelously rich empire of Siberia a treasure to make the Rheingold look like miserable poverty. Perhaps the Hohenzol-lern Fafner will be content to lie digesting for a while, singing in his own pretty language, "Ich liege und besitze, lass' mich schlafen."

The principal pressing problem here at home is Mexico. The Germans are doing there now the work of propaganda and disin-tegration that they did so well in That work should be stopped, Mexico should be paci-

ONE HUNDRED ARMORED MOTOR CARS, A FEW CAVALRY REGIMENTS, AND A FLOCK OF FLYING MACHINES WOULD DO

It will not be done so easily later if Prussia is allowed to continue operations there.

#### WEATHER:

Rain tonight or tomor-ow; warmer today; row; warmer today; alightly colder tomorrow. 42 degrees. Average tem perature for this day for thirty years, 36 degrees.

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## BURLESON TO FIGHT FOR CONTROL OF PHONES 44 SAVED FROM WRECKED SHIP; 102 DEAD

## APPOINTMEN1 MEANS RETURN

"Old Gang," Vigorously Fought by the President, Is Back in Saddle-New Senator Is 78

By DAVID LAWRENCE. (Copyright, 1918, by New York Evening Post

America is at war trying to make the world safe for democracy and the supposition is that the principles of liberalism are implanted firmly enough at home to make us worry very little about domestic autocracy and bourbonism.

But right in front of our nosesin President Wilson's own State, New Jersey-something has just happened which signifies a swing back, a retrogression, a return to reaction-Wilson governor in 1910.

Political Boss Named.

Progressive magistrate the State of New Jersey ever had and the forces.

The Senator came out frankly for

eral and progressive spokesmen. And that fight helped materially to get Mr. Wilson national support, made him President.

lersey, dreamed a dream of upward ourneys in the political world. What one New Jersey governor had done, he thought, could be repeated. But whatever Mr. Edge may have done to give the impression of efficiency here tofore has been swept aside by his surrender to overweening ambition— the thing that has so often poisoned clear thinking and sincerity in publi

Many a man has steered a straight forward course, has even camouflaged by seeming to be non-partisan, only reveal by a sudden play that he

Facts of Case.

Here are the facts: Governor Edge appoints David Baird a United States Senator. Mr. Baird is seventy-eight years of age, too old to be a candi-date to succeed himself. And Gov-ernor Edge in a public statement practically lets it be known that in the regular election next fall he will make the race himself. To enable him to do so, he must get a man who min to do so, he must get a man who will surely retire, a man with whom he can reach an understanding, and New Jerseyites know how many po-litical understandings have been Baird's since the days of the famous

#### Diet of Straw and Snowballs Drives Prodigal Cow Insane

MARSHFIELD, Wis., Feb. 25 .-With only chance wisps of straw for food and snowbanks to quench her thirst, Theodore Kautzer's Holstein cow went wild. It was her own fault, however, for instead of remaining within the confines of the barnyard

fences, as any gentle cow should, she took to the fields, For three weeks she was missing "somewhere in Wood county" partaking of her meager ra-

tions and incidentally losing her When roped and hauled in yesterday the cow refused to return to her old rations and the change in her disposition made it necessary for her to be shot,

# ABOR DRAF

arism, and the rule of the few, to the Schate, Senator Porter J. Me-bossism and all the obnoxious prac- Cumber, a Republican, of North tices which were repudiated by the Dakota, today condemned what he people when they elected Woodrow termed "the Bolshevik, influence" in day that it believed the company en-American labor organizations, and titled to relief and would render its with equal vehemence denounced the decision within a few days. Eight years absence of the most war profiteering of big business as

New Jersey ever had and the forces of reaction finally are on top, but not through an election, not through the will of the people, but through Government to the Edge's appointment to the United States Senate of an old-fash joned political boss—the Hon. David Baird, of Camden county.

So detasteful is the selection, even to Republicans, that Senator Freling has smay be necessary. Baird, a statement repudlates the published intimation that be was consulted intimation that be was consulted.

Criticises Haker.

The Senator came out frankly for postmanter General Burleson proposes to press before Congress without delay for Government ownership or control of the telephone lines of the limprovement of the telephone lines of the limprovement of the service, which has been as objectionable to the Government, but for the improvement of the service, which has been as to private individuals.

The formal announcement of the Utilities Commission was that the testimony before that body "clearly indicates that the company is entitled to some relief. The relief aought is designed to increase revenues and to decrease traffic.

Would Involve Sacrifices.

Criticises Haker.

Mr. Baird is to New Jersey what
Penrose is to Pennsylvania. Mr.
Baird is to the Republican party what
Jim Smith was to the Democratic
fold. Both Smith and Baird were
openly denounced by Woodrow Wil.
son and as vehemently fought in his
from the hands of the bosses to libnumber of troops would require 9.

To give either or both kinds of relief
would involve a necessary sacrifice on
the part of the individual patrons of
the telephone company. If there were
nothing before the commission but the
commission at once to make some readjustment of rates and terms of servlee." (Continued on Page 16, Column 3.)

## walter E. Edge, governor of New D. C. GIRL DYING IN

Levinas Reid, whose mother is said was merely using his office to further to live in Washington, D. C., is dying his own political ends. result of a said-inflicted revolver

wound. K. C. McCollun, express company employe, has a bullet hole through his body and a flesh wound in the Miss Reid fired two shots at McCol-

#### herself last night after a quarrel. **NEW GENERAL STRIKE BREWING IN BERLIN**

um and then turned the weapon on

#### YESTERDAY The Washington Times GAINED

8,636 Lines of Advertising (31 Cols.)

Over the Corresponding Day (Feb. 25) Last Year.

Publisher.

### **DECISION BY** D. C. UTILITIES COMMISSION

Report Indicates Belief Some Relief Is Necessary, But Prefers to Let Congress Settle Matter in Own Way.

A bill authorizing and directing the Postoffice Department to take over the telephone system in the District of Columbia is being prepared this afternoon by Chairman Ben Johnson of the House Committee on the District of Columbia.

By BILL PRICE.

The Public Utilities Commission oday passed up to Congress the whole question of the telephone situation in Washington, suspending for the present any action upon the With a bitterness unsurpassed in application of the company for in-

The commission announced Sature

Burleson To Press Bill. The action taken today confirmed in formation coming to The Times that Postmaster General Burleson proposes to press before Congress without delay

Would Involve Sacrifices.

The proposition of the Postmaxter General to the commission is then referred to, and the conclusion reached that the commission is bound to this offer into consideration. Postmaster General cannot set with out legislative authority. Therefore, the commission will suspend action on the application of the telephone company so that Congress, if it sees fit, may give the Postmuster General the authority he needs to make his offer effective." AMERICANS HELP

Government Backs Burleson, Mr. Burleson will pursue the matter before the proper committees of Congress, backed by executive heads of SHREVEPORT, La., Feb. 25.-Miss departments and possibly by Presi-(Continued on Page 16, Column 1.)

## PILOTS BRITISH PLANE OVER CITY

For the first time since the Brit- being carried out without any lesses for tions of peace with Russia. Baird's since the days of the famous bosted of guardians" who ruled the "board of guardians" who ruled the "board of guardians" who ruled the board of guardians who flying corps said that his perform- There was increasing artillery Street fighting continue Rostov is an impohe was driving a strange machine front on Sunday, although the shell-

for the first time.

Congressman Royal C. Johnson of Congressman Royal C. Johnson of South Dakota also made a flight as passenger of Lieut. Col. Charles F. Lee. He flew over the city at 12:30 only one "flying pig" being sent over by the Germans business houses of the city for lunch. Lieutenant Sully also made a flight with Captain Fleet of the American with Captain Fleet of the American army as a passenger.

Sea of Azov.

Dictatorship Reported.

A military dictatorship has been proclaimed in Russia according to in, formation from Berlin. Ensign Krylenko has been deposed as the toll-short in the Italian campaign will be lenked has been deposed as the United Marshal von Mackensen will army as a passenger.

Sea of Azov.

BERNE, Feb. 25.—An Austro-German council of war, at which Empore Charles will be present, will shortly be held at Trent, according to information received here today. It is that the commander-in-short in the Italian campaign will be part in the Italian campaign will be present, it was stated.

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with Captain Fleet of the American and repairing one Boche patrol that was driven this afternoon Congressman Harry off left grenade, gloves, and a Berlin cording to the Berlin advices, Brullet in the Italian campaign will be present, it was stated. The new Russian commander-include is General Brujewitsch. According to the Berlin advices, Brulletening post.

\*\*Shevik commander-in-chief.\*\*

The new Russian commander-in-chief.

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The new Russian commander-in-chief.

Field Marshal von Mackensen will been lust cording to the Berlin advices, Brulletening post.

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economically and physically.

FRENCH IN RAID

dawn on Saturday, it was learned today,

Gun Fire Heavy.



"HE VAS CHEATING!"

#### RUSSIANS ACCEPT GERMAN PEACE, GIVING TO KAISER 381,000 MILES OF NATION

PETROGRAD, Feb. 24.(Delayed) .- "When the world's proletariat comes our aid we will renew the fight," Premier Lenine declared today, in urging the executive committee of the Pan-Soviets to accept Germany's peace terms.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The executive committee of the Pan-Soviets have agreed to accept the German Peace terms, by a vote of 126 to 85, with 26 not voting, official dispatches from Petrograd state.

Russia's acceptance of Germany's peace terms changes the face of Europe. It cuts off from Russia 381,000 square miles of territory, 50,000,000 population, and shoves her back from the Baltic, leaving her helpless and impotent in Germany's power, efforts. Undaunted they returned to

> Press Calls It Treachery. The morning press today has not

yet had time to comprehend the full ing," "Impotent."

The Post says there is no other hyoothesis "but treachery." "She is disarmed and helpless," says the Chronicle.

David R. Francis, the American ampassador to Russia, is reported to have left Petrograd. Mr. Francis' destination is not defi-

A previous report from Petrograd, resaful raid against German positions on legations were preparing to leave for the Chemin des Dames front, just before the east.

Vladivostok

Two German officers, twenty men and Austria, in concert with her allies, muchine gun were captured, the foray is reported ready to conclude negotia-

There was increasing artillery ance was a very creditable one, as he was driving a strange machine front on Sunday, although the shell- on the Don river, a short distance.

### medning of the situation. The head lines contained such words as "tragic," "dismembered," "humiliat-TWO WOUNDED BY

wounded by Mexican bandits at Tam- hours and at the end of the endeavor PRANCE. Feb. 23.—American soldlers dated Saturday, said that the Amerco-operated with the French in a sucican and Japanese and several foreign

A previous report from Petrograd, wounded by Mexican bandits at Tam
it was stated probably most of the the State Department today. The saloon passengers were last, identity of the men was not au-nounced. They were employed on a pay boat operated by one of the big oil companies at the Mexican port. The State Department has made irst officer.

ed this afternoon that the man killed was Edgar House, paymaster for the Texas Companies. Dr. Brisbane, of the Island Oll and Transport Comrete among the missing. The the Island Oil and Transport Com-pany, and men named Pracher and Mennet were slightly wounded. The body of an unidentified woman also was washed ashore the dispatches

#### AUSTRIAN AND GERMAN KULENS 10 MD PARLEY

Hardy Newfoundland Seamen Launch Lifeboats at Dawn Despite Waves-Bodies Are Washed Ashore.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Feb. 25.-Early today forty-four survivors had been taken off the wrecked steamship Florizel, which went on the rocks at Broad Cove, near Cape Race, Sunday. They include Captain Martin and the first officer. The survivors were placed abroad a train for St. Johns, and are expected here late

One hundred and two prsons have perished among the passengers and orew of the ship, according to word reaching here. This places the death list higher than statements made by the owning company—the Red Cross line, which stated that 136 were aboard the Florizel.

Scenes of Heroism.

Scenes of indescribable heroism in the face of odds which seemed insurmountable took place as hardy Newfoundland seamen stotcally donned life belts, piled into puny dories and battled with the mountainous waves of the angry Atlantie. At dawn today they began their work of rescue. Off the rocky coast, where waves boomed menacingly, the gray hulk of what was once the pride of the Red Cross line loomed in pitiful memory of splendor. forms fell and rose on her deck as huge waves broke over and washed

across her. Bonts Launched.

Life boats were launched in the early daylight by men who had left rescue ships to add another tale of heroism to the romantic stories of bravery which go hand in hand with records or shipping in this vicinity.

Several fruitiess efforts to get through the waves did not deter the their work and finally succeeded in getting a footing on a portion of the ship above the water. Ropes which had been carried along were fastened to the ship and then run out to vessels standing by.

Life belts were hauled aboard the wrec kand placed on the survivors. most of whom were unable at this time to stand alone. Some were pracically unconscious.

Taken to Safety.

These relics of what had been ship load of happy humanity were transferred to the boats which had onquered the waves and taken to

The work of rescue occupied five

A man named Captain James and

The beach near the wrecked steam ship was lined with spectators all day Sunday, but they were powerless to render aid. Early Sunday evening

live men lished to the rigging were seen signaling for help. This morn ing when the rescue work started hey had disappeared.