RATE INCREASE **GRANTED ROADS**

Addition of \$30,000,000 to Revenues Probable.

TRAFFIC EXCEPTED

All Lines in Official Classification Territory Enjoy Uniform Advance.

NECESSITY SHOWN

War in Europe, Added to Already Existing Conditions, Sways Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- Fur- subjects will be respected scrupulously. ther increases in freight rates were granted today to the Eastern railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commisby the Interstate Commerce Commis-sion in a decision from which Chair-Britain has been animated by no hosman Harlan and Commissioner Clements dissented vigorously.

With the exception of lake-and- new Sultan will have the support of and liable to founder at any time. rail traffic, coal, coke, iron ore and the government. certain other traffic on which the commission has heretofore fixed rates that "In such measure as the degree of through the ship's bottom and the adjudicated "reasonable," all the rail- enlightenment of public opinion may road systems operating between the permit" the governed will be associ-Atlantic Seaboard and the Mississippi ated with the task of government, north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers were allowed to make the flat 5 LOSS OF SHIPS IS DENIED per cent increase for which they have British Admiralty Says German Raid

Addition of \$30,000,000 Expected.

The roads hoped to get increases which would add to the annual revenue some \$50,000,000. The commis- the recent raid by a German squadron sion's decision is expected to give them on the east coast of England. additional revenue approximating \$30,000,000.

The roads east of a north-and-south was among the warships which en line drawn through Buffalo, Pitts- gaged the German squadron that made burg and Charleston, W. Va., won by today's decision the increases other today's decision the increases, other miralty casualty list issued tonight. than on the traffic expected, which The list shows that two men were She had no passengers. were denied them in the commission's killed and 15 were wounded aboard. The marvelous efficient decision last August. The roads west of this line, which obtained partial advances in the August decision, re- SCANDINAVIAN KINGS MEET ceived further advances, so that now all the roads in what is described as "official classification territory" will enjoy uniform advances in both class and commodity rates.

Necessity Due in Part to War.

In its decision the majority of the their conference, at which they are to commission held that the roads had formulate an agreement designed to established in the latest hearings a greater need of additional net income their respective interests during the period of the war.

The meeting of King Haakon and than ever before. This was due, in King Gustave was of unusual interest, part, to exigencies which arose out of since it was the first time that the the war in Europe, and in part to the rulers of these countries had met since already existing necessity, in the judg. already existing necessity, in the judg- Sweden in 1905. The conference is exment of the commission, for additional pected to establish closer relations berevenues to maintain the railroad tween these countries. properties.

Chairman Harlan, in his dissenting BELGIAN EDITORS DEFIANT opinion, held that sufficient aid had been given the roads by the decision Resumption of Publication at Gerof August 1 last, and that the findings of the majority were "morally wrong." Commissioner Clements based his dissent on what he regarded as the inability in law, of the commission to take cognizance of everything Antwerp to resume publication have in the making of rates other than proved to be futile. their justice and reasonableness.

Denials Involve Large Volume.

Traffic on which no increase was tinued, the papers would not be puballowed by the commission represents lished. about 55 per cent of the entire volume of freight handled by the roads. Coal, CHEAP TURKEYS PROMISED coke and iron ore, however, are bulky commodities, taking low rates, consequently the amount of revenue derived from them is relatively small.

In the Eastern district 10 per cent of the entire volume of freight is anthracite; 31 per cent bituminous coal; 5 per cent coke, and 5 per cent ores. The coal roads, in the opinion of the commission, already are profitable.

Formal Order Issued.

The Commission issued this order: "It is ordered that respondents herein be, and they are hereby, authorized to publish and file, by not less than 10 days' notice to the Interstate Commerce Commission and to the general public in the manner prescribed in section six of the act to regulate commerce, schedules of rates which do not exceed the limits or Court for assaulting M. C. Blaine, a transgress the limitations stated and prescribed in said report.

SULTAN OF EGYPT FILLING SHIP IS IN NAMED BY BRITAIN RACE FOR SAFET PRINCE HUSSEIN KEMAL, UNCLE

OF KHEDIVE, APPOINTED.

LONDON, Dec. 18 .- A British pro

ectorate over Egypt was proclaimed

today. Prince Hussein Kemal has been

position. He is an uncle of Abbas Hilmi, until now Khedive. The French

government has recognized the British

protectorate over the country, in which

interests, and in return the British gov-

rnment has given notice that it ad

eres to the Franco-Moroccan treaty

of 1912, which, following the Agadir

ffair, gave France a protectorate ove

the office as the "Prince of the family

of Mehmet All most worthy to occupy the Khedival position with the title and

style of Sultan of Egypt," Milne Cheet-

nam, the British Acting High Com

missioner, announces that Great Britain

accepts all responsibilities for the de

fense of the territories under the ner

be entitled to the protection of Grea

Britain; that with the disappearance

of Ottoman suzerainty the restrictions

placed by Ottoman firmans under

organization of the army will disap-

pear; that the relations with foreign

powers will be conducted by a British

representative in Cairo, and that the

In connection with his letter the

any movement to strengthen and Im-

The promise is made that after the

Cost No War Vessels.

LONDON, Dec. 19 .- The Admiralty

The statement adds that all German

assertions to the contrary are untrue

Alliance for Protection During War

Expected as Result.

MALMOE, Sweden, Dec. 18, via Lon-

don .- King Gustave, of Sweden; King

Haakon, of Norway, and King Christian

of Denmark, arrived here today for

The meeting of King Haakon and

man Request Is Refused.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 18 .-

The editors of these newspapers in-

formed the Governor that so long as

Belgium's King was absent from Brus-

sels and the German censorship con-

Christmas Poultry Prices to Hold at

Those of Thanksgiving.

Christmas poultry prices promise to

be reasonable. From present indica-

tions, turkeys and other fowls will sell

at the same quotations that prevailed

prior to Thanksgiving. So far as can

Receipts of dressed turkeys today

The store price probably will not be

nore than 25 cents. Dressed ducks and

geese probably will sell at 18 or 20

cents and chickens from 15 to 20 cents,

e seen, there will be no scarcity.

and tomorrow will be large.

the Hardy.

That the British destroyer Hardy

Sultan; that all Egyptian subjects will

Morning

France Recognizes British Protec Isthmian Is Staggering torate and London Does Likewise Regarding Moroccan Treaty. Off West Mexico.

appointed Sultan and has accepted that DIVE IS LIKELY ANY MOMENT

France formerly had such important Million in Wines Is Aboard; Warships Act as Convoy.

In inviting Prince Hussein to accept VESSEL GRINDS ON ISLE

Wireless Brings Aid-"S. O. S." Is Heard in Every Part of Pacific and Also at Arlington Station on Atlantic Side.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 18 .- With her ow submerged, considerable water in her No. 1 hold and her hull racked from stem to stern as the result of grinding twice on the northwestern end San Benito Island, 300 miles south of religious convictions of the Egyptian San Diego, the American - Hawaiian freighter Isthmian, laden with a \$1,000,-000 cargo of California wines and fruits Commissioner, in a statement tonight. and canned salmon, is staggering tosays that in declaring Egypt free from wards San Diego, in imminent danger of sinking at any moment.

At 10:05 o'clock tonight radiograms tility toward the caliphate and that in from the Isthmian reported the vessel prove the Mohammedan institution the in an exceedingly dangerous condition

> Firemen Stay at Post. When soundings were taken in No.

war the treaties will be revised and 1 tank the sounding rod went clear water was pouring in at a terrific rate. All the ship's pumps were out of order but the firemen remained at their posts and were succeeding in keeping sufficient steam up to drive the vessl forward in her desperate race for San To lighten the vessel still further

Captain Ryer ordered more fuel oil jettisoned and at 19:25 o'clock the freighter, listing heavily and wallowing in the heavy seas, rose about 28 inches from the Plimsell mark. The cruiser West Virginia, destroyer Perry and tug Iroquois, called by the isthmian's wireless early today, are convoying the vessel to this port.

Head Is Down Badly. Her head is reported down badly and er progress is being made at the rate was south bound for New York via the

canal and carried 40 men in her crew.

The marvelous efficiency of wireless telegraphy was again strikingly exemplified in the grounding of the Isthmlan on San Benito Island. freighter struck about 4:18 A. M., and within two minutes the plight of the freighter, through the ship's radio apparatus, had been conveyed to the uttermost parts of the Pacific Ocean. When the operator at Point Loma had

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EMDEN'S MEN CAPTURED Cocos Island Party Rounded Up by

British Auxiliary.

PARIS, Dec. 18 .- The Ministry of Maine announced today that the British auxillary cruiser Empress of Japan had captured the collier Exford, having on boy. poard three officers and 40 men from the German cruiser Emden, sunk No-vember 10 by the Australian cruiser

These are the 19 men who escaped Cocos Island and subsequently sailed away in a commandeered schooner.

ALLIES BREAK THROUGH

Vicinity of Dixmude.

LONDON, Dec. 19 .- A Times corre- he says, promised to wait for him in pondent in Northern France, writing a poolroo under date of Thursday, says:

"The allies have advanced. Their troops are reported to have passed hart, he says, and returned home alone Middelkerke and to have broken shortly before noon. Opening the door through the German line just below suddenly, he found his daughter sitting Dixmude."

LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE WINTER, EH?

BROTHER AVENGES

Oregonian.

from Chloroform.

SUITOR SHOT AFTER EPISODE

John H. Killman, 19, Fells Claude Rinehart in Battle.

Father and Son Suspect Boarder of Drugging Sylvia Killman and Give Pursuit--Mother Tells of Older Man's Threats.

As a result, it is said, of Claude Rinehart's attentions, 16-year-old Syl- and advices from Petrograd are awaitia Killman, of Lents, is in a serious condition from an attempt at suicide Rinehart is under guard at a hospital with two bullet wounds, and John H. Killman, Sylvia's 19-year-old brother, Is under arrest, charged with shooting him in Lents last night.

The Killman family is also known under the name of Smith, the maiden of Arras, where the allies seemingly name of Young Killman's grandmother. Sylvia Killman attempted suicide, according to her mother, by drinking lines would compel a general German chloroform last night, after Rinehart retirement. It is still however a mathad forced his attention upon her dur-ing the day while her parents were France. Berlin says many of the athad forced his attention upon her durabsent. Mrs. Killman says Rinehart tacks of the allies are being repulsed had threatened her daughter, and that with heavy casualties, which are inthe girl feared he would kill her.

Discovery Leads to Shooting. John Killman shot Rinehart twice out 6 o'clock after he came home and discovered that his sister was unconscious from the effects of chloro-He told the police that he believed Rinehart had drugged her and made an attack upon her. The shooting occurred, he says, when Rinehart attacked him and his father.

Rinehart was a boarder at the home of A. L. Killman, father of the girl and

Mr. Killman is a carpenter, who lives near Main and Campbell streets, Lents. He says that Rinehart had been too attentive to the girl for some time. He permitted the man to stay at his ome, he says, because of a \$22 bill which he hoped to collect from his wages. Rinehart has been working as

Mr. Killman says that vesterday morning he and Rinchart went uptown together. Killman went to a barber shop to get shaved. Rinehart

Rinchart Ordered to Move.

Later he was unable to find Rine-(Concluded on Page 5.)

Friday's War Moves

ALTHOUGH there seems no doubt that the Russians are retreating and that for the present any anticipations the allies may have held of an early invasion of Germany may be dismissed, considerable mystery surrounds Lents Girl Suffering the reported decisive victory by the Germans which Berlin celebrated Thursday night,

Vienna gives a few details of the fighting in the east. The assertion is made that the Russians have been driven out of the positions north of the Carpathian Mountains from Krosno to Zakliczyn, which would indicate that part of the southern line of railway in Galicia again is in the hands of the Austrians and that Piotrkow and anstormed, but silence is maintained as regards North Poland, where the German victory is said to have been achieved.

The German official report dismisses this battle with the statement that "in Poland we are still pursuing the enemy, who continue to give way.'

Amsterdam dispatches serve eighten the confusion over the situation by quoting Berlin papers received there today as expressing disappointment at the fact that no names of battlefields are mentioned; that no tangible results of the fighting are disclosed and that no lists are given of the number of captured guns and prisoners Some disappointment is expressed in London at the silence of the Russians ed eagerly.

The allies' offensive in the west coninues to progress slowly, according to the Paris communication, although the aggregate gains claimed during the last week indicate a considerable advance in Flanders and in the vicinity are making their greatest efforts in the belief that penetration of the German retirement. It is still, however, a matcreased when the Germans trenches which they are compelled to evacuate.

The Admiralty deples the German report that the German ships which raided the east coast Wednesday sank two British destroyers, saying no British ships were lost.

In reply to a request from the corporations of Hartlepool and West Hartlepool to make an investigation of the invading column, although they crossed raid, the Admiralty has replied that the Carpathians on a wide front, exthis will not be necessary, as the gov- tending between Wieliczka and the ernment is now in possession of all the headquarters of the San River.

The coroners of the three towns forthcoming as yet regarding the new which were bombarded still are busy point of attack in Field Marshal von holding inquests over the bodies of victims, the numbers of whom continue to his fruitless efforts to break through grow as injured persons succumb to the Russian lines on the Bzura River their wounds.

As a result of the bombardment the deliver a blow further south, but it a carpenter under Killman. He is about kingdom has been flooded with posters is not known whether this will be to-

BURIED

Winona Cave-In Engulfs Workers and Rescuers Think Them Dead.

COLFAX, Wash., Dec. 18,-(Special.) Arthur Chappell, aged 20, and a laborer named Long, address unknown, were entombed by a cave-in of a large well at Winona, in Western Whitman County, today. Fifty citizens of Winona are digging them out, but have no hopes of finding them alive.

Chappell and Long had taken a contract to fill the 35-foot well and were largest weight in numbers into the trying to save the lumber used for curbing. Chappel lived with his widowed mother near Winona.

TREASON VERDICT VOIDED

London Court Annuls Conviction of Naturalized German,

LONDON, Dec. 18 .- The Court of riminal Appeals, consisting of the Lord hief Justice Reading, and four other justices, today annulled the conviction of Nicholas Ahlers, who on Decembe 10, was found guilty of treason and sentenced to death,

Ablers, a naturalized Englishman formerly was German consul in Sunderland Borough. He was accused of having aided German reservists to reach their country after the outbreak of the

CHRISTMAS MAIL MOVING Burleson Promises Successful Dispatch and Delivery of Parcels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- Postmaster-General Burleson, in a statement issued tonight, promised the public "successful dispatch and delivery" of Christmas parcels and letters. The vast bulk of mails, he said, already has begun to move and is being handled promptly and well.

The "mail-your-parcels-early" suggestion, recently made by the department, had good effect. Traffic began in large volume earlier than last year.

BRITISH BOMBARD TURKS Barracks North of Dardanelles Destroyed, Fortifications Damaged.

PARIS, Dec. 18 .- The Havas Agency has given out a dispatch from its correspondent at Athens, who quotes a message from the Island of Tenedos to the effect that the recent bombardment by a British fleet in the Gulf of immedilately north of Dardanelles, completely destroyed the Turkish barracks on shore and seriously damaged the fortifications. The Turks, panic stricken, fled to the

CERMANS EVACUATE LODZ, SAYS ENEMY

Invasion of South Prussia Is Danger Yet.

CZAR REINFORCES IN POLAND

other Central Poland town have been Move From Carpathians Halts: Official Reports Conflict.

TEUTONS SAY FOE BEATEN

Berlin Military Critic Questions Report of Great Victory for His Own People, Saying Rumor Is Senseless Exaggeration.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 18 .- (Special)newspaper here quotes a high authorty as saying the Germans have evacuated Lodz, having found that the town would not serve as a base of operations.

capture the right bank of the Vistula and then advance from Mlaws and exert pressure on the left bank has completely failed.

ime that the Germans are caulioned by a Berlin military critic that talk of a destructive defeat of the less and misleading exaggeration," the Petrograd War Office announces an almost complete full on the left bank of the Vistula following the attacks of the enemy, saying "all of these attacks were repulsed."

Teutons Checked in Gallein. The Petrograd correspondent of the

Times sends the following: Galicia has been arrested on the very orders of the province. Some maneu-Pimitrieff's corps sufficed to check the

"No definite information has b ward Warsaw or Kielce.

Russians Mennee Silesia. "The Russian army is within a

stone's throw of the Silesian border north of Cracow, which is the real pivot of all the operations now developing. "The desperate flanking movement

on the Bzura River and from the Carpathians only serve to indicate that the Russians hold the pivot firmly, whence in good time, they will sweep the flanking columns off the road and advance into the heart of Germany." The Daily Mail's correspondent says:

"Russian reinforcements are pouring to the front in Poland, and the issue in the fighting west of Warsaw depends upon which side can fling the battle line.

Russians Attack in Carpathlans. The Austrian official communication ays the "beaten Russian main forces are being pursued on the entire front" of 250 miles, while the German War

Office makes the same assertion. Vienna now atso says the Russlans are still the aggressors in the Carpa-(Concluded on Page 5.)

PLANS TO BUILD GREAT PLANT TANGIBLE EVI-DENCE OF PROGRESS.

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Jason C. Moore, head of a New York syndicate, announced in Portland yesterday that he had retained J. G. Kelley, of Portland, as consulting engineer for the \$6,000,000 manufacturing plant his syndicate proposes to build at the junction of the Deschutes and Columbia rivers to develop the rich deposits of salts contained in the Summer and Abert lnkes.

The State Land Board last Tuesday leased the property to Mr. Moore for 45 years and he says that unless the coming Legislature refuses to ratify the action of the State Board, as seems unlikely, active construction of the plant will be put forward within 30 days from the ratification. Mr. Moore has already deposited \$10,000 with the state guaranteeing annual royalties from the project of not less than \$25,000.

Mr. Moore said yesterday that his company would employ between 3000 and 5000 men on the plant steadily and would bring vast sums of money to the state every year. The plants will manufacture nitrates, potassium, sodium carbonate, bicarbonate and sodium chloride and generate electrical power. Mr. Moore believes the plant will mean that Oregon is to be the leading paper market of the United States.

The plant will be one of the largest of its kind in the world.

Now WATCH TH' IF I DON' OUT-SIDE EDGE, JOIN TH' SON SPUGS ANGER SLIPPERY WEATHER THIS THESE ARE THE DAYS WHEN FATHER FINDS HE CAN SHATE ALMOST AS GOOD AS WHEN HE WAS A BOY EVEL-HEADED DRIVERS ARE ICY DAYS YOU LIKE TO BE IN TH' TRENCHES? A LITTLE SNOW SO SANTA CAN USE HIS REINDEER FOR A CHANGE

HEARSE DRIVER FINED \$10 Newspaper Man, Hit in Face, During

Chinese Funeral Ceremony. Walter Miller, driver of a hearse for the Holman Undertaking Company, was fined \$10 yesterday in Municipal

newspaper man. Blaine was "covering" a funeral a "It is further ordered that the per- ing to keep the crowd from the alter

mission hereby granted does not waive became angered at Blaine and struck (Concluded on Page 2.)