

well as the wooded leights north of Marching, from British forces was announced in today's official report.

"We advanced against the British to a depth of four kilometers (about two and a half miles) and on a width of 10 kilometers." (about six and a quarter miles), the official statement declared.

"South of Muevres, English trenches were stormed," the war office continued. "Between Mouevres and Marcoing, the enemy withdrew from the heights to the north to east of Flesquieres.

"In the Cambrai area, our prisoners were increased to more than 9000 men, 148 guns and 716 machine guns."

Rome, Dec. 6.-(U. P.)tremendous pressure Under from great masses of the enemy. Italian troops strongly defended positions around Melette until the order came to retire, today's official statement declared.

With the Italian Armies, Dec. 6 .-(U. P.)-Fifteen thousand Teutonic guns concentrated on a front of over 50 miles and enormous movements of enemy troops all gave indication to day that the Austro-German army was preparing its biggest push against the

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—(I. N. S.)—St. Louis police today were assisting in the search for auto bandits who last night robbed the Bank of Longtown, Mo., of \$2800, after locking the cashier, Dayton Thorp, in the vauit. St. Louis, Dec. 6.—(I. N. S.)—"To hell with the United States, England and France," yelled Floyd Bliss. He is dying today. Police, with drawn revolvers and nightsticks, finally dis-persed the mob. The enemy is mixing gas shells

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voted unanimously to report

Washington, Dec. 6 .- (U. P.)-The res-

of county commissioners. Those sign-ing the minority report are E. B. Mo-Naughton, J. D. Farrell and L. J. Gold-They concur with the majority of the committee in all its recommendations except the one fixing the county levy at the maximum allowed by law. "In our opinion, says the report, "the needs of

Redding, Cal., Dec. 6.-(U. P.)-Two the county do not call for such a tax unidentified men were killed and one in face of the burdens imposed by war." ngineman and seven passengers were injurd at 7 a. m. today when train No. nority report says:

15, the California express, was wrecked at Upton, two miles north of Sisson. Both locomotives attached to the train road purposes is levied under the genwere derailed and the mail, express and baggage coaches and one tourist car submission of a budget itemizing the contemplated expenditure of this money followed them off the rails. All the cars

memained upright. The two men killed were hoboes riding the "blind baggage." One passenger, name not yet learned, was seriously hurt. A fireman named Clark was also slightly injured. The cause of the derailment is

When the train stopped suddenly, all passengers were severely shaken up and most of the injuries were Whether the improvement shall come through a plan of consolidation of the the result of falls. city and county or by means of a, rewrecking train from Dunsmui organization of the elements of the

reached the scene at 9 o'clock and it was expected the cleared by noon. cted the tracks would be The wrecked train left Portland at

Automobile Bandits

Austria a Step Nearer Doom

Rob Bank of \$2800

As a Result of Congressional

In contrast to the situation that arose

report does not undertake to say. But little relief can be had, it says, until a non-partisan centralized form of go ernment is set up by law. 8:20 Tuesday morning for San Fran-



HALIF

AX.



Seattle, Dec. 6 .- (I. N. S.)-Strike late today.

The wounded are all engineers. They are:

Broadway, Portland, Or. Second Lieutenant Allie E. Cone, Cuba Officers of the packing house com-panies declared today that although the

That President Wilson's mediation commission, now sitting in Seattle on the lumber situation in the state of Washington, will immediately endeavor to settle the new strike seemed certain today.

J. S. Hoffman business agent of the butchers' union, said foday that unless the demands for a closed shop are met by the employers, packing houses in Portland, Spokane and San Francisco will feel the effects of the strike, as assurances have been received that the union members in all parts of the coast will full into line in the there. **Action in Washington Today** will fall into line to win the fight. Demands for a closed shop, which are

now causing industrial troubles between meat-packing plants and their employes Washington, Dec. 6.-(U. P.) - The today and report it tomorrow. A ing's session of the committee. The senate foreign relations committee this before Saturday or Monday.

that a conclusion will be in Seattle and Tacoma, are having no was resumed later with effect on the Portland situation as yet. according to C. C. Colt of the Union Meat company. He said : "The labor disturbances on the So started last August, and the demands with the firm of W. P. Fuller & Co. of

of the organized employes have caused trouble which has not yet been adjusted. The packers are firm in their refusal

not the paceers are thin in their refusal be-to grant the closed shop. Some 2000 men are concerned in the Sound district. Our distributive branch there is not concerned in the present demands. At aria Portland we have about 609 men at this work, but they have made no demands

a telegram from the authorities at Washington, notifying them of the news.



several companies were banded ber 30, the war department announced gether. **Red Tape Hampers Organization** The Spanish-American veterans speci-

Private William L. Barnes, 741 East

Sergeant Frank Haley, New York. strike materially crippled their working forces they will continue to operate. That President Wilson's mediation Corporal Philip A. Berk, Brocklyn,

**Denver Druggist** 

Killed by Bandits

requires that the mayor or the county judge certify the musier roll to the Private J. A. Grogan, Brooklyn, N. Y. Private Yadore H. Elsenblgel, Contesgovernor, who thereupon issues his procville, Pa. (Congluded on Page Four, Column Four)

Private James E. Eagen, Great Neck N. Y. Private Charles A. Geiger, Chicago. Private George E. Jones, Scranton, Pa. Silcox to Head New

Slightly wounded : Private Louis O. Behland, Brooklyn, N. W. Labor Bureau N. Y. William L. Barnes, who has been wounded while on duty in France, is a member of the Eleventh Railway Engi-

F. A. Silcox, former district forester for district No. 1, United States forestry corps. He is 22 years old and enlisted from New York two months age His father, J. B. Barnes, is connected service, with headquarters here, has been appointed executive head of the federal reorganization of labor in the Northwest, and has been transfer to the department of labor. Tacoma. He has two sisters and a brother living at 741 East Broadway, Portland. They are: Maud Barnes and Barnes With

Silcox will assist in solving labor problems connected with the shipbuild-ing industry on Puget Sound, at Port-land and at Astoria and also will help Mrs. C. B. King and Harry Barnes. His mother is dead. The Portland freiatives have received

in the government's drive for aircraft spruce. He will have headquarters in

Denver, Colo., Dec. 6.-(U, P.)-Henry Morgenson, 53, a druggist, was shot and instantly killed, and J. W. Clark, 61, a jeweier, was wounded when three suto-mobile handits attempted to hold up Clark's jeweiry store in the heart of the downtown business section here this

the task of guarding the shipyards, docks, warehouses and the Portland waterfront generally. Quarters have

been assigned to the company at the Armory during their guard service here It is understood that the detail is tem-

The artillerymen have been ordered to Portland, at the request of Max H. Houser, federal grain commissioner, as

hostile acts directed against the mills.

warehouses and shipbuilding plants

Home Guard May Be Called

It is probable that volunteers from the

Oregon State Guard, composed of Span-

ish-American war veterans, or from the

Multnomah Home Guard, composed of

business men of the city, will replace the

artillery company when these forces

finally have been mustered into service

the adjutant general and the governor

ice by Monday next, or definite steps

has been served on the office of

unless they are mustered into serv-

with veterans in Portland

fied, however, that in case they were

nustered into service as home guards,

they were not to be asked to do guard.

cket or strike duty. This was agree

to by the governor, and then when the

was discovered that if the men took the oath under the Dick law, federalis-

ing the state militia, they would be subect to call for foreign service. . Plans

were then started to muster the men

into service under the state law, which

**Denver's Slackers** 

Put in Bull Pens

organisation was ready for muster. It

and their distinctive duties determined

A storm has been brewing in'

at the adjutant general's office.

beived

ficials.

to-

Bedford Basin.

a measure of precaution against possi

along the river.

that

imately 85 men, reached Portland at dreds of injured are wandering about the wrecked suburb in a mon today from Fort Stavens to begin dage, moaning and hunting for their dead.

New York, Dec. 6 .- (I. N. S.)-So far as could be learned here, the Nieuw Amsterdam, of the Holland-American line, was the only mercantile steamship in Halifax harbor at the time of the explosion. This vessel left New York about a week ago with 750 passengers on board, many of them subjects of Germany and Austria-Hungary, returning home by sanction of the British government.

Holland-American line officials say they have been unable to get in touch with Halifax by wire to ascertain the vessel's fate.

New York. Dec. 6 .- (U. P.)-A British With the arrival of nurses and surruiser, crashing into an American muously wounded were carried to hospitals ously wounded werecarried to hospitals in everything from a dumpoart to an nitions ship, caused the terrible explo tion in Halifax, according to reports rehere this afternoon by cable of

Many were given first aid only to die St. John, New Brunswick, Dec. 6 .- (U while others with the arrival of sup plies were able to dress their own P.)-Halifax, the garrison city of Can ranks of the Oregon, State Guard for ada, is practically in ruins today as the some time, it is learned, and an ultima-tum has been served on the office of a terrific explosion when a wounds,

The latest reports said probably 25 telegraph operators were killed when the explosion wrecked their offices. Reports indicate that the greatest liper rammed a munition transport as the latter was backing from her pler in

When direct communication was es-tablished between Halifax and this city and others working on the waterin When direct communication was eslate today, reports said hundreds prob-ably are dead and it is estimated 1000

proper. Buildings in many sections of Halifan were reduced to matchwood. Plate glass windows were pulverised and the whole city resid with the terrific concussion injured. are dying or are terribly The explosion occurred shortly after 9 o'clock when an American ship loaded with munitions backed out of her berth in Bedford Basin. She was rammed by when the big cargo of death ward. a ship described in reports here as "a Red Cross" liner.

Wheels on freight cars were snapped in two and the cars hurled from the ralls by the force of the explosion. Wharves Blast Heard 100 Miles Away ollapsed and disappeared into the ha A score of men working on a line in Richmond were killed and the tracks

It is estimated that 60 per cent of of the Canadian government ralway bethe buildings in the city proper were damaged. Hollis street from the tween Richmond and Hallfax were completely destroyed. Heavy rails were Queen's hotel to the North street sta-tion is a shambles. Every building is is ruins and beneath the wreckage lies the Immediately after the collision the ammunition-laden ship caught fire. bodies of many victims. Efforts of the crew to extinguish the

Station Mass of Ruins

She blew up with a report that shook cities 100 miles away. Blazing ammu-Toronto, Ont., Dec. 6 .- (U. P.)-"Half nition shot into the air and sprinkled fax city is on fire," said a message reterminals and houses near by. Docks were shattered. Railroad cars were ceived by D. J. Reid, minister of ralllifted from their tracks and dashed to ways, from Division Superintenden

Portland Man Built Docks

splinters. Warehouses were demolished and their valuable food scattered. A message received in Toronto by an official of the Intercolonial railway said every building north of the Queens hotel had been destroyed. He described the wrocksee in the sorth and of the Intercolonial railway sold every building north of the Queens hotel had been destroyed. He described the wreckage in the north end of the city as "one mass of bodies." Hospitals are filled with injured and improvised wards have been hurriedly

improvised wards have been hurriedly been set up in corridors.

flames and save the ship were futile.

been set up in corridors. Late this afternoon nurses and doo-tors began to arrive on special trains from all directions and the work of ministering to the wounded began. Pitiful scenes were enacted in the sub-a urb of Richmond, as the wounded be-sau to recover from the stunning effects and sau to recover from the stunning effects and sau to recover from the stunning effects Missoula, Mont., Dec. 6.-(I. N. S.)-

While fire raged through the section where bodies of the dead were buried in the wreckage and lay in fantastic positions, as they had fallen when the explosion came, cries of the injured and send coaches to Halifax to take per away."

dying filled the air. Construction on the great dock proj

Sobbing women ran frantically about, searching for their children. For a time after the explosion the city was practically paralyzed with the sud-denness of the disaster. Then slowly and painfully the work of rescue beect was under the direction of Jol Porter of Portland, a member of th firm of Porter Bros.

It was said that through the new d European mail could have been lande in New York by rail from Halifar 2 A few hours after the explosion in-jured men were seen wandering like wraiths about the wreckage. Few knew what had happened, so sudden was the blast and some were almost naked.

as the d. bours quicker than by an all water rout from Europe. Mr. Porter, who has visited his hom in Portland since beginning work on the project. Is in Hallfax, where he was m perintending the last work on the dec bodies. Clothes Torn From Bodles In a number of instances the ci-

to the senate tomorrow the resolution declaring war on Austria-Hungary. An effort will be made to bring the resolu-declaring in the analysis of the senator stone of Missouri, is handling the declaration against Austria. Stone is for war on tion up for discussion in the senate to- Austria or any other nation the president may suggest now that the United States is in the conflict. elution calling for a declaration of a state of war against Austrie was favor-ably reported to the house by the foreign relations committee today. The state of war between the United States and Austris has been 'an actual fact for many months," the committee's report declared, "and very little read-justment of affairs" between the course

and others who, while subjects of Aus-tria, are not in sympathy with her. Many of these, Stone said, either vol-unteered or were taken into the na-tional army by the draft. The Mis-souri senator says he believes congress can, if it sees fit, declare these men , citizens of the United States. justment of affairs" between the coun-tries will therefore be involved.

Will Ask Redsons The committee decided to ask state department for additional formation as to the reasons for including Turkey and Bulgaria fore the final vote.

senate.

fore the final vote. Opening debate clearly showed that sentiment in favor of including Bulgaria and Turkey among the enemies of this country has not cooled, despite Presi-dent Wilson's recommendation. Representative Miller of Minnesota, advocating immediate adoption of the Austrian resolution, urged that Turkey and Bulgaria be included. He scouted the idea that by withholding such action the United States might "wean these countries from Germany." "The presence of the Bulgarian and Turkish representatives in Washington

reached tonight as to the form of

the resolution to be introduced int

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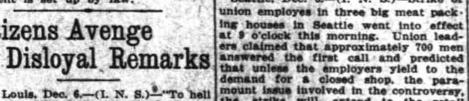
county government under a managerial system and independent of the city, the

Citizens Avenge

Will Necessitate Laws "Depredations on American lives and ights by Austrian naval forces have been mail compared to those of Germany, but they have been indulged in to an ex-tent to constitute war on this country." the report declared. The seniate foreign relations com-the seniate foreign relations of war pre-vented dafinite action at this morn-tent to constitute the resolution

Cruiser Blows Up

Copenhagen, Dec. 6 .-- (U. P.)-A large German auxiliary cruiser, probably the seian steamer Bothnia, whi ned and armed by the Germa



the strike will extend to the retail butcher shops and that 2000 men will be out before Saturday.