

terless in this blasted city toay.

Fires which were believed extinguished have broken out again. North Halifax today is a vast funeral pyre.

Many bodies are incinerated in the burning ruins of this city of desolation and woe. Snow is mantling with a cloak of white great blackened areas where the flames have swept, hiding un-known horrors beneath. A bitter wind is sweeping through shattered windows same section of the Italian front where of ruined houses.

Reports of additional dead found in 30 women employed in one print shop are believed to have been buried in the wreckage. Fearful loss of life in the Protestant Orphanage is feared. Only three children from that institution have been accounted for.

Thirty-five bodies have been found in one section of a ruined hospital. Dartmouth's list is believed to be be-

tween 80 and 100. Police are attempting to round up lost children who are wandering more than 60 guns, but they suffered through the appalling wilderness of very heavy losses. wreckage, weeping bitterly or calling for their mothers.

Even worse conditions than exist in ground in the mountains of the Asiago Halifax have turned North Dartmouth. plateau, but their main lines are hold-across the bay, into a place of death ing intact and the dents given them by and suffering. Thousands are homeless and churches,

theatres, and schools are, being used as temporary hospitals and morgues. Some progress is being made in re-lief work, but estimates of the deal are as yet based solely upon fragmentary reports.

The property damage will mount far (Concluded on Page Eighteen, Column One)

State Commission

The state irrigation securities com- from the western front, across the Alps Monday will start on a tour of all the projects in Central Oregon. As a for the first time. representative of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, William H. Crawford, secretary of the chamber's development

bureau, will accompany the commission and avail himself of the opportunity to study various phases of the projects. The commission will start south of Bend and will visit the Ochoco, Tumalo and the other projects on a schedule that will allow close investigation. The tour will be made by automobile and will take about a week.

Johnston Porter

Safe in Halifax A telegram was received this morn-ing by the Porter Bros. company in Portland from Johnston P. Porter.

4000 Italian Prisoners, Says Berlin Statement.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 7 .- (U. P.)-Berlin, via London, Dec. 7.-(U. P.)- been their homes men and women, scant-Capture of Monte Sisemo and taking of ily clad, clawed at the wreckage franti- for business. Some of those who formed 4000 additional Italian prisoners, making cally with bleeding hands in an effort the total captured in the Settecommuni to find lost relatives. region 15,000, was officially announced. Weeping children, and women

London. Dec. 7 .- (I. N. S.)-On the wounded men groaning, made last night horror for all in the city. the Austro-German armies tried vainly More bodies were found today in the

for weeks to break through and rolldebris. Snow is rapidly cloaking some Reports of additional dead found in down behind the Italian forces standing of the more ghastly mounds of shattered in una print shop on the Plave river, the Teutonic in- wood and stone, where the corpses can vaders are again trying to force a debe seen under the rubbish. Women shrieked as they drew aside a

cision. The task of breaking through has been given to Field Marshal again Conrad von Hoetzendorf of the Austro-Hungarian army, who commands the group between the Belena and Plave

valleys In the new battle which was renewed on Wednesday the German war office

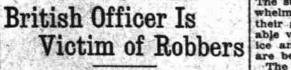
claims the capture of 11,000 men and Advices from Rome today admitted that the Italians had given up some

girl of about 4 years. She showed no the invaders are not serious. The Teutons are striving to break the surface wounds and she lay among the Italian line in the Venetian Alps and to others, a dilapidated doll by her side. overrun the "wall" which overlooks and It was kept for help in identification. ommands the Italian rear on the Plave. If they are successful, a general Italian was claimed by a sobbing girl mother. withdrawal may be necessary with the vacuation of Venice.

More than 100 British aviators have ar-Word of the arrival of the British.

to northern Italy may now be printed "Single machines have made longer

flights than that undertaken by the British squadron, but never has so long a trip been taken by so large a fleet of aircraft," says the report.



An Atlantic Port, Dec. 7.—(I. N. S.)— Captain William D. Boshell of the British army, on his way from Colom-bla, where he has been recuperating from wounds received last year in East Africa, was robbed Thursday of a dis-patch box containing papers of an im-portant character after the South American vessel on which he sailed ar-rived here. Along with the papers went \$7000 in money.

Portland from Johnston P. Porter, member of the firm who had charge of the great Halifax dock project. Mr. Porter, wiring from the scene of the disaster, says it is impossible to esti-mate the number of dead. Receipt of the massage quieted the ates here, who had felt he might have been among the dead or injured. New York.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 7.-(U. P.)-The serving order in Halifax. Immediately scene as dawn broke over the city today after the explosion, while dense clouds was indescribable. Here and there of white smoke were rolling over the about the smoking ruins of what had scene of devastation, the Canadian

ranks were bleeding from wounds. The detachment of American bluejackets which arrived some time after the blast and

were of immense help. American relief, workers from New York, Boston and other points are un-

derstood to be en route here. They have not yet arrived.

When surgical help from nearby towns reached here last night, the injured were thronged around dressing stations awaiting their turns. Thou blanket and recognized a loved one. sands who have no other hurts are Men sobbed over the bodies of children, suffering from cuts received when the while others, white faced and haggard, air was filled with flying glass. stunned by the catastrophe, recognized

trinkets or bits of clothing on mangled A special train, bringing carloads of and burned bodies, hoping to establish food, clothing and other much-needed D. C., December 17.

supplies, arrived here this morning The most pitiful of all was the row from St. John, N. B. Mayor Hayes and the majority of the surgeons of St. of little figures that represented the John have also arrived. children who yesterday were struck down in their school, on the

streets, even while playing on their There was one tiny, golden-haired

blanket-covered dead.

Farly this morning this little body She was wrapped in an old overcoat. In the common are other still forms

their identity.

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doorstep.

covered with blankets. Many are British Fly to Italian Line Washington, Dec. 7.-(I. N. S.)burned beyond recognition and others mangled. Some probably never will be identified. Today a slowly rising ived safely on the Italian front to pall of smoke hung over the devasaid in stemming the advance of the tated suburb of Richmond and while To Visit Projects Austro-German armies, according to soldiers and sallors patrol the wrecked streets, the work of digging out the mangled and burned victims is going

on. Hundreds of wounded are in hospitals in and near the city, many hovering near death. Others, covered with

white bandages, limping or being carried in automobiles, are going to nearby towns and villages. Of the thousands of homeless, many

Little Girl Found With Doll

still are too dazed to know what to do. The suddenness of the death that overwhelmed the city has left them dumb in their grief and suffering. Every available vehicle has been pressed into serv-ice and literally wagonloads of bodies are being carried away.

The city was in practical darkness all night. School sessions probably will not

be resumed for a month. Some wounded people were found to-day lying where they had been hurled by the explosion. Volunteer stretcher-bearers gathered them up. Some of those found dead today had evidently died of wounds. By their pos-tures it was apparent they made desper-**New Nominations**

ate attempts to crawl into the open be

+ ing in Progress Here to Ap-

pear Before I. C. C.

Fifteen thousand carloads of apples, out of a total production in the Northwest states of 21,000 carloads, were represented at a meeting of apple growers and shippers held today in the chambers

of the public service commission at the court house.

The purpose of the meeting was to arrange a program for protection of the

apple industry from application of a proposed 15 per cent increase in freight rates. Delegates will be chosen to present the case of the fruit growers and shippers at a hearing on the proposed advance to be held before the interstate

commerce commission at Washington.

The shippers maintain that they are already paying an exorbitant rate to points in the East, compared with the

rates from the Middle Western market; Every hour brings additional rescue workers, nurses and doctors, with am- that freight rates on bananas, the bulances and surgical supplies. Long strongest competitor of the apple in the lines of sobbing men and women began market, are much lower than the rates early today to file past the rows of on apples. Object to Heavy Loading

Formal Inquiry Will Start

They also contend that the use of box A formal inquiry into the cause of the cars and the methods of heavy loading collision between the French munitions required, work injury to apples in transteamer Mont Blanc and the Belgian sit; that the railroads have induced relief ship Imo will be made. Witnesses thousands of people from the East to believe the Belgian vessel's steering gear settle in apple growing sections by repbroke.

resenting the sure profits obtained from that business and the ease and economy The most badly damaged part of Hallfax is from Gottingen street to the of marketing the fruit, and now dis-stockyards. The drydock is wrecked. criminate against the apple growers of St. Joseph's church is in ruins. Many the sections developed by their advertising methods. big buildings were unroofed as if a tor-

nado had swept over them. Frank Reeves of Wenatchee, Wash. The explosion gave warning of its stated that 5000 box cars of apples were coming. It was preceded by a noise shipped from that district this season, like thunder; then came the terrific the average number of apple boxes to smash that shook the earth, caved in the car being 942 compared with an average of 630 boxes in previous years. strong buildings, filled the air with death-dealing fragments and knocked He said that the apples often reached thousands of people off their feet. their destination in poor condition as Many families are believed to have a result of too heavy loading and been annihilated.

cessary delays en route.

The blast played strange freaks Increase Declared Menace Many doors were blown open, the C. A. Malboeuf called attention locks being ripped from their places in the woodwork. Live electric light the increased cost of production and handling apples over previous years wires lay in the streets. Nobody and predicted that an increase in the freight rates would kill the apple ineemed to know what had happened Then the fires began spreading. dustry in the Northwest.

Freight sheds in Richmond Those in attendance at today's meetushed over like houses of cards. Many of the injured were removed by train to Windsor today.

Those in attendance at today's meet-ing were B. A. Perham, representing the Earl Furit company of Spokane; J. C. Robinson, Northwestern Fruit Ex-change of Seattle; A. W. Stone and C. W. McCullagh, Apple Growers' associa-tion, Hood River, Or.; C. A. Malboeuf of Portland, representing North Pa-cific Coast Fruit distributors and the By President Wilson

dific Coast Fruit distributors and the Dufur Orchards company; Frank Reeves, representing apple growers of the Wenatchee valley; Washington; F. W. Buff, Fruit Growers' exchange, Hood River, Or.: A. W. Peters, Hood River Apple & Storage company; Chris R. Griesen, representing the Oregon State Fair association, and D. D. Mc-Churs a frait grower of Portland Th. Washington, Dec. 7.-(U. P.)-The president today sent to the senate the

Clure, a fruit grower of Portland. The Oregon public service commission was represented by F. J. Miller, H. H. Corey and Examiner F.A. Rasch. of

They defended the erstwhile enemy line against several powerful attempts to retake it. The enemy was stubbornly determined. Along one arc massed troops were thrown forward and driven off: Almost immediately a second attacking wave formed.

This second wave of densely packed masses of men was caught in the British artillery, stormed and wiped out. The British army expects Germany's

biggest-and perhaps its final-effort of the war shortly. General Byng's retirement from Bour-lon was regarded today as the first

prime precautionary measure for the British to withstand such a shock. As the British see it, Germany, is now at the zenith of her military power. With

attle and San Francisco. Russia out of the war, Germany is en-Seattle and San Francisco will con abled to draw on increased manpower, heretofore held along the Russian tinue the publication. Portland could have done so, but when a circular queslines. She is apparently preparing to tion was issued from the Washington throw every ounce of her energy into office of the weather bureau asking if a supreme attempt at a military vic-tory before arrival of American troops the publication of the maps could be discontinued as a measure of economy, A. on the fighting line.

H. Thiessen, the meteorologist in charge of the Portland office, replied that it In the Bourion sector there were only two alternatives open to General Byng. One was to push ahead and the other could be done. Thiessen was sent to Portland from was to step backward to a more secure footing. With the Russian situation Salt Lake as successor to E. A. Beals. He had never been here in a time of

permitting the enemy to mass great forces on the Cambrai line the backward step seemed the only thing to do The withdrawal puts the British into a much better position to receive the expected attacks. It was carried out perfectly-so perfectly that the' Ger-mans looked foolish in their attacks

in unoccupied land. The Bosches shelled the uninhabited land and thereabouts for hours with a hurricane barrage. Then they attacked with dense masses. Their storming waves found the forest of Bourlon gar-

Washington, Dec. 7.-(U, P.)-Many big food dealers throughout the United States are in imminent danger of being put out of business by Food Adminisrisoned only with the dead. Patrols from the enemy lines later trator Hoover because they are violat-ing the federal regulations under which cautiously worked their way to the ruins nearby-like wary mice approach-

they are licensed to operate, it was ing a suspicious bit of cheese. One dash of British shrapnel sent them scurrying back. Then came thick waves of more German "shock troops," charglearned Thursday. It was a gentle hint to these dealers, who do not think Hoover means busi-ness, that the food administrator re-voked the license of the Morris Singer or more derman anota troops, charg-ing over the crest and upon both sides of Bourion. They were charging po-sitions occupied at that moment only by ground rats. When the Bosches got there and were trying to puzzle Commission company here for allowing two carloads of potatoes to rot on the track. The revocation order puts that firm completely out of business until such time as Hoover sees fit to grant it out the withdrawal, British guns pelted new license,

their closely packed masses with shells. The British did not leave a single piece of material in the evacuated sec-tion. Every fugout was destroyed. Today the German airmen were trying in flocks and with all their might to find out what was occurring behind Byng's lines of retirement.

> French Repel Two Attacks Paris, Dec. 7 .- (U. P.)-Repulse

 With this as their motto, members of the South Slavic National league, with headquarters here, telegraphed today to President Wilson, urging him to declare war on Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria.
We are with the United States in this war against enemies of humanity, and will help with men and our money,"
Mathematical Private ABNER L. CLARE, infantry, died December 2, cause not given, mother, Mrs. H. D. Clark, East Hampton, Mass.
Washington, Dec. 7.--(U. P.) - Two Americal war department announced today. They are 1 CORPORAL WALTER A. WAREEN, slight-the telegram states. two German attacking waves, which followed a violent bombardment around Bezonvaux and Beaumont, on the right bank of the Meuse, was announced in today's official statement. The attack-ers were thrown back in flerce French defensive fire. defensive fire. Active artillerying was reported along the Rhone-Rhine canal region.

next Monday

nominal value.

for the practical men of tomorrow will

The Chamber of Commerce will pro-test the action not only because of the

lessened efficiency of the service, but

because it puts Portland in a position

subordinate to the service given at Se-

high water, impending frost or abnor-

mally unsettled weather. But despite

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When Firm Disobeys

Hoover Puts Lid on

Slavic League Asks

For War Against All

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 7,-(I. N. 8.)-Freedom for all forever.

be deprived entirely of the service.

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against the declaration of a state of farmers, schools and the Chamber of Commerce feel about the order discon-tinuing publication of the daily weather war with Germany, voted to make Austria a formal enemy of the United States. map by the local office of the weather Meyer London, New York Socialist, The order becomes effective

cast the only negative vote. Shippers and boat owners who have The resolution was immediately elied upon the storm information will rushed to the senate, which remained in be deprived of the service and receive session, to receive the vice president's in substitute a card so condensed as to signature. e practically unintelligible.

President Wilson was awaiting the Farmers and fruitgrowers, who have resolution at the White House and will many times been saved great losses by immediately affix his signature, knowledge of the approach of frost and London Raises Storm inclement weather, will have to put up a substitute service of merely

The action of London, in masting an otherwise unanimous action in both branches of congress, brought a storm of criticism down on his head. Two hundred schools that have been using the maps in the educational plan A score of members denounced Lon-

don violently on the floor of the house.

Mise Rankin, who made a dramatic appearance after she had been reported ill, declared, in explanation of her vote:

"I still believe that war is a stup

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Minneapolis, Dec. 7.—(I. N. S.)—A-gas pipe bomb containing enough dyna-mits to blow a street car and its occu-

pants to fragments was found today on a Snelling-Minnehaha street car. The bomb was on a seat near the mid-

die of the car and was found by the

In Naval Hospital

Telegraphic information was received today telling of the death of Harry Earl

Stark, fireman of the first class in the navy, at the United States naval hos-pital at Portsmouth. Va. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stark of Stells,

CASUALTIES IN

FORCES OF U.S.

ington, Dec. 7.---(L. N. 8.)--G reported the deaths of fire Am in France to the war department

The list follows: PHIVATE ADOLPH BIEDZYCKI, engineers, lied Novamber. 25, heart disease; brother, Eddis Biedgruht, 4563 Monna avenue, East

Adesgo, Ind. PRIVATE PAUL LINDLEY, angineers, died

becamber 4, measles and brothe-pneumentar mather, fire, E. G. Lindley, Addy, Wash. MECHANIC CHARLES C. M'NETT, field rillery, abdominal rupture, uncle, Harry Beals,

artillery, abdominal ruphure, unsie, Harry Beals, Camper, W20. FRIVATE WILLIAM S. MATTHEWS steredore regiment, died December 4, fractured skull; mother, Mrs. Nina Maithews, Baltimore, Md.

crew while the car was being cleaned

Harry Stark Dies

Wash.

Minneapolis Car

Big Bomb Found on