

BY GOVERNMEN 250,000 Miles of Rallways Into One Great Continental

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System for Winning War.

Washington, Dec. 29.—As the first racilcal step in the government's op-ration of raffroads throughout the

s drafted the Railroad War Board as drafted the Rainoad war board no the government service to work at plans for unified operation and ubmit them to him for approval. The following five railroad execu-ves, each a leader in the business of ransportation. will work out the transportation, will work out the plans for welding 250,000 miles of railroad into one great continental system for winning the war: Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway: Julius Kruttschnitt, chair-man of the board of the Southern Pa-dific; Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania system: Hale Holden, president of the Burlington; Howard Elliott, of the New Haven. There appeared some doubt as to whether the railroad executives de-dred to continue the Railroad War board. Fairfax Harrison, chairman, mid it was phrely a voluntary or-maization costing the roads \$800,-tod a year to maintain. Nana

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THE HALIFAX DISASTER. HANDELS "MESSIAH" WHITE BUSSIA BRITISH SOLDIER

THIS EVENING

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NANAINO, VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Soldier Writes Home Tell- Handel's greatest oratoria, "The Legislative Body for B ing of Conditions Under Which the Messiah" will be rendered by a com-British Are Called Upon to Fight, bined choir in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, commencing at 8:30.

**IS WELL FED** 

Private F. S. Hansen writes from Furnishing, as it does, the most ap-Private F. S. Hansen writes from Furnishing, as it does, the most ap-"Somewhere in France" to his moth-er Mrs. F. S. Martin. Northfield, a lengthy letter descriptive of the con-ditions surrounding the soldier in France. He writes: My Dear Mother,—The first thing is and Furnishing, as it does, the most ap-propriate and impressive Christmas and Easter music, it has been a, standard work for choral societies the world over for years. Great and "The Messlah," the hearing of which is and in the soldier in the sold is hear instance of the con-the sold is hear instance of the con-the more the sold is the sold is the sold is hear instance of the con-the more the sold is hear instance of the con-many have been the influences of "The Messlah," the hearing of which

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IS A REPUBLIC

A COLUMBIA, SUNDAY,

orred advices received here. A ra-or legislative hour, or the ser-ory, has been assembled at Minut or legiture assent ory, has been assent which place a der which place a der 

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yesterday of charges of failure to re-port for the selective draft and vio-

lation of the Espionage Act against Paul H. Billhuber, until recently an

aero engineer employed by the Day-

ton Wright Aeroplane Company, of

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amage done by the earth-a Gautemala have reached

a Gautemaia have reached it with shough detail to cause table apprehension. There its of heavy material dam narry to many persons. Tele communication between here can go any place in England, Ireland or Sootland, free ticket. Yesterday I voted for the Union Government as did all the boys. The only way to is in Gautomala is in and six the boys. The only way to end the war is with every man. Mo-ther, I know you are as proud of as as we are of you, and no one can ever any your boys had to be fetabed. How long I will be in England I cannot a towns in Gautemala fer-ared earth shorks of slig at approximately the prioritentials City was b By, but there is a good shane least six months. Although a ously shaken. ogton, Dec. 25 At 6 o'cla day evening the earthquat strayed part of Genter avrine here

Years' Experience Overseas-Expects to Meet His Brother Charlie.

**RECOVERING IN** 

Mrs. Ida Clarke is in receipt of a ong letter from her son Donald who as previously reported in the Herald, was badly gassed in a recent Canadian attack. He is now recovering in

a hospital at Epsom, and as his let-ter will show, writes in cheery spir-zone have reduced military activity ter will show, writes in check, and its. He says: Dear Mother.—Your letter, coll-taining twenty-five france has just reached me. I can easily get the france changed into English money. I hope that before this you have re-there in which ceived some of my letters, in which took the initiative, delivering a blow I told you I was in England. I am at the Austro-German line near Mont getting on splendidly and hope to be Tomba, on the mountain front just

and well as ever. You must have forgotten to put in all your letter as I only got four lines, but they did me more good than any medicine could. I was feeling a little blue when your letter arrived, but now I am feeling quite happy. It is absolutely the first letter I have had

ousands of Persons Rendered from you for over six months, nearly Friday night in which the city of Pa-Homeless as Result of Earth a year, in fact, Gee, Mother, it is dua, rich in art and treasures, was good to be in England after being attacked. None of the city's noted out there. The weather is splendid, so I can scarce be but happy. I only wish Charlie was here. He deserves to be. Still he expects his leave any day. I think I will go to Scotland on my pass, right to Glasgow. I have always wanted to see Scotland. We

hearty as be-here I will have

Pte. Donald Clarke Has Had Three Italians Struck at the Austro-German Line Near Monte Tomba and Berlin Reports the Attack Failed-Enemy

STRUCK BLOW

Airmen Busy.

NUMBER

AT THE TEUTONS

Deter ations is r on the battle front. The Italian

west of the Plave. The German War Office reports this engagement, declaring that the Italian attack was broken up by defensive fire.

The principal aerial activity is also reported from the Italian Tront. Aus-trian airmen recently beaten off from Treviso with a loss of eleven seromonuments were harmed, but eight bombs dropped in the most densely populated part of the town, and killed 13 persons and injured 60 others. Bombs dropped on Treviso and two other towns closer to the fighting lines than Padua, which is some 36 miles from the front, caused no dam-

or on a noisy piece of front it may happen that it is a month between baths. but thank goodness we are not always attacking. Rations are good, in fact I don't

now how they do it. I'd bet all the dollars I ever had that we are the best fed army in the world, bar none. You can work this out for yourself. Rations for sixty men in our section

Boston, Dec. 29.-Small dealers biscuits. ten pounds of butter every have been squeezed out of competi-tion by the powerful grasn of the big packers of the United States upon the meat, remiering scap and fertili-ser industries of the country accord-and the remainder "bully beet"; thirhave been squeezed out of competicer industries of the country according to testimony given by witnesses inserted that the pack-ting business asserted that the pack-tree times per day, rice, ostimed, timed fish at times possibly once a beyond the reach of the independent dealers, by reporting to the scheme of siying short weight for refuse, by think I whey missed a few things, sait

Witnesses asserted that the pack for stilled competition for the sate of waste products by bidding up prices week. Clearest once and matches by seet the rest of the scheme of string bounds to failed in the scheme of string bounds to failed in the scheme of string bounds of the scheme of string bounds in the scheme of scheme in the scheme in the scheme in the scheme in scheme in the scheme in the scheme of scheme in the scheme in the scheme of scheme in the scheme in the scheme in scheme in the scheme in the scheme in the scheme in scheme in the scheme in the scheme in scheme in the scheme in the scheme in scheme in the s man spening a new butcher shop was sold to the highest bidder, transac-tions in which the butchers had no-thing to say. In New England, it was testified rendering companies. I'm going to guit and write a lefter Rejected or spoiled, 19. which were [trust-controlled, maintomorrow. So bye-bye until tomortained a fund to pay bonuses for the trade of retailers at points where in-dependent rendering companies tried row From your loving son, FRANK.

to compete. Not only the rendering business,

but also the corner store trade in meats was sought, by the packers, witnesses sail. Large markets, they said, were established in strategic positions in various large cities where packers named the price at which meats could be sold at retail. These prices were said to be below those at which the small retailer could sell. As a result. it was said, the neighborhood butchers were closing up their shops in ever increasing numbers because customers were drawn to the larger stores

Many of the witnesses gave their version of being driven out of busineas by what they termed "the trust" or of getting into the combine in order to live. Two of the witnesses en-livened the session by voicing their definite to the packers.

At a special meeting of the Lady-

in the High School, recently made va- other balloon which left at the same two miles and a half on a front, of eant by the resignation of Mr. Drae- time, commanded by Capt. Cole, and der, who has joined the teaching also carrying six students. landed 80 flank, according to a report from

M. Langton, Western Merc. Co., F. Wagstaff, J. B. Hodgins, Heintzman & Co., A. J. Smith, Union Brewing Co., J. S. Knarston, Vancouver Milling Co., D. Spencer, C. Piper, J. Wallace, Model Furniture Co., P. Burns. W. W. Gray, Malpass & Wilson, J.H. Mainess, Toon Woo, Frank Beban, T. H. Weeks, W. Hoggan, Quennell, C.

Manifold, A. Wilkinson, H. Lung. one two pound loaf to three men with

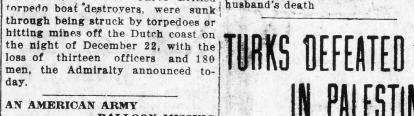
other day, twelve pounds of jam ev-ery day, ten to fifteen pounds of cheese every day, one pound of meat

I'm going to quit and write a letter Rejected or spoiled, 19.

The figures for Ladysmith are : McIntosh, 320; Stewart, 93; Taylor 206. Rejected or spoiled, 2. ATER—The final official figure res. McIntosh, 7.062. Stowert MeIntosh, 7.062; Stewart, 1, 854; Taylor, 1,287. Spoiled or re-

jected, 99. Total votes cast 10.302. MRS. SMITH A CANDIDATE Vancouver, Dec. 29 .- Mrs. Smith,

idow of the Hon. Ralph Smith, forner Minister of Finance in the Brewster government, today announced herself as an independent candidate for the Legislature in the Vancouver bye-election, made necessary by her husband's death



BALLOON MISSING

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 29.-Au army balloon commanded by Capt.

London, Dec. 29 .- Three British

day.

AN AMERICAN ARMY

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ready granted.

found in his possession.

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PARIS CANC

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fully investigating Billhuber's move-

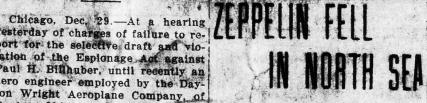
ments during the last three years,

with special attention to his connec-

tion with other aeroniane concerns He claims American citizenship.

amith School Board Friday evening. McCullough and carrying six stud-in Palestine repulsed a Turkish at- in camp over just what the order held in this church, today, the Rev. Mr. E. A. Waugh, of Victoria, was ent aviators, which left here at mid-tack north and northwest of Jeru- means. Officers who were expecting J.K. Unsworth will preach both morn appointed to the position of assistant night on Thursday is missing. An- salem and made an advance of about [a furlough to spend New Year's Day ing and evening. in Paris were merely told that leave! At the evening service one of the

staff of the Cumberland school. Mr. miles from Fort Montosh late yester-Waugh taught school formerly in the day afternoon. The sissing balloon British army in the Holy Land, made Northwestern Provinces, and comes officials believe, hay have been forc-highly recommended to Ladysmith. ed to land in Mexico



2.30, Jan. 2nd. Dayton, Ohio, in the planning and London, Dec. 29 .- A zeppelin and a seeplane accompanying it, have been wrecked in the North Sea, ac-

the Galitemalan capital offer all they might ask.

Solo, "Peace" (Ross), J. McMillan Muir.

Anthem, "I Will set His Dominfon" (Parker). Solo, "Recessional" (Kipling), Music by De Koven. Mrs. L. Jones. Double Quartette, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," (Sullivan). Anthem, "Save Us O Lord" (Bairstow).

Grand Choeur, (Guilmant) Organ.

A grand dance in aid of the Halifax Relief Fund will be held in Young's Hall Thursday, Jan. 3rd, from 9 p.m., to 2 a.m. Hughes orchestra. Tickets \$1.00, lady included. Refreshments served.

Significant Order Has Been Issued by SOUTH WELLINGTON DRAWING Commander of American Forces in The winning numbers in the South Wellington Band Prize Drawing in or der of merit, are as follows: 575, 1963 With the American Army in 2009 2 105, 6, 970, 824, 803, 63, 227 France, Dec. 28, via London, Dec 29, 532, 414, 459, 169, 24, 474, 4, 953, -Gen. Pershing, the American com-mander in France, today issued an order suspending further Parts leaves of absence for both officers and men feited.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

of "The Messiah" will be soloist. "The Messiah" will be rendered at The usual New Year's goose and 8:30 p.m., and a collection will be turkey shoot will be held at the Som. taken up in aid of the Halifax Reerset Hotel on New Year's Day. 2 lief Fund.

At this evening's service at St. An- late John Weiler, founder of the we ew's Presbyterian Church. Mrs. known furniture house of that city drew's Presbyterian Church. H. Roberts will sing "Beyond H. Roberts will sing "Beyond the The death occurred at the residence Dawn" (Sanderson), and Mr. John of Charles Weiler, 922 Blanchard S Graham will sing "Glory to Thee My, Mrs. Weiler was ninety-one years and God This Night" (Gounod).

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BIJOU THEATRE

wherever shown.

ten months of age, and the members of the family still residing in Victoria Regular meeting of Light Infantry had been daily expecting the end. Chapter. I. O. D. E., will be held in

## DOMINION THEATRE

Richard's Hall, Wednesday afternoon "The Life of Lord Kitchener" which is offered at the Dominion for tomorrow and New Year's Day, repcording to a dispatch from Copenha-gen, duoting advices received there from West Jutland. The zeppelin is said to have fallen in flames into the success, "The Broadway Sport," in and Egypt. Owing to the anarmou which he has made a tremendous hit rental charged by the owners, we are compelled to raise our prices slight With this will be screened one of ly, but we know that you will ap

those screaming funny Fox two-reel clate our efforts to get the best fo 



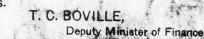
Payments due on January the 2nd may be made at any time to and including January the 11th. Scrip Certificates will be delivered in exchange for payments then due. Payments due January the 2nd must be made at the Bank branch mentioned in the application.

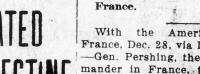
The extension of time to January the 11th is given for the convenience of subscribers and Banks so that subscribers will not be unduly detained waiting their turn at a Receiving Teller's wicket, as would most likely be the case if all payments had to be made on one day only. Subscribers should not wait until January the 11th, or a day or so before, and thus create the situation sought to be avoided. In every case, interest at the rate of five and one half per cent per annum from January the 2nd must be paid if payment is not made on or before the 11th.

For the convenience of subscribers, by arrangement of the Canadian Bankers' Association, Banks with remain open on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, January 3rd and 4th, and on the afternoon of Saturday, January the 5th. Evening hours 7.30 to 9.30. Saturday afternoon from 2 until 6 o'clock.

It has been brought to the attention of the Finance Department that a considerable number of subscribers, who have deposits with Banks, are under the impression that their Banks will take care of their January payments by automatically debiting their accounts with the necessary payments. This is incorrect. Each and every subscriber must personally arrange for these payments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE. Ottawa, Dec. 24th, 1917,





and cancelling the future leaves at

London, Dec. 29 .- British troops

nine miles along the Turkish right was cancelled without any other soloists engaged in the performance place being substituted for Paris.