commercial and financial interests are making plans to connect Australia with London and other parts of the British empire by commercial airplanes. A company already has

an aerial route to London by way

MOTHERS' PENSION LAW UPHELD BY HIGH COURT

AUSTRALIA-ENGLAND AERIAL SERVICE PLANNED London, Dec. 9. - Australian

Sydney and Port Said.

OFFICERS MAY QUIT

missions in the resevre.

journed until Friday.

MARSHAL FOCH MAY

VISIT UNITED STATES

the marshal in response to a recent

message in which the mayor invited

him "the freedom of the city."

IN BALLOON OPERATIONS

nflate the gas bags.

BERGER ON TRIAL

FOR ACTS HELD

Codefendants Plead Not

Guilty to Violating

· Chicago, Dec. 9 .- Victor L. Ber-

espionage act. A plea of not guilty

Homer Stuntz Dies

Mrs. Harry Hunter, 3169 Farnam

street, daughter of Bishop Homer C

Stuntz, died in the Methodist hospi-

tal Monday evening of influenza fol-

lowed by pneumonia. Mrs. Hunter

was 26 years of age, and is survived

daughter of seven months of age,

and two brothers, one of whom is in

India and the other serving with the

Bishop Stuntz, who is making a

tour of Eastern Asia and China, is

probably in Shanghai at this time

and will not receive the news of his

daughter's death until he reaches

For Jewish Freedom.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 9.-The

American Jewish congress will con-

vene in Philadelphia December 15

to consider means of obtaining po-

litical and religious freedom for

Jews throughout the world. The

meeting was planned for two years

ago, but was postponed to await conclusion of hostilities.

Y. M. C. A. in France.

her parents, her husband, a

Here of Pneumonia

Daughter of Bishop

Espionage Act.

ARMY IF THEY WISH

hold their positions permanently or

by those who have asked for com-

New York, Dec. 9 .- Raymond L.

ARRESTED FOR HOPING

WILSON WOULD DROWN

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nesday fair.

Partly cloudy Tuesday; cooler east and south; Wed-

THE WEATHER:

AR LABOR BOARD been forced to finance the survey of

Washington, Dec. 9.-An attack upon the Washington state mothers, pension law of 1915, brought by Mrs. Rose Suyder of Seattle, who alleged it was unconstitutional in providing pensions for widows and not for deserted mothers, was dismissed today by the supreme court. Washington court decrees upholding the law's validity wer affirmed. Washington, Dec. 9 .- Discharge from the army as soon as practicable of officers who have signified their desire to leave the service has been authorized by the War department. Vacancies will be filled temporarily by officers who want to

Which Prussian Deputies Meet: Start Disorders in Ramsdell, vice president of the United Ciigar Stores company, was Munich and Tilsen. arraigned in a magistrate's court

here today, accused of having exclaimed regarding President Wil-Paris, Dec. 9.-Additional troops son: "Wilson! I hope he drowns!" were brought to Berlin Sunday by A complaint charging disorderly the Ebert government to crush the conduct was made against Mr. Ramsdell and the case was ad-Spartacus movement, which is in control of the northern suburbs of the German capital, according to a dispatch to L'Information from Zurich. The radicals are said to be New York, Dec. 9 .- That Marholding the building in which the shal Foch may visit the United Prussian Chamber of Deputies States when his duties permit was indicated by a cablegram received meets. here today by Mayor Hylan from The

The movement also has spread to Munich, where there were disorders him to visit New York and offered in the street after the radicals had broken up a meeting of the democratic party. Disorders also are re-ARGON ELIMINATES HAZARD ported to have occurred in Tilsen.

To Make Martyrs.

Washington, Dec. 9.-Discovery Berlin, Dec. 9.-(By Associated of an inert, non-inflammable gas de- Press.)-Eager to make members of signed for use in balloons, dirigibles the Spartacus party martyrs as the and other lighter-than-air craft was result of Friday's rioting, Dr. Karl received by the Navy department Liebknecht, the leader of this factoday in a statement explaining ex- tion, lost no time in staging a specpenditures now being made jointly tacular open air meeting at the Tierwith the army for its production, garten last night,

The department said the use of this new element, officially termed targon," will eliminate the hazard of had responded to the demand for a tre and explosion that always has a general walkout. These men and women marched through Unter Den Linden to the Tiergarten until they reached the point where the Ave- 23, according to a dispatch to the nue of Victory intersects the Charlottenburger Chaussee. There Dr. Liebknecht mounted the base of one of the granite statues erected in the Bois de Boulogne station at 10 honor of the Hohenzollerns and o'clock Saturday morning, will made an address.

Flanked by Guns.

The semi-circle of Dr. Liebknecht's auditors was flanked on all DISLOYAL TO U.S. sides by machine guns, mounted on motor trucks, which commanded all approaches. Dr. Liebknecht harangued the crowd in his familiar Congressman-Elect and Four style, indicting Friedric Ebert, the premier; Philipp Scheidemann and other "kaiser socialists" of complicity in Friday's rioting. He called upon the masses to organize visit. red guards and beat off the attacks of counter revolutionists.

At a late hour tonight Berlin was absolutely quiet. It is estimated by the Tageblatt that the number of deserters that Berlin is feeding ger, congressman-elect from Milwankee, with four codefendants, today was placed on trial in the fedexceeds 60,000. Premier Ebert and eral district court before Judge Lan-(Continued on Page Two, Column Five.) his on a charge of violating the

Wilson Will Not Sit in Person at Peace Table, But Will Act as Referee

On Board U. S. S. George Washington, Dec. 9.—(By Wire-less to the Associated Press)— President Wilson probably will not sit at the peace table, but will be represented there by delegates while remaining in close contact with the heads of other nations and prepared to decide questions referred to him.

Premier Clemenceau, it is believed, will be president of the peace conference. This is considered fitting because the conference will be held in France.

President Wilson's disposition is in favor of entirely public proceedings, such as are carried on in the senate chamber at Washing, with the press representatives given every facility to report certain business.

Naturally there will be need of secrecy, as there is in the foreign relations committee, but the president's idea is that the procedure could be much the same as at Washington, a committee considering the confidential and delicate features of various questions and then reporting back to the peace conference for action.

2,200 Wounded American Soldiers Welcomed Warm'ly On Arrival at New York

representing virtually every state in the union. The men came on three ships—the United States transport did not dock until late in the afterficers and men; the United States board over night. hospital ship Comfort, which carcago, which carried 260.

Hold Building in Berlin in cheered by crowds which lined the pressed by officers of the transport German Army Command water front and clustered on house service, as for several days during tops. Water craft in the harbor the storm no wireless could be estied down their whistles to augment tablished. the welcoming din, and fire boats mittee, circled about, radiograph- voyage.

ing greetings aboard to serve sandwiches, coffee, Chateau Thierry

U. S. President. Who Is

Scheduled to Reach Holy

City December 23.

Temps from Rome today.

while he is in Paris.

tion to the people.

Brest Makes Plans.

to outdo itself in the reception of

President Wilson when he lands,

its mayor indicates in a proclama-

The committee in charge of the

fete intends to have a group of

Breton men and women wearing

All the rooms in the hotels of

Armed Force to Russia

(Contnued on Page Two, Column Six.)

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 9.-Men should be sent to Russia in suffi-

cient force to set up a constituent

assembly and assure representa-

tive government, William Howard

Taft said today in an address before

the Investment Bankers association

"Bolshevism is an enemy to

human society," said Mr. Taft. "You

cannot deal with the bolsheviki in

any other way than through their

own system. The only way to deal

with that doctrine is to kill them

"How this is to be done is a

question that will be settled at the

Marshall Greets Fushimi.

Washington, Dec. 9.-Vice Presi-

lent Marshall today received Prince

Higashi-Fushimi of Japan and his suite at the capitol. The party, ac-

companied by Acting Secretary Polk

of the State department, was wel-

comed in the offices of the vice presi-

dent and then was shown through

picturesque costumes to greet the

president when he arrives.

Taft Advises Sending

in convention here.

peace table."

Brest, Dec. 9.—Brest is preparing

New York, Dec. 9 .- New York candy and "smokes" to the returnwelcomed home today more than ing soldiers.

The Sierra was the first to arrive, 2,200 wounded American soldiers tying up at her dock early in the

Sierra, which carried about 1,560 of- noon and the men were kept on The Comfort, which left St. Naried 400, and the French liner Chi- zaire November 22, reported the roughest voyage in months, and All of the ships were warmly fears for its safety had been ex-

The Comfort had on board 149 shot streams of water high into the stretcher cases, and one death, that air, while a police patrol boat, bear- of Priv. Levi R. Richmond of Peing Mayor Hylan's welcoming com- quot, Minn., occurred during the

Many of them who arrived today Two military bands played patri- were members of the Rainbow di- delegation, announced today that otic airs as the steamers came to vision and marines who had been dock. Red Cross workers rushed wounded in the American thrust at

POPE BENEDICT

Italy Planning Welcome for German Product Barred by is reported that red forces and their "Trading With Enemy Act" of October 6, 1917.

Paris, Dec. 9.-Thomas Nelson, he American ambassador to Italy, (Special Telegram)--Judge Kinkaid, cross the border without a special visited the Vatican yesterday and who, with Congressman Reavis of announced that President Wilson the First Nebraska district, was ould pay an official visit to Pope successful in getting a favorable rul- forces aiding in the occupation of Benedict and Cardinal Gasparri, the ing from Chairman Vance McCor- German territory have reached the papal secretary of state. December mick of the war trade board with Rhine. Cavalry units of the Belreference to foreign potash impor- gian army, it was announced today tations, thereby immeasurably re-lieving the domestic potash situa-Rhine, 12 miles northwest of Dushas been decided that Prestion, is in receipt of a letter from seldorf. dent Wilson, upon his arrival at Lawrence Bennett, secretary of the board, confirming the position taken by Mr. McCormick. The letter met by President Poincare and includes the following: other government officials. He will

"The customs regulations, which then go immediately to Murat have been promulgated under the a representative of the German formansion, which will be his home authority of the trading with the enemy act approved October 6, Virtually all the mercantile es-1917, provid that no importations tablishments in Paris have notified shall be granted entry except upon their employes that next Saturday presentation of a certificate, duly will be a full holiday. It is exauthorized by the American conpected to be a larger celebration sular officer at the point of shipthan any before seen in Paris. The ment, to the effect that the comsocialists are taking a great interest in the occasion of Wilson's modities have not originated in enemy territory.

This means that there will be no ed States until after the proclama- the new Saxon government, accordmineral bill amended so as to in-clude potash. This bill has two ment of the civil list has been years to run after the declaration of stopped.

The Bee's Free Shoe Fund

To Buy Shoes For Shoeless Children

The drive for \$1,000 for The Bee Shoe Fund before Christmas isprogressing rapidly but contributions should be made early if the kiddies are to have the needed protection for their feet to make the holidays joyous.

The spirit of the campaign seems to be relized more outside of Omaha than in the city. Contributions from outside exceed those at home where the need can be daily observed. Wake up Omaha! Let us give the unfortunate something to be thankful for.

The Spanish influenza epidemic has added to the suffering of many of the Omaha poor. The generous in this city must assist those who have been unfortunate during the past year of troubled times. Don't delay. Add your bit today. Previously acknowledged. \$835.65 Ejnar Larson, Wayne, Neb. 25.00 Harold Gunvordahl, Burke,

S. D. 2.00 J. H. Vick, Benson 5.00

Asked to Send Plentipotentiaries to Conference at Treves December 12.

Berlin, Dec. 9 .- Mathias Erzberger, head of the German armistice the French government has requested the German army command to designate plenipotentiaries to confer regarding the prolongation of the armistice. The delegates will meet at Treves, Rhenish Prussia, December 12 and 13.

British Hurry to Cologne. Aix La Chapelle, Dec. 9 .- (By associated Press.)-British troops have been hurried to Cologne to maintain order, but what the nature of the trouble there has been or how serious it is, is not stated in the brief unofficial announcement. opponents have been rioting.

In the meantime British infantry have been pushed up as far as Duren, which will be entered tonight. Stringent orders have been issued along the British front foroidding anyone not actually a mem-Washington, D. C., Dec. 9 .- ber of the army of occupation to

> Belgians Reach Rhine. London, Dec. 9 .- The Belgian Rhine, 12 miles northwest of Dus-

Americans in Coblenz. Amsterdam, Dec. 9-The American forces advancing toward the Rhine will reach Coblenz today, according to a message from Berlin quoting there from Treves.

Saxon Royal Family's

Property Sequestrated Smith. Geneva, Dec. 9 .- (Havas.) - The German potash shipped to the Unit- been placed under sequestration by tion of peace at the earliest, and in ing to Swiss newpsapers. The propthe meantime Congressman Kin- erties and estate of the former kaid will endeavor to have the war Saxon royal family have been con-

Flu Epidemic Gains New

Kansas City, Dec. 9.-With 29 deaths from influenza, 11 from pneumonia and 18 from other causes reported up to 5 p. m. today, all previous mortality recofds for a day from a single cause in Kansas City A total of 315 new influenza cases

n the last 24 hours.

Demand for Labor Exceeds

Washington, Dec. 9.—Generally cupied by Italy. good health in most of the large in-dustrial centers of the country, with Keys to City of Metz lemand for labor equalling or exceeding the supply, are reported in telegrams to the United States employment service from community labor boards in 34 states.

Speeder Sent to Jail After Accident on Farnam Street C. W. Shank, drew ten days in the

county jail, and A. Blotzka, \$15 and costs in police court Monday morning, both charged with speeding Shank and Blotzka were the principals in an automobile collision at Thirty-second and Farnam streets,

Vahey Changes Front and Will Fight for Men Before Federal Board

Washington, Dec. 2.— (Spe-ial Telegram).—James H. Vahey general counsel of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Employes of America. whose name was used in conjunction with the Taft-Manley telegram of last week to Ben A. Short, president of the carmen's union, calling upon the striking Omaha street car employes to end the strike, because of the benefits which they received under the award of the war labor board, said today that he had made a mistake in permitting the use of his name in conjunction with the Taft telegram.
"You know we all make mis-

takes," he said, "and I supposed the war labor board had all the facts before it hence my willing. ness to aid Messrs. Taft and Manley to get the men to resume work.

"Now I am in possession of the facts I did not know until this morning and I propose to lay these new facts before the joint chairmen of the war labor board with the hope that Messrs. Taft and Manley will see the matter as

"The striking street railway men in Omaha are acting in self preservation. Ever since the increase in wages they have been badly treated. Everything has been done by the company to undermine the union and yet I am at a loss to know what can be done under the circumstances. From information now at hand I think the men are right in their demands upon the company and I shall do what I can in setting the war labor board right."

Secretary Lynn Says Report Bluffs. The strikers, when asked, of Street Railway Employes, said last night that no information affecting the Omaha strike will be Wrong; Wage Scale Being Adjusted.

Secretary Lynn of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union, stated positively that the packing house employes on the South Side would eign office who has just returned not go out on a sympathetic strike for the street railway employes' union as was indicated by President Short in his interview with Mayor

According to Lynn each separate entire fortunes of former King union would have to vote favorably Frederick August of Saxony and his and then have the action passed on brother, Prince John George, have by headquarters in Chicago. He stated that the men did not favor the move and indications from the Chicago headquarters were that they did not favor such a move. He stated that the wage scale for

packing house employes was now being adjusted in Chicago by Federal Judge Altschuler and that such a move would undoubtedly preve disastrous to the proposed increases Headway in Kansas City for which the men are asking. He felt confident that the increases asked would be granted in the arbitrated scale.

Jugo-Slavs Protest.

Washington, Dec. 9.-Formal notice has been given the American government of the purpose of the and 15 of pneumonia were reported | Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, formerly held by the Austro-Hungarian government to unite with the kingdom of Serbia in a single Jugo-Slavic state, and to insist on evacua-Supply in Industrial Centers tion of Jugo-Slav territory now oc-

Kept from Huns in 1870 Now Handed to Mayor

Metz, Dec. 9.—During the ceremony in the city hall Sunday, in connection with the official entry of President Poincare, Premier Clemenceau handed to the mayor of Metz the keys to the city, which the Germans failed to get when they captured Metz in 1870. The keys had been preserved by a descendant of Gen. F. A. LaPasset, one of the defenders of

CALLS ON COMPANY FOR INFORMATION ABOUT CAR STRIKE

Federal Commission Asks President Wattles of Street Railway to Give Further Details; National Car Men's Officers Now Openly Back Strikers in Washington Before U. S. Officials.

President Wattles of the street railway company last evening received a message from Basil M. Manley, chairman of the War board, which indicated that the board would take some definite action in the strike situation in the near

The message asked for more definite information concerning conditions in Omaha.

Mr. Wattles says he has maintained from the beginning that it was up to the war board and not to the company here to take action, and, in his opinion, the message received, is an indication that such action will be taken in the near future.

OBSTRUCTIONS LINE IN BLUFFS

Trip Over Street Railway System Reveals That Someone Has Made Preparations to Impede Traffic.

Heavy obstructions were found yesterday fastened to tracks of the wires the result of its efforts.

were responsible. On Avenue A between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, the main line to Omaha, several wagon loads of granite paving blocks were want," ne replied when asked whether President Mahon of the by steel rails placed across the tracks and securely anchored.

At Eighteenth street two big willow trees were dragged upon the tracks and wired to the rails. Plans for obstructing the tracks at other points are said to have been fully matured.

All of the obstructions were placed where there would be no Interference with street traffic, thus preventing any necessity for interference on the part of the city. A long and bitter fight seems imminent and certain. Banks Declared Insolvent.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 9 .-

The Citizens' State bank of Bingham, and the Copper State bank of Copperfield, both mining towns about 30 miles south of here, were closed today by order of the state bank examiner. Both institutions were declared by the examiner to be insolvent.

Gary Proposes Cut in Steel Prices Without Reduction of Wages

New York, Dec. 9 .- A moderate reduction in the scale of maximum prices for steel, beginning January 1 is favored by the general committee on steel and steel products of the American Iron and Steel Institute, which meets with the war industries board Wednesday.

This was announced by Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the committee, at a meeting here of steel manufacturers today. Mr. Gary opposed any effort to

reduce wage scales at present, declaring that while labor is receiving higher compensation than ever before, the rates are no higher than are "proper and just" in view of the cost of liv-

ing.
"If the workmen are treated fairly and liberally," he said, "they will stand and contend for fair treatment of the employer."

A statement from Washington from James H. Vahey, general, counsel for the union, indicates that the national officers of the carmen's union apparently are backing the local strikers.

Anxiously Await Word-Information is anxiously awaited

rom Washington as to what the National War Labor board will do to relieve the situation, and whether it will be-able to exercise its influence with President Mahon of the national organization of street railway employes.

The street railway company is ready to make some sort of a move as soon as the war labor board

Jerry Burnett of Detroit, organizstreet railway company in Council er of the Amalgamated Association received from his national head-

"Men Know What Want"

barricade was further reinforced national association might send nificant bearing on the strike situa-

Mr. Burnett is convalescing at the Castle hotel.

Mahon was reported to have been summoned to Washington, to appear before the National War Labor board in connection with the Omaha strike situation and the award of the board last spring. The war board is expected to put the matter up to Mahon on the basis that he is the ha who should convince the strikers that they are not acting in good faith with the board when they remain on strike.

Discredit Sympathetic Strike One of the features of the situa-

tion yesterday was the discredit given to expressions of a sympathetic strike. The secretary of the packing house workers announced that the men of his organization had no thought of striking to help the street car employes. The members of the teamsters' and truck drivers' union voiced similar sen-R. A. Wilson of the carpenters'

union told the members of the executive board of the carmer that they were not standing on solid ground in demanding recognition of the union in view of the facts if the case between themselves and the company. City Organizations Meet

Various organizations of the city held meetings yesterday to advise t' - carmen to honor the award of the National War Labor board and to return to their work without causing further inconvenience to

the general public.

President Short of the carmen's union, Chairmen of the Executive Committee McMillian and other members of the committee came to Mayor Smith's office at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and had another conference. It was stated after the conference by them and the mayor that absolutely nothing had been accomplished.

Hesitate at Resumption. The traction company officials re-

LOVE MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND---READ THESE ANSWERS IN OUR LOVE LETTER CONTEST Good prizes for the best answers to the soldier in France who has written that he wants Dorothy to wait for him. Contest open till December 9. Not over 200 words. Address Contest Editor, The Bee. No. 11. My Dear Soldier Boy: I have not forgotten you—I remember the old forgotten you have a long forgotten you hav

as one who had quite done with this world. Your letter startled me today, but your hope about me has

times, and all the things to which the same and in three years some of you were dead and for the last three or four months which you have been gone I always remembered you as one who had quite done with this

No. 99. been abundantly fulfilled, for I have My Dear Soldier Boy: I received never for one moment forgotten your most welcome letter a few days

Yours sincerely, DOROTHY.

Darling: I should be, and I am, ly ready to give you up and choose think that I have in any way helped No. 21. never for one moment forgotten you. You have said very good words to me in your letter and whatever happens, and however matters nay be arranged between us in the future I shall always treasure the words and bless you for comfort
you fear you days end days described that which seemed to live ready to give you up and choose think that I have in any way helped in received that which seemed to live ready to give you up and choose think that I have in any way helped in received that which seemed to live ready to give you up and choose think that I have in any way helped in received that which seemed to live ready to give you up and choose think that I have in any way helped in words and bless when your letter came, and I don't feel yet that I should be impossible for you to a pople of my eye. I hope I will a broken heart, I will love you to you were fighting to lose its virtue until I me a wonderful letter. I am sure in the thought in would be impossible for you were fighting to lose its virtue until I would be impossible for you to a pople of my eye. I hope I will a broken heart, I will love you to you were fighting to lose its virtue until I would be impossible for you were fighting to lose its virtue until I would be impossible for you were fighting to lose its virtue until I would be impossible for you were fighting to lose its virtue until I would be impossible for you were fighting to lose its virtue until I would be impossible for you were

My heart shall ever be your shrine." know who that man is, darling, and

My Dear Boy: God bless you, dear, true heart, my soldier lover. when you know my one obstacle and yet you care so much for me

heart. Are like a string of pearls to me, DOROTHY. I kiss them o'er, each one apart, My rosary.

No. 31,

"Oh sweetheart of the olden time, country and the girl he loves. You The hours I spent with three, dear safely back to me when the world's flag.

depths of my soul. DOROTHY. your seturn. DOROTHY.

No. 222. Dorothy's Answer.

safely back to me when the world's flag.

great conflict had been brought to You are more than all the world and you only make life worth while.

life's pathway. DOROTHY.

to me and you may rest assured If I had a thousand lives to live, May my memory and ideals al- that when you return from the hor- I would live them all for you. ways inspire you to what is best and ror of the battlefield to "the land of Never while I am on this earth will My sweetheart, I can see to write most honorable, and may you soon the free and the home of the brave" I look toward another boy as I look no more. With love from the very return to one who anxiously awaits a warm heart will be ready to-share toward you. You are a precious with you whatever may come in gift from humanity and love. Even facing the terrors of war I would wish to be by your side. Ah, bless-