

THE JOURNAL has secured a first class reporter who will begin next Monday and cover South Buffalo territory. South Buffalo is the main objective point of THE JOURNAL and we have just been able to secure the representative we wanted. This territory will be covered thoroughly every day and South Buffalo will be given its full measure of representation in each issue of THE DAILY JOURNAL beginning Monday next.

## WHAT BRINGS CONSUL BACK, ILLNESS OR WAR?



**COLNEY ARNOLD**  
State department officials declined to say whether Olney Arnold, American consul general at Cairo, Egypt, was being recalled on account of alleged unneutral utterances. All that officials would admit was that Consul General Arnold had asked for a leave of absence on account of illness and that it was granted. He also asked for the privilege of using an American warship, and this request was granted. Mr. Arnold is a Democrat and has been prominent in the politics of his state, Rhode Island. He ran for governor in 1908 and 1909.

## THE ABBOTT ROAD BRIDGE

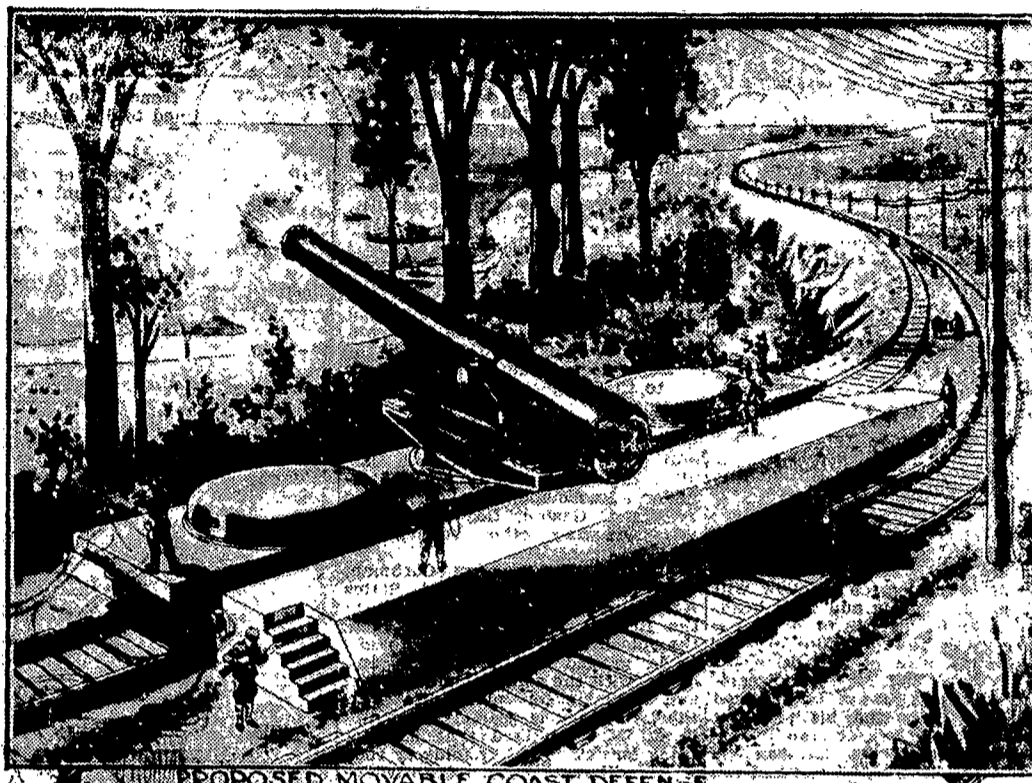
Since we printed the story about the condition of the Abbott Road bridge we have gotten several letters and telephone calls in response to the matter. It seems that the general public has been afraid of this structure for some time, but like other things they need some one to set them thinking seriously. It's high time the public was aroused to this situation. Since digging out to the depth of 21 feet on each side of this bridge the foundation must be weakened and its only matter of time when the dirt will be washed away from under these piers and down goes Mr. Bridge car and all. Are you going to wait until this happens before you make a demonstration before the Councilmen of Buffalo. That old bridge is just as strong as its weakest part and if you would interest yourself, as much as we have, you would get off the car, next trip and "have a look," the chances are that you would go around the Seneca street way thereafter. Send us in a letter what you think of this bridge so we may present a big bunch of them to the Councilmen of Buffalo. "Do it now."

## GERMAN AGENTS WANTED WALKOUT

Tried to Swing Strike of 23,000 Longshoremans Along Both Coasts

**BACKED BY A MILLION DOLLARS**  
T. V. O'Connor, President of International Longshoremans' Union, Apprehended by German Agents and Offered Bribe to Aid Movement—Exposes Plot to Secret Service Men.  
New York, Jan. 28.—The efforts of German agents, backed by more than a million dollars of German money, to swing a strike of 23,000 longshoremans along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts were described to the federal grand jury. It hinted the "dough" man in the backgrounds of the plans has not been named as yet, but that interesting developments are expected. The chief witness before the grand jurors was T. V. O'Connor, president of the International Longshoremans' union, to whom a bribe was made and through whom the whole plot, with the aid of the secret service, was exposed. Put Secret Service Men Wise. Nothing could be obtained as to what Mr. O'Connor told the grand jurors, but from information gathered, prior to the time he went into the grand jury room, and part of which was printed yesterday, it seems that Mr. O'Connor has admitted that a man, named Matthew F. Cummings, of Boston, was introduced to him in Albany. The man who introduced Cummings to O'Connor was Wm. P. Dempsey, an officer of the union. Cummings had been taken to Dempsey by Dennis D. Driscoll of Boston. Dempsey is said to have called up O'Connor from Albany and asked him to come there from Buffalo to meet a stranger. In Buffalo the whole matter was broached to O'Connor who decided to take the matter under advisement. Meantime he got in touch with William J. Flynn of the secret service. Several conferences followed and at one meeting in the Marlborough hotel in this city Cummings called up George Sylvester Viereck, editor of the Fatherland, and told him, it is said, that O'Connor wanted to know where the money would be placed. After leaving the telephone Cummings is said to have told O'Connor that the money would be placed in a safe deposit vault. Two Hotel Clerks Subpoenaed. Driscoll was a witness before the grand jury. Dempsey also was present, but he was not called. He will have to return next Tuesday when the grand jury meets again. Two hotel clerks also were subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury. Apparently they know something about the names of persons registered at hotels where the conferences took place. The names of Professor Edmund Von Mach, of Harvard, who gave a letter of introduction to Cummings, and of "the big man," figure in the evidence to be presented to the grand

## MOVABLE GUNS AND PLATFORMS ARE FEATURES OF NEW PROPOSED COAST DEFENSE PLAN



Proposed Movable Coast Defense  
(Representative J. H. Capstick of New Jersey has introduced a coast defense bill asking \$50,000,000 for largest guns and towers, permanently mounted on especially constructed railroad cars which, it is asserted, can be quickly transported to and securely locked upon previously constructed heavy concrete bases distributed on short spurs in railroad cuts behind hills on railroads along our coasts and interior. This new plan for national defense is the invention of Lawrence V. Lullien and Cecil F. Dawson, both of New York city. The bill calls for an immediate appropriation of \$10,000,000 for an installation covering territory to be selected by the war department to demonstrate its practicability before the remaining \$40,000,000 is spent. The estimated cost of a concrete base is \$4,000, and of gun and car \$150,000 each. It is said that the coast line from Maine to Delaware could be covered by the first installation. Gunfire ashore is about eight times as accurate as gunfire afloat, and the Lullien-Dawson gun car is about a fortieth the size of a battleship. Low cost, rapidity and accuracy of fire, mobility, applicability and practicability are called the features of the system, but coast defense experts have not yet reported on it.)

GOVERNOR JOHN A. DIX.  
Seeks Federal Job In Hawaii In Effort to Rehabilitate Fortune.



Photo by American Press Association.

## BIG PUBLIC PROTEST

Kansas City People Object to Sale of Boxes at Hall Where President Speaks.  
Kansas City, Jan. 28.—The big public protest against the sale of boxes at convention hall for the meeting which President Wilson will address the night of Feb. 2 drew out the fact that originally the big hall was offered by its directors free of charge. It was accepted by the Commercial club. Then the Commercial club decided to sell the boxes for \$10 a piece. Labor is aroused. People demand to know why the boxes were sold in the face of President Wilson's explicit instructions there should be no display and no price of admission charged. An army of working men plan to march on the hall and occupy the boxes the night of the president's speech. Another army of unemployed will be there to aid.

## RED CROSS SEAL PRIZES AWARDED

It has been quite a job to count and award the prizes for the schools selling the largest number of red cross seals, but finally the organization has made its report. St. Charles school has been named as the school selling the largest number of stamps and a prize of \$15 was awarded it for its energies. The award was based on selling the most stamps per pupil. Miss Elayne Wardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doctor Wardner won a gold watch. The Red Cross Society says the medals awarded so quickly as the figures could be compiled and that the delay in naming the winners was on account of so many schools being so close in numbers of stamps sold.

## NEW TAILOR AND GENT'S FURNISHER

Tyler Brothers, who run a chain of Gent's Furnishing & Tailor Stores have signed a long time lease with Wm. F. Whit, for the store where he used to have his hardware store. Tyler Bros. will occupy the store on or about February 1st. Carpenters and putting in the shelving and Larry Christopherson is redecorating the store, so that every thing will be like new when the new firm arrives here with their goods. They say that in buying from 6 or 8 stores they obtain prices that allow them to compete with any store in Buffalo and in making arrangements for their advertising in THE JOURNAL, we are lead to believe that they will quote prices that cannot help but get the business. The first thing this firm did after leasing the store from Mr. White was to inquire where the newspaper office was located and THE JOURNAL office was their next stop where arrangements were made for advertising to let the people know every day what they proposed to offer the next day. This firm has large houses in six or eight cities in the state and their buying power is tremendous. This will be an addition to Lackawanna's business houses and THE JOURNAL wishes Tyler Bros. success in their new venture.

## PERSONAL

Miss Cora Shea of South Park avenue has completed the course of the Buffalo State Normal School.

Mr. William Archibald, of Maple avenue was suddenly called to Belleville, Ont., yesterday afternoon, on account of the serious illness of his mother, who is not expected to live.

**The Homeless.**  
There are houses full of conveniences and luxuries in which no one is at home; the men and women who live in them are homeless. To such men and women, as to the men and women to whom marriage is a mere social contract, and the family a mere social arrangement, there is no going home, no refuge for the spirit, no place of understanding and vision. There are no more pathetic figures in the world of today than these homeless men and women; restless, discontented and unhappy; and utterly blind to the tragedy of a life in which there is no going home. The Outlook.

## FALL OF DURAZZO IS IMMINENT.

**Austrians Only Seven Hours' March from Albanian Seaport.**  
**BATTLE ALONG FRENCH FRONT.**  
Aviona, Biggest Albanian Port, is Also Threatened by Army of Bulgars—French Claim German Trenches in Belgium Received a Bad Hammering From Their Big Guns.  
London, Jan. 28.—The fall of Durazzo, the chief seaport of Northern Albania, is near. The Austrian army, which in its southward sweep took Scutari and San Giovanni di Medua, is now only seven hours' march from Durazzo, whose capture will put the Austrians into complete possession of Northern Albania. Aviona, the biggest Albanian port, is threatened by the Bulgarians invading army. The paramount question regarding the whole Albanian situation is: Will the Italian expeditionary force at Aviona make a stand and defend the port to the last? No resistance is looked for at Durazzo, where Essad Pasha, with his comparatively small army of Albanians and the remnants of the Montenegrin and Serbian armies, could do little to stem the tide of the greatly superior and well-equipped Austrians.

**Fighting Along French Front.**  
Considerable fighting has been taking place along the entire French front. Berlin asserts between 500 and 600 yards of French trenches were stormed by the Germans in the vicinity of Neuville and that French counter attacks were without result. In this region, the French assert, the Germans were driven from mine craters they had occupied and were repulsed in trying to recapture them, while the British report the progressive occupation by their men of mine craters and German listening posts in the Neuville region. Paris also announces German trenches in Belgium and to the north of the Alps have been badly hammered by the French guns and that the Germans suffered serious losses in a fight for a mine crater in the Argonne forest.

**Fighting on Other Fronts.**  
While considerable fighting has been going on along the Russian front at various places from the region of Riga down into East Galicia, no important results have been attained by either side. The same (Continued on page 10)

## THOUGHT CAME OVER US LIKE THE GRIPPE

**Use High School Auditorium**  
While setting in the high school last Monday night waiting the arrival of the entertainers we were quite forcibly impressed with the size of the auditorium and immediately the thought struck us, "why don't this school use this big room more than 15 minutes a day?" There appears to be enough room in this auditorium, if the seats were movable to relieve all of the congestion there. There is also a large room at the end of the stage that would accommodate a good size class. The people of this city must not be asked to buy something they do not need and for the expenditure of \$500 or \$600 dollars this big auditorium would be made to answer all purposes for two or three years at least. Now this city can't afford to have one-third of the space in our high school held for a 15 minute singing session a day. We want more room in the high school, but we don't want the people to spend \$60,000.00 or \$70,000.00 for additions here if \$500 or \$600 will do the trick. In talking to some members of the board of education, on this matter, we find they are of the same mind and one of them said he would not entertain this addition while this large auditorium remained unused, at least while the people are groaning under the burden of the \$13 county tax. Think this over Mr. Taxpayer, you will be asked before long to vote on this project and it will be strictly up to you whether you spend \$70,000.00 or \$500.00. This is an important question and you should investigate it in a thorough manner, don't vote or decide on somebody's say so, go and look the deal over. You are the one who has to pay the bill. THE JOURNAL is not speaking of any other school except the high school, a reporter will be sent to investigate school No. 2, 3 and 4 and the true conditions will be printed in THE JOURNAL. If it is found additions are needed here THE JOURNAL will do all in its power to get them as we believe in education first.

**Founded Great Society.**  
M. Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross, bestowed his entire fortune on various charities, and subsequently received a pension from the empress of Russia. He, no doubt, had little idea of the far-reaching effect that his suggestion would bring about, for there is no section of the world that has not been reached in some way or other by this great international charitable organization, and millions of dollars have been spent for relief work.

## AMERICAN NOTE OF SHARP TEXT.

**Protests Against British Interference With U. S. Mails.**  
**NO DEFINITE REPLY RECEIVED.**  
Administration Says British Must Halt Unlawful Practice of Taking Ships Into Ports for Search, Rather Than Searching Them on High Seas, as U. S. Does Not Recognize Legality of British Blockade.  
Washington, Jan. 28.—The text of America's formal protest to Great Britain against interference with American mails and Great Britain's ad interim reply was made public at the state department. In the note of protest, dated Jan. 10, the United States demanded a discontinuance of "these unwarranted interferences" and Ambassador Page was instructed to enter a "vigorous protest" and "impress upon Sir Edward Grey the necessity for prompt action in this matter."

**British Play for Time.**  
Under date of Jan. 25, the British foreign minister makes reply that inasmuch as the American note raised important questions of principle, affecting not only Great Britain, but her allies, the British government finds it necessary to consult with these allies before making definite answer. Hope is expressed by Sir Edward Grey that he will be able shortly to make more definite response. The American protest draws a careful distinction between the action of the British authorities in seizing and detaining parcel post packages and the action of seizing and detaining ordinary mails—a practice which is described as "excessively inquisitorial."

Parcels post articles, the note states, are regarded by the department of state as being subject to the same treatment as express or freight in respect to belligerent search, seizure and condemnation; that is to say, parcels post matter, being in the class of ordinary merchandise, ships transporting it, though neutral, are subject to the accepted rules of contraband traffic, and blockade restrictions. At the same time, Great Britain is informed that inasmuch as the United States already has disputed the British order in council affecting neutral trade, and has refused to recognize the British blockade as an effective one, all previous protests of this country in regard to what constitutes the (Continued on page four)

## PRESIDENT OPENS DEFENSE CAMPAIGN

Makes Several Addresses In New York City.

New York, Jan. 28.—President Wilson last night opened his campaign for preparedness in a stirring address before the Railway Business association. It was the first of a series that he intends to deliver in a swing through states of the central west. Heads of several of the country's leading railroads and manufacturers, whose chief business is with these lines, applauded time and again, as the president asserted his policy stood for preparedness for peace. After this banquet Wilson spoke at a banquet of the Motion Picture Board of Trade of America. Early in the day, the president, after an interchange of notes with 200 members of the Congressional union for woman's suffrage, refused to support a movement for an amendment to the federal constitution providing for the enfranchisement of women. To the clerical conference of the New York Federation of Churches, representing all denominations, President Wilson was introduced by the Rev. S. Edward Young, who remarked that "no other president ever had such universal prayer in his behalf." Frequent applause greeted the president's remarks, who spoke of his efforts for peace as representing the spirit of the United States.

**Thaw Starts Divorce Proceedings.**  
Pittsburgh, Jan. 28.—In divorce court Judge Shafer appointed Attorney John W. Thomas a master in the divorce case proceedings brought by Harry Kendall Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, against Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. Up to this time Mrs. Thaw has not contested the suit and no appearance has been filed in her behalf.

**Steal \$2,000 Worth of Gloves.**  
Groversville, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Robbers during the night broke into the glove factory of John Fernandez & Sons, in this city, and carried away gloves valued at \$2,000.