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GERMANS LEAVE ITALY; MINISTERS IN WAR COUNCIL

Many of Kaiser's Subjects Departing. Cabinet at Rome Discusses Crisis.

Emperor Francis Joseph's Refusal to Accede to Territorial Cessions Confirmed by the Vatican-Price of Peace Deemed Too High.

Prince von Buelow Makes New Proposal That Germany Shall Occupy Trent Until War Ends, When Cession Will Be Made if Italy Remains Neutral.

ROME, March 18. A conference of nearly all the members of the Cabinet with Premier Salandra was held today, following a visit to the Foreign Office by Prince von Buelow, the German Ambassador. The conference was continued this afternoon, and was boked upon as a "council of war," notwithstanding that officials of the Foreign Office insisted that the attitude of the Government is still one of hope.

A large number of German tourists departed today for their homes. At the German Embassy a report that the leavng of the tourists was advised by attaches was specifically denied. Embassy officials said that some of the Germans sofourning in Italy for the winter were returning to their homes because spring was approaching, and that others, un-questionably, were influenced by the bel-ligerent attitude of some of the Italian

Government officials here today also demied responsibility for the movement of German tourists from the Riviera. They fenied a report from Nice that Italian authorities had ordered Germans out of

PARIS, March 18. A dispatch from Rome says:

"Emperor Francis Joseph's refusal to cede Trent as a compensation for Italy's neutrality is now confirmed from a Vatican source. Yesterday the Pope received in audience the Austrian Ambassador. who delivered an autograph letter from the Emperor dealing with negotiations with the Italian Government, and explaining the impossibility of making territorial concessions.

"Reliable information here says that the Emperor, who often writes to the Pope. assured his Holiness that it is his ardent wish to end the war, but that the defense of the empire's territorial integrity is in dispensable. Therefore peace is impossi-ble until the enemy is driven out of the invaded provinces. Territorial conces-sions in the western frontier, he said, would imply renunciation of the soverover the eastern provinces now

held by the Russians. "After the audience the Austrian Am-Concluded on Page Four

THE WEATHER



dying winter breezes sigh, the feathered songsters sing; another season's drawing nigh, you've guessed it, that of spring. This is, alas, the first result, that It is rather hard, in fact, that it is difficult to subjugate the bard who's writing up unnumbered miles, in sweet, esthetic glee that, while the nation laughs and smiles, he labels poetry. As none, not e'en the weather man, tomorrow can foretell, so none can figure out a plan the spring time bard to quell. And those who think they have a song to warble of the spring, will struggle mightily along until we let them sing. Who tries to halt this form of bliss will certainly be stung; give heed, ye readers, unto this and note of spring we've sung.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair tonight with temperatures above freezing; Friday increasing cloudi-Mess; gentle variable winds.

Observations at Philadelphia

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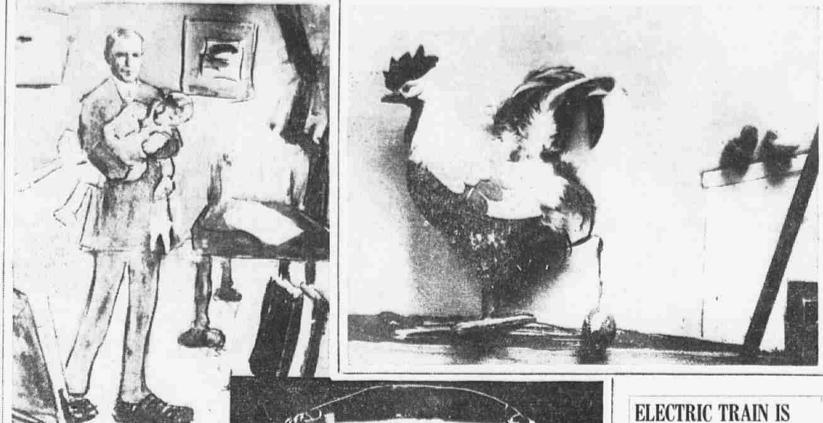
Lamps to Be Lighted Autos and other vehicles 6:25 p. m.

The Tides

PORT RICHMOND. 10:46 p.m. 5:38 a.m. 11:15 a.m.

REEDY ISLAND. BREAKWATER.

PRIZE-WINNING CARICATURES OF ACADEMY EXHIBITION PICTURES



The "chicken" picture above is Mrs. Mary Lowell Lloyd's caricature of Joseph Pearson's painting, "Up With the Sun." It won first prize. Second was Otto Gatter's impression of Miss Cecilia Beaux's portrait of John Frederick Lewis and son. The third prize went to Miss Caroline Gibbons' "fake," shown below, of Philip L. Hale's picture, "Mi-Velata."

Caricatures of Paintings Win Prizes, Too-Suffrage

Twist to Miss Beaux's "Decoration"-Kendall's

"Penumbra" becomes "Pneumonia."

When the flush of a new-born sun fell first on Eden's green and gold.

Our Patier Adam sat onder a tree, and digged with a stick in the mold.

And the first rude sketch that the world had seen was loy to his mighty livart.

Till the Davil whispered behind the leaves.

"It's pretty, but is it AET":

Rudyard Kipling.

NEW LIGHT ON ART EXHIBIT

STUDENT "TAKE-OFFS" THROW

GERMANS TO APPLY TORCH TO SLAV TOWNS AS REPRISAL POLICY

Threaten to Fire Provincial Capitals and Countryside Villages in Poland, Following Foe's Alleged *Outrages in East Prussia

Russians are again across the East Prussia border, it is officially admitted by Berlin, confirming Warsaw dispatches which today said that the Teuton defenders of Laugszarten, over the border from Tauroggen, had been beaten beck.

Government buildings in Sulwalki Poland, and other provincial capitals in the hands of the Germans will be burned to the ground, the War Office announced this afternoon, in retaliation for ruthless acts of destruction alleged to have been committed by the Russians in East Prussia.

General Ivanoff's forces have crossed the Pruth River in Bukowina and are intrenched within a mile and a half of Czernowitz. It is unofficially reported that the outer forts of Przemysl have fallen

The German offensive near Khovzele and on the Orzyc River continues, Petrograd admits, but thaws and floods are hampering operations on the Przasnysz front. German bombardment of Ossowitz is heavy, and in South Poland Teuton activity is reported at Tomaszow.

The British fleet bombarding Westende, in Belgium, was shelled by the great 16-inch guns of the Germans and forced to retire. North of Arras counter-attacks of the Germans were repulsed, according to the official French report, which states severe fighting is taking place along the ex-

treme western battle line. Further successes are reported in the Champagne and Argonne, where the re- latest school; the work is undoubtedly port says thousands of unburied dead cover the battlefields.

The Belgians made gains along the canals of the Yser, according to the official statement of the French War Office, which reports that the Germans are still bombarding the Allies' positions on Lorette Heights.

French aviators dropped bombs on the Alsatian village of Schelettstadt, killing a woman, says the Berlin War Office, and the Germans replied by an air raid on Calais.

BERLIN THREATENS DRASTIC RETALIATION AGAINST SLAVS

To Burn Czar's Villages as Reprisal for Alleged Outrages.

BERLIN, March 18. Heavy fighting is in progress between Germans and Russians upon Prussian soil, the Russians having been able to

The General Staff makes announcement that for every village or estate upon Ger-man soil burned by the Russians, the Germans will destroy three Russian villages. It is further announced, that if the Russians burn any of the German city of Memel, public buildings in the provincial capitals of Poland will be de-stroyed by the Germans.

This drastic action was determined upon

This drastic action was determined upon today when official reports were received from Insterburg telling of alleged outrages by the Slavs north of Tilsit. The official dispatches charged that in their raid across the Prussian frontier near Laugezargen on Tuesday regiments of Russian reserves perpetrated outrages comparable to those reported earlier in the war. They pillaged homes, burned villages and ravaged the sur-

burned villages and ravaged the sur-rounding country. The Russians then fled before advancing German forces, carry-ing their booty across the border.

Suwalki, against which the German threat is particularly directed, is a city of 27,165 inhabitants. It has been in the hands of the Germans since Von Hinden-burg drove the Russians out of Prussia in the Masurian Lakes campaign. Mamel is an East Prussia scaport, the northernmost city of the German Empire, just across the Poland border. Popula-tion was 20,000 in 1909.

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DRIVEN ON MAIN LINE IN SUCCESSFUL TEST

New Transportation Era Dawns for Philadelphia as Steam Locomotive Gives Way to New Motive Power.

Philadelphia witnessed the dawn of a new transportation era this morning when the first train operated by electric power ran over the Main Line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, between Overbrook and Bryn Mawr.

It was only a test run for the operation of the new system, for the service will not go into effect until late in May. But with its load of officials and invited guests, glided out of the Overbrook station, with the motive power coming from the highly charged wires overhead, the the highly charged wires overhead, the first poal for Philadelphians in the knell of the steam locomotive, which has served this country for more than a century, was sounded, and the modern genil of electricity put its hand on the throttle and came into its own.

Promptly at 12.01 last night the cur-rent was turned on and in a twinkling of an eye the vast network of wires, the result of months of work by hundreds of mon, became charged with power. This power means added comfort and convenience for hundreds of business men of Philadelphia who make their homes along the Main Line.

While the present test will only be ducted between Overbrook and Bryn Mawr, the electrification is practically completed between Broad Street Station and Paoli. A few minor details have yet to be carried out. The intervening time,

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BE CHRISTIANS IN DEED, SAYS SUNDAY

Evangelist Demands Action and Example From Those Who Follow Christ.

"Let neonle know by the way you live

that you are Christians."

This was "Billy" Sunday's message to the thousands of men and women who crowded the tabernacle for his sermon on The Temptations of Jesus' this afternoon. Seldom since the campaign opened ere, almost 11 weeks ago, has there been such a rush for seats in the big temple so early in the day. By 8 o'clock this morning there were many women waiting to get inside, and when the doors were thrown open there was a mad scramble to get the front benches. Many

hour before the services started. In stirring words Sunday related the stories of Jesus' temptations as given in Matthew and Luke, and then urged his hearers to try to follow the example of the Redeemer in order that they may make certain their own salvation and lead other men and women to Christ. As proof of the power of example in leading

were unable to get inside even half an

proof of the power of example in leading others to do the right, "Billy" said:

"If I stand up here and preach this afternoon and then get in the carriage and drive over to a saloen, you would not care a snap of your finger for what I said. If God sent me in there to save come one. He would be testing you to some one. He would be testing me to see if I would go up to the bar and take a drink. God does not tempt, the devil

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A Tale of Horror

is being told by Phil Rader, a cor-respondent of the United Press, in a series of articles from the battle-fields of Europe, now running in

The Evening Ledger Rader has his information at first hand. He has seen and heard. He writes with the advantage of "feel-ing" his subject. Far better than anything heretofore published are his descriptions of

Life in the Trenches The second in this remarkable series will be printed in these columns this week. Place an order with your newsdealer for

The Evening Ledger One Cent

SUNDAY FUND NOW \$43,104,27

LATE BULLETINS

Contributions to the free will fund for "Billy" Sunday reached \$43,104.27 at 2.15 p. m. today. Twenty-five additional churches, located in different parts of Philadelphia, sent contributions of various amounts.

FIREMEN FIGHT STUBBORN BLAZE

A metercycle fire in the garage of the Philadelphia Bill Posting Company, 705 De Lancey street, called out most of the fire fighting apparatus in the central section of the city at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The machine was owned by Adolph Audrien, 113 North 63d street-

SOLDIERS REVERT TO BRUTES FROM LIFE IN TRENCHES

American Serving in Foreign Legion Describes Horrors of Beast-like Existence at Front—Life Is Living Hell.

This is the first of a series of articles by Phil Rader, a former United Press correspondent, who since the war's out-break has been serving with the world-famous Foreign Legion of the French army. After four and a half months' of service in the trenches his regiment of an original strength of 1500 men was

A change in Rader's assignments, en-tailing a furlough in London, made pos-sible his preparation of these articles— the first from a trained American news-paperman actually engaged in the fight-In the series Rader, soldier of tune, aviator and newspaperman, has drawn such a picture of the War of 1915 that the grim profession of arms is stripped of its last vestige of romance.

By PHIL RADER LONDON, March 1.-There's a German's body hanging from the barbed wire entanglements in front of the French trenches which I have just left. For two months this body was part of little outlook on the world. There's a pair of nippers in the rotting hands. For some weeks the back was arched upward, but recently it has begun to sag. The clothes flop more and more wildly each day as the body slowly shrivels. Nobody from either side has been able to get to that body to bury it. It is buried there in the air on the barbed fence, and it will be gradually shot away. Living check to jowl with dead men; that's the thing that turns you to a beast,

but it's a part of trench life that is The first thing that shock you in the trenches is to discover that after a time you are able to watch men writhing in pain with perfect equanimity. My first experience in this happened one day when a young Englishman, in my squad, named Samuels, tried to take a short cut to the rear, and, instead of following the maze of trenches, got out into the open right in front of our treach. A German bullet passed through his lungs and we saw him topple only fifteen feet away from us. He writhed and mouned, but our officers wouldn't let us try to get him. The Germans didn't shoot at him any more, because

they knew they had "landed" him. RED CROSS DOCTOR SHOT. Our lieutenants sent to another part

of the trenches for a Red Cross man, who came after about an hour. This Red Cross doctor was a young Swiss named Scherr. He climbed right out of the trench and started toward the writh ng figure of Samuels, but a bullet passed through his head, and, after flopping about a minute or two, Scherr's body stiffened, and we could see he was dead. This was 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Whenever we tried to get out to help Samuels the Germans turned a terrific fire our way, and though we could even hear Samuels groaning we couldn't get to him. It was not until dark that we

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AUTO KIDNAPERS HOLD GIRL PRISONER

Italian Colony Beauty Taken to Chester-Warrants Out for Three Men.

men accused of having abducted Miss Addolrata Merceara, of 1315 South Eleventh street, are being sought by the police of this city and Chester, to which city the girl was taken in an automobile. News of the kidnaping became public for the first time today, although it oc-

The men for whom warrants have been issued are Santo Fasconi, Joseph Garcia and Guidi Freeti. Fasconi met Miss Merceara several weeks ago, according to the police, and fell in love with her. He pro-posed marriage, but her relatives became suspicious that he had a wife in Italy and wrote to his home town in that country. Saturday night the young woman was standing at 12th and Reed streets, in the shadow of old Moyamensing Prison, when a limousine auto drew up at the curb and three men jumped out. One of them

put his hand over the girl's mouth. She was forced into the automobile. The girl was taken to 713 Front street. Chester, according to Special Policemen McCorkie and Patterson, of the 15th street and Snyder avenue station. On the ride to Chester she fought desperately to free herself, cutting her shoes and lacer-

ree herser, cutting her shoes and lacerating her feet by kicking the glass out of the automobile windows.

For a time she was kept quiet, but finally managed to attract the attention of the police. She was brought home by relatives Sunday and is now in the care of a physician.

'MOVIE' MEN DEMAND

THAT STATE CENSOR

VACATE HIS OFFICES Film Exchange Chiefs Tell Breitinger That, as They Pay Expenses, They

Should Have Appoint-

ment of Employes. day in the offices of the Electric Theatrical Supply Company, 13th and Vine streets, a peremptory demand was made upon State Censor J. Louis Breitinger that he vacate the offices which are financed by the film men and are used for projection purposes. The demand declared that inasmuch as the film men paid all the expenses of the room, they were entitled to name their own chief

clerk, operators, typist and other em ployes. This demand would affect Robert W. Read, chief clerk, who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Breitinger; three operators and several cierks. It is the intention of the film men to fight this question out in court if necessary, and if Mr. Breitinger does not comply with the demand, it is declared, legal proceedings to oust his force of employes will be started at once. Albert Lucas, district manager of the Mutual Film Company, who started the

sent the following letter to Mr. Breit-J. Louis Breitinger, Esq., Chief Ceusor:
Dear sir-Forty-eight hours having
elapsed since the writer's communication of March 15 relative to your bill
for maintenance of the Film Exchange' Projection Room, at 13th and
Vine streets, this city, and no reply
thereto baving reached us, we are
again addressing you in the hope that
we may be favored upon the points
upon which we seek information.
As a matter of courtesy we would
request you to have a reply in our

present crusade against the ceusor, today

request you to have a reply in our hands by a o'clock this afternoon. We are sending a duplicate of this letter to the Film Exchange's Pro-

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NEGRO 'BILLY' SUNDAY WANTS TABERNACLE

Wiltbank, Who Says He Originated Dramatic Evangelism, Plans Revival.

A monster negro revival will be held in the "Billy" Sunday tabernacle at 19th and Vine streets at the conclusion of the Sunday campaign, if the committee in charge will turn over the structure to the Rev. Alexander Wiltbank, a negro evangelist from Washington, D. C. Mr. Wiltbank has been conducting a revival for several days at the Varick Temple, 19th and Catherine streets.

The temple is far too small to accommodate the crowds that seek admission there every night, and Mr. Wiltbank and the paster of the church, the Rev. Sylvester L. Corrothers, conceived the idea of using the tabernacle when the baseball evangelist was through with it on Satur-

Application for the use of the tabernacle will be made temorrow by the negro evangelist and Mr. Corrothers, who are trying to arrange today a meeting with the Sunday Committee. Should the tabernacle be turned over to the Washington revivalist, he probably will stay

in this city for several weeks, Sunday's dramatic methods originated by the negro evangelist years ago, according to Mr. Wiltbank. The latter has been going to the tabernacie every afternoon to listen to "Billy" Sunday, and he thinks that evangelist owes much of his popularity to imitation of the old-time negro camp-meeting revivalists.

the old-time negro camp-meeting re-vivalists.
"Trail-hitters" have been numerous at the Varick Temple service. Wiltbans weighs 250 pounds, but is as quick on his feet as a kitten. Sometimes he imaps clear out of the pulpit into the man alsie, minus his cost, and dashes toward the roar of the church, keeping up a run-ning fire of exhoriation. ning fire of exhortation.

The Kensingtonian Says: Being kind to a rich mother-in-law may be a good inventment.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST Small black purse in Waters main floor, Richard If returned to age; Stid ave. West Phila.

For details, see page 2. cross the boundary again in the vicinity of Memel.

Almanac of the Day

pictures. Meanwhile, down in the cellar TWO MEN INJURED WHEN SILK WEAVERS WALK OUT

The real ART exhibit, where you spell

the word not only with a capital, but with

three full-grown capitals, opened at the

(Pennsylvania Academy at noon today.

The artists represented are all of the very

the highest expression of artistic achieve-

ment known to this city. The Hanging

Committee, the jury of award and the

painters themselves all agree to this,

making it unanimous, as after-dinner

speakers say in admitting that they can't

The object of this exhibition is to show

up the artists who have been monopo-

lizing the academy walls for the last six

weeks. In all that time thousands of

persons have come to see the annual

salon and have gone away praising the

make a speech.

One Stabbed, Other Shot by Strikebreakers, Police Say.

SUMMIT, N. J., March 18.—In a riot which followed a walk-out of 175 silk weavers at the mills of the Summit Silk

weavers at the mills of the Summit Silk Company today, one man was shot and another stabled. Both men were taken to Overlook Hospital.

Bramley H. Abdnur received the stab wound which will result in the loss of his left eye, and Muserdich Gulamerian was shot through the left leg.

After the shooting, 35 men, whom the striking weavers say are professional

After the shooting, 35 men, whom the atriking weavers say are professional strikebreakers and gunmen from Brookiyn and Connecticut, ran to cover in a house owned by the silk company.

From this house, Chief of Police George W. Brown, with a half-dozen policemen, took James Mardenie and Charles Zalion, two of the alleged strikebreakers, who are charged with having done the shooting and stabbing, and lodged them shooting and stabbing, and lodged them

BILLY TO REPLY FOR \$100

Contributions to the Sunday "gratitude fund" will not be personally acknowledged unless they exceed \$100, according to the instructions given by the evangelist this morning. The question was raised by Bentley D. Ackley, Sunday's secretary, who approached with a handful of letters, most of which contained checks. "I'm too busy to acknowledge all these," said Sunday, "I'll write to the people who sent the largest contributions, but "I'm too says to the people who sent the larger contributions, but I can't answer them all."
"Well, will you put a limit on it?"
Ackley asked.

acknowledge all over \$100," Sun-

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veloped a sentimental attachment for any picture in the exhibit, he or she had better keep away from the "take-offs."

There is something disillusioning about

"TAKE-OFFS" ON MISS BEAUX

For example, Cecelia Beaux painted a

thing she called a "Decoration," which

was considered quite beautiful. It rep-

resented a woman more or less dressed

in shimmering silk. In the new exhibit

the same woman reappears, less dressed.

Her shoulder strap has been changed to

shimmering silk is no longer painted, but

is actually stuck on the picture so that

Sergeant Kendall had a picture called

"Penumbra," a sweet and pensive nude figure, razing with melancholy into the upper distance. Today six caricatures are

ou can be sure it is silk.

"Votes for women" band, and the

to Officiate at Funerals.

SUICIDE IMPERILS SIX LIVES Gas flowing through the house where Charles Hunt committed suicide this morning nearly asphyxlated the family of Henry Myers, with whom Hunt boarded at 709 Poplar street. Hunt, who had been in ill-health for several months, returned to the house early today and inhaled gas from a tube connected with a wall fixture. On the same floor Mr. and Mrs. Myers were asleep and in another room were their four children.

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Myers awoke early this morning. He lay in a stupor. He managed to crawl to the window, which he opened, and then revived Mrs. Myers. The four children were in a serious condition until fresh air was turned into their room. Then Myers went to Hunt's room and found him unconscious. Hunt was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital, where he died.

Members of Ministerial Body Refuse

MEYERSDALE, Pa., March 18.-Memhers of lodges that permit sideboards in their lodge rooms will not be accorded a Christian burial by members of the Meyeradale Ministerial Association. A resolution to that effect has been passed. In

part it is as follows:
"Because of the pure and exalted posi-tion of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ and the saving purposes of her calling, the members of the Meyersdale Ministerial Association believe it to be inconsistent for them to be officially assolated in the solemn services of the burial of the dead of any lodge that maintains a liquor sideboard in its rooms."