WAR DRIVES U.S. TO SEEK UNION, SAYS BARRETT

Blame From Both Loser and Victor, Pan-Americans Are Told

URGES ARMED ALLIANCE

What a Pan-American Alliance Would Mean

A Pan-American armed alliance. such as is proposed by delegates to the Pan-American Scientific Congress, would mean;

The evolution of the Monroe Doctrine into a Pan-American doc-

Standing armies in each country, subscribing to the union, subject to the call of an international court for the protection of any American country attacked by a foreign foe. Navies in each of the countries

for the same purpose.

Standing police forces for the suppression of revolts in any of the nations, subject to call upon request by the recognized Government of a country in revolt.

An international court of arbitration for the settlement of all disputes of boundary or trade among the subscribing nations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 .- The United States will be blamed by the losers in the European war and the successful nations will claim victory in spite of the United States, John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, declared today before the educational acction of the Pan-American Scientific Congress.

All America must be prepared to reaist European effort at territorial aggrandizement by European nations in this hemisphere, once the present war is

Mr. Barrett backed up the suggested plan for a Pan-American military and naval organization by the statement that, to prevent aggression and violation of the Monroe Poctrine, the nations of this hemisphere must present a solid front in order to preserve their integrity.

"If a fee were to destroy the Integrity of the United States," said Mr. Barrett, "It would only be a question of time when that foe would destroy also the sover-eignty of every other American republic. cignty of every other American republic.
In turn there is no doubt whatever that if any foreign foe ever succeeded in extending its dominion over a considerable part of Latin-America and if the nations of Latin-America should become dependencies, it would inevitably follow that the United States would meet the same fate because no foreign foe could achieve such a result except by victory over the United States."

A "PAN-AMERICAN" DOCTRINE. Mr. Barrett called upon the congress to give the inspiration, in the absence of leg-islative powers, for the evolution of the Monroe Doctrine "into a Pan-American doctrine which will mean that the Latinso btates were attacked by a foreign foe, would, with all their physical and moral force, stand for the protection and sovereignty of the United States just as quickly as the United States, under content of the states of the content of the states of the content of the states of the quickly as the United States, under cor-responding circumstances, would stand for their sovereignty and integrity.

began in earnest yesterday, it was pointed out today that such an alliance would prove the most powerful in the history of the world when resources in men and naterials are considered.

Some of these suggestions, already made

or to be made, are:

Creation of standing armies by each nation, the size of each arm to be decided upon by agreement of all the nations concerned; such armies would be subject to call for the defense of any one or more of the 21 republics, in the attack by any outside nation. Creation of navies along the marne lines.

Promulgation of a code of laws for regulation not only of boundary disputes, but of commercial, inustrial and financial matters. Agreement that no nation in th

Pan-American alliance will make any offensive or defensive treaty with any Government outside the Establishment of an international

court comprising representatives of all the nations subscribing to the Pan-American alliance, such a court or body to have power to settle all dis-putes and to interpret the proposed international code. Establishment of an international

force, distinguished from the regular land and naval forces, to be used as a police force; this force to be called on and to be augmented by the reg-ular land and naval forces if necessary, to put down revolutionary movements, when, in the opinion of the in-ternational court, th, revolutionary movement is not a movement of the najority of the people of the nation

PAN-AMERICAN TRADE. Training of American school pupils for

Pan-American commerce was urged by President James A. Farrell, of the Steel Corporation, and chairman of the National Foreign Trade Council. "If we need American ships and Amer-can banks for our foreign trade," said ereil. "the need for an army of ecially trained American salesmen and employes is more acute. Our progress as a nation will be retarded unless steps are speedily taken to overcome this de-fect in our commercial system."

CAN LIVE INDEFINITELY, . PAN-AMERICANS ARE TOLD

Yale Professor Declares Science Can

Balk Death WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A prediction made by Prof. Irving Funer, of Vale University, to Pan-American accentists today, was that some day science may know how to prolong life indefinitely, his told of experiments in prolonging celt life

"Conservation of national vitality."
was suggested by Professor Fisher. He
declared prevalence of sickness was ap-pating and degenerative diseases are

mothers how to prevent high

per mortal ty, one in eight bables now a hefere reaching the nie of one we in Julia Lathrop, chief dy n'e Bureau

hers, He'l noglects. of he mother there

Had His Head on Rail and Told Engi neer to "Come Ahead"

A shifting engine was chuzging through a sutting ensine was chigging through the Pennsylvania Ballroad Teight yard, at Moyer and York streets, early today, when the engineer noticed something lying, on the track a few yards about. The train came to a six p with a jeft.

A voice called out.

"Come ahead"

The crew found a man lying on the track with his head resting on one of the

He was taken to the Trenton avenue and Dauphin street station, where he was arraigned before Massatrate Beaton. He lescribed himself as Peter Bloomer, 45 cars old, 2521 Tilton street; married, but refused to explain his action.
"I'll give you five days to keep you alive for the rest of the year," said the

'COUNTESS' DENIES NEW **HUSBAND WAS GUARD**

Radiantly Happy, Calls Report That F. A. G. Dona Was Asylum Attendant 'a Cruel Lie'

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. II.-He was what the 'Countesa' ida Marie von Claussen Dona, radiantly happy on the fourth marning of her fourth embarkthe fourth morning of her fourth embork-ation upon the sea of matrimony, today called the report from New York that Francis Albert Gilbert Dona, her youth-ful highband, is one and the same person as F. A. Donagan, a guard at the Middle-town Insane Asylum, from which she was paroled on Christmas eve.

"Donagan" Yes, I danced with Dona-gan when they held me a helpless pris-oner in that fearful place. He was an at-tendant, as wholly milks my prectous soul mate in appearance as in every

soul mate in appearance as in every other way," she exclaimed. "I want to say again that Mr. Dema's antecedents will stand the closest inspection. He is a member of an old English family and a member of an old English father and his father held the distinction of having been knighted. I love him and fear nothing. I married three men, but I never knew the meaning of tove. The "Counters" no longer is worried over material matters. Her trunks, the lack of which compelled her to depend

for her honeymoon wardrobe upon one street costume, a single hat and one or two waists, arrived today. Today she expects to receive also her levels and a ood sized check from her brother-guard-in, whom she insists is compelled, under he New York law, to provide for her paintenance out of the estate she as-

Mrs. Claussen-Dona made her second move for legal freedom, counting her marriage as the first, this morning, when she telegraphed to Justice Tempkins, of the New York Supreme Court, a demand for the dismissal of her brother as her guarlian. In furtherance of her determina-tion, she will retain counsel here. Dona, who described himself as a Philadelphian then the marriage license was procured when the marriage incense was procured in Brooklyn on Tuesday, is still disin-clined to talk about himself. He is not disturbed over the fact that wealthy Philadelphians he claimed to know have disclaimed that honor.

The Hotel Dennis management has thought of turning the happy "Counters" and her young liese into the atreet. They are in nowise alarmed, it was stated toformer that her "ready funds" are lim-

CEHLTENHAM GIRL SHOCKED TO DEATH

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to a call for assistance by Chief Graham. Mr. Dobbs was awakened about 3 o'clock by the cry of his baby daughter Gene-vieve. The kitchen was a mass of flames. Mrs. Dobbs had previously discovered the trouble but fainted on the stairway as she attempted to notify her husband. The latter found her prostrate on the second floor landing. He carried her to Such a doctrine, recognized and approved by the republics of all America.

Barrett said, would not only be mutual protection for them, but would be the greatest step toward practical peace among all nations that could be achieved.

Regarding the proposed armed union of the 21 republics of North, South and Central America, the movement for which Central America, the movement for which the Castle home was a sick baby. The child was carried out by the father, who also received Mrs. Castle. The latter who also received Mrs. Castle. The latter who also received Mrs. Castle. The latter became bysterical and could not be juleted until the infant was returned to

er arms The home of Charles D. Williams, an auditor of the Pennsylvania and Reading Railway, was scorched. It is next door o the Castle home.

Frozen water plugs and low water pres sure interfered with the firemen, who fought the flames for about an hour pe-fore they were under control. Eight thouand dollars of the loss is borne by Dobbs, whose home was not insured. The contents, with the exception of a few pieces of furniture, were destroyed. The fire is thought to have originated in the kitchen of the Dobbs home from an overheated stove. About \$2000 loss was divided between the Castle home and the Wendt bakery.

BUCHANAN NOW READY TO FACE INDICTMENT

Will Go to New York to Answer Charge-Three Other Accused Under Bond

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Representa-tive Frank Buchanan, of Illinois, an-nounced today that be would go to New York next week and appear in Federal court there in answer to the indistment returned against him several days ago. He made this announcement after hold-ing a lengthy conference with Hepre-sentative Rainey, of Illinois, his counsel, nd Representative Taggert, of Kansas, oer of the House Judiciary Com-it was stated that Representa tive Buchanan would confer with As-sistant Attorney General Todd later to-day and make arrangements with him to hold up the warrant issued for his

mer Representative Fowler, H. B. Martin and Herman Schultels, who were also indicted, appeared this morning before United States Commissioner Taylor here and requested a postponement of their cases until January 20. This was granted them. Bond was fixed at \$500 each and the three were given until 4:30

this afternoon to arrange it. H. E. Davis, counsel for the three, announced that each man would demand a hearing here, and that the indictments e fought on the ground that they

VILLA OFFERS TO SURRENDER; ASKS SAFE CONDUCT TO U. S.

Obregon Drinks Toast, Assuring Friendship of Mexico

EL PASO, Dec. 31.-General Francisco Villa, who is reported to be in the vi-cinity of Casas Grandes, has offered to surrender himself and his 500 men if he is allowed a safe conduct to the United States, according to reliable reports re-ceived by the local officials of the Mex-Northwestern Railroad from its

agent at Cassa Grandes. General Alvaro Obregon, Consul Andreas Garzis and General John Pershing were guests of honor last night at the largest banquet ever held in El Peao. Toucts to friendship between Mexico and

the country were drunk.

Caneral Obregon was commander-inchief of the Correspista forces.

MAN NEAR DEATH ON TRACKS CAMDEN NEWSBOYS SCRAMBLE FOR EVENING LEDGER



LEDGER made a great hit with the young newspaper salesmen across the river. This lively tussle took place when papers were delivered at 3d and Federal streets.

MR, 1916 ARRIVES TONIGHT ON WAVE OF JOY AND NOISE

Continued from Page One housework and manufacturing delica-

In the engineering line it will be shown how the subway could have been com-pleted long ago. There will also be an exhibit indicating how trolley cars could be run with more economy

Some emphatic exhibits concerning woman sufferce will be included. These will represent a glimpse into the fairne and will show what will happen when a woman fresident is ruling the United States and a woman Mayor is in control

As the nummers have adopted the "freedom of the press" policy, they will deal condilly with other big subjects which they believe need a little "fixing

In addition to the funt aking there will be an historical review of the coun-which will be presented with beauful costumes and patriotic floats. Business and neighborhood organiza-tions in various parts of the city have offered prizes in addition to these given

Residents of Girard avenue, from 2d to Broad streets, will offer prizes to clubs to parade in that territory, and, i. this is a direct continuation of the official; ute. which ends at Broad street and Girard avenue, it is believed that many clubs vill compete. The prizes aggregate about

A similar amount in prizes will be offered clubs which parade over East Gi-rard avenue. This section of the city has been gally decorated in unticipation of the mummers' visit. It is expected that nearly all the clubs which participate in the efficial parade will also compete for the prizes.

RUSINESS MEN GIVE PRIZES. The South 2d Street Business Men's Association will give \$500 in prizes to the clubs parading on South 2d street from Washington avenue to Ritner street, similar amount in prizes will be offer by residents of South 19th street fro Federal to Wolf and on Wolf from Broad

o 19th, Prizes aggregating \$100 will be given to clubs marching on Moyamensing ave-nue between 5th and Broad streets. The Walnut Street Business Association will give a silver loving cup to the best

timmted that at least \$250,000 has been ex pended on costumes and floats. The judges will be Charles Pierle Garde, city editor the Inquirer; Ben K. Baleigh, city editor the Evening Ledger, and Joseph J. Kelly.

Joseph J. Kelly.

The parade will start from Broad and Wolf streets at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning and proceed north on Broad street around the east side of City Hall to Girard avenue

Girard avenue.

The mummers will be led by Common Councilman John H. Baizley, the grand marshal, who will be mounted on the Arabian steed which has blazed the way for the mummers in the last few years.

H. Bart McHugh, Councils special agent, who will act as general stage manager, said he expected every club to be on time at the starting point. Clubs reporting late will find their places taken and will have to do the best they can to

and will have to do the best they can to Although permits were obtained by 47

dubs many of these were merely obtions. All of the regulars and prize win-ners of the past will be in line. THE MARCHING CLUBS.

The clubs which have taken out permits

Fancy-Silver Crown, Passyunk Ranch, Charles Kleine, Federal Hobby Morrow Lobster, Cumberland Valley, Hikers of

Comic—J. J. Hines, White Caps. Harry Wall, Wheeler, Owl. Sauer Kraut Band. Marching Social, William Woodward. Kensington Outing Club, Blue Ribbot, George A. Persch, Sweet Lemon, Dark Lantern, Zaza, D. R. Oswald, M. A. Bridder, Ranch 162, Lenni Lenare, Early Risers, Dickey, Rig Beer, Court Fairmount, Jack Rose, Meadow Larks, Clearneld, Ploksminny, Royal stalian Crown, Jovial, Cartoonists' Reunion, Alva, Sixthirty and Broadway Sons of Rest. String bands—Trilby, Fralinger, Ford, Talbot, Victoria, Eureka and Kaufmann, DISPHAY OF HOLIDAY SPIRIT.

DISPLAY OF HOLIDAY SPIRIT. As far as this city is concerned, the evidences of the change from the old to the new will be chiefly a display of the free, happy, holiday spirit, which, heining a week ago, has permeated the here and will culminate tonight in a

great, all-absorbing din. great, all-absorbing dist.

The Mayor's public reception will be omitted to the sorrow of many old-timers who have attended this function year after year for decades. This will be the first time in years a mayor has failed to receive his friends at city halt and welcome in the new year. A delay in making the necessary preparations caused

the affair to be canceled.

The celebration will centre in the down-town districts about the large hotels. It catimated that 19,000 persons will gather in the hotels to dance, play, laugh and eat, and do a variety of other things that are usually done on this occasion. MANY RESERVATIONS AT HOTELS.

The number of reservations indicates that almost 3000 persons will sit at tables in the dining rooms, corridors and lobby of the Bellevue-Stratford. Three large dances will be given there, which will have a total of 1200 guests. Tweive or-chestras will play during the evening and

well into the morning.

The Adelphia is expected to be the mecca for about 1600 persons, while the Walton will entertain about 700, the Ritz-Cariton 860, and the Stenton and the St.

James each several hundreds Crowds will also congregate in the Colonnade, Continental and New Bingham.
But outside of the hotels a humming and acreeching and roaring will settle over the city, which will be amply suf-

ficient to acquaint the citizens of Mars

through the medium of other waves, Why are so many small boys making urchases today in toy shops and 5 and 5-cent stores? One look is sufficient. Young America steps up, picks out the loudest, "screechiest" horn in stock and struts proudly away. Also why are so many tin rans being rescued from out-of-the-way dump heaps? There is a rea-son. You will find out tonight if you take stroll on Market, Chestnut or Broad streets.

The recreation centres and playgrounds are reflecting today it.e New Year's spirit. Girls' gymansium parties are being held Athletic Recreation Centre, 28th nd Jefferson streets. A boys and girls' arry is taking place at the Happy Hol-ow Playground, Wayne avenue and West Logan street, and a children's gymnasium party is in progress at the Starr Garden recreation Centre, 7th and Lombard arreets. Celebrations will be held tonight at the Kingsessing Recreation Centre, the Sherwood Recreation Centre and the Hapby Hollow Playground. At the last place in elaborate New Year's masquerade, sposed of many clubs, will be staged.

One of the features of the celebration onight will be a night watch-meeting at the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, 13th street below Sprince. A program of entertainment to precede the religious services has been arranged by the Rev. David M. Steele, rector of the parish. There will be dancing, motion pictures, an exhibition of magic, refreshments and a musical program. Souvenirs will be distributed. During the secular part of the program, which will be held in the Parish House, many of the young people will appear in costume. Watch services will be held throughout

the city by congregations. Altogether there will be quite a few person awake tonight when the twinkling lights at Father Penn's feet on City, Hall go out for a moment or two.

SKELETON IN CLOSET OF BURNING HOME

dressed club.

There will be 21 clubs in line, with an Fireman's Discovery Causes RUSSIA'S DRIVE Sensation Until Its Owner, a Medical Student, Explains

> A skeleton was discovered in the family closet of Mrs. Victor Cancelmo early today, when fire destroyed the mansion at Marshall and Powell roads, Cardington, Delaware County, with a loss of \$15,000.

About 2 o'clock this morning Mrs. Cancelmo, a widow, smelled smoke. She awakened the other members of the family, Misses Rose and Estelle and A. Victor and Jesse Cancelmo, the latter a medical student at the University of Pennsyl-

closet on the third floor there was a skeleton. When a volunteer hoseman found the human frame he thought that When a volunteer hoseman one of the occupants had been burned to death and ran with the skeleton to the When he appeared before a group speciators with the gruesome in his hand there was a gasp of horror The appearance of the youth a few min ites later dispelled the'r terror, physician explained that it was for study purposes.

The fire originated in the basement. The cause has not been determined, but it is believed that a defect in the water heater may have been responsible. All members of the family escaped without difficulty, although they would not leave the house until they had saved jewelry worth \$1000.

Two hosemen, Cody and Pedrick, were overcome by shoke but soon revived. Residents of the community are com-mending employes of the Wolfenden-Shore textile mills today for their vigor efforts in fighting the tire

RISE IN PRICE OF GASOLINE DUE TO THE BIG DEMAND

Supply Fails to Keep Pace With Quantity Needed

The rise in the price of gasoline, despite a record-breaking production of the crude oit from which it is made, is caused by the greatly increased demand for the modity.

official of the Atlantic Refining Company of the sceming paradox that gasoline should become more costly coincident with the report of the Geological Survey, which says that the output of troleum for the year 1913-15 period is 2,000,-000 barrels more than that of the previous year, which broke all records, with 296,-606,600 barrels.

"The increase in supply is less than 1 per cent., whereas the increase in de-mand is about 40 per cent." he said. "That tells the story. It is merely a nestion of supply and demand. The supply is not keeping pace with the demand

While it is true that last year the su ply was a record breaker and that this year the figures were exceeded, a decline in the output of crude oil has begun to set in. The great Cushing field, in Oklahoma, the most profife source of crude oli the world has ever known, is beginning to fall. I do not know what period the Geological Survey report covers."

A Government inquiry will be started sext month as a result of a resolution in Congress, following the rise in gasoline prices. According to the Geological Survey report, no decline in production has set in although the supply is said to be limited.

\$5,360,000 CITY BONDS OVERSUBSCRIBED SIX

TIMES BY BANKERS

Record - breaking Confidence Shown in City's Credit. Highest Bid Is 102,2973, by Philadelphia Group

GETS \$4,681,900 AWARD

The \$5,560,000 city loan was floated to-day in a bond home which revealed rec-ord-breaking confidence among the bank-ers of the city. The loan was oversub-actibed six times, \$31,933,020 being offered

at above par A group of Philadelphia banking houses Relly, Brock & Co. E. W. Clark & Co. and Graham & Co.-obtained more an four-fifths of the loan with the high than four-fifths of the loan with the man-est bid of all for the entire amount or any part of it, at 102.2273. They were awarded H.68(,50) at that price. The next largest amount went to the West End Trust Company in two lumps of \$250,000 each.

LIST OF BIDDERS. The complete list of successful bidders

Ca. Bl.
Co. and \$1,651,000 at \$102,2973

20,000 at 102.75

an Co. 23,000 at 102.75

an Co. 23,000 at 102.60

f. Co. 23,000 at 102.50

an & Co. 23,000 at 102.50

an & Co. 23,000 at 102.50

\$5,300,000

FIVE GROUPS INTERESTED. Five groups of bankers, including eight Philadelphia banking houses, offered to ake all or any part of the loan, which is a the form of 30-year bonds, bearing 4 per cent, interest. The unprecedented offers, bankers say, reveal the utmost confidence in financial circles in the city.

The highest bid was closely seconded by William A. Read & Co., of this city, which made the next highest bulk bid, at which made the text highest bulk bid. at 162,1513. The three other groups which asked for the entire loan or any part of it were the National City Bank of New York, Montgomery, Clothier & Tyler, of this city; Union Trust Company and the Mellon National Bank, of Pittsburgh, and N. W. Haisey, of New York, at 162,123; A. B. Leach & Co., of this city, and the Equitable Trust Company, of and the Equitable Trust Company, of New York, at 101.55, and Drexel & Co. and Harris, Forbes & Co., at 101.945. The proposals were opened and awards made at City Hail by Mayor Blanken-burg. Comptroller Walton and City Solicitor Ityan. The loan was authorized in sections by Councils. The bonds will sections by Councils.

e dated January 3, 1916, and will be pay-ble January 1, 1916. The lowest bid was for \$20 the least amount ever offered. It was rejected automatically, for the loan can be divided only in \$100 bonds or multiples of \$100.

There is no maximum limit.

Much bidding was done by individuals.

the prices ranging from par to above the high mark set by the price offered in the highest bulk bid of Reilly, Brock & Co.,

FORCES RETREAT

ontinued from Page One letins regarding the operations south

the Pripet River laconically declare that the battles are proceeding. The import-ance of the engagements seems to be considered by the Russian military critics FRENCH TAKE TURKISH

ISLAND IN AEGEAN

PARIS. Dec. 31.-French troops have cupied the Turkish island of Castelorizo (Kusteloryzo) in the Aegean Sea, between the Island of Rhodes and the Gulf of Adalia, according to the morning papers in Paris. The possession of Castelorizo naval base is characterized as indispensable.

Catelorizo is a small island of Asiatic Turkey, lying off the south coast of Asia Minor, 75 miles east by south of Rhodes. It has an area of II square miles and is

BULGARS WIPE OUT SERBS IN 3-DAY FIGHT IN ALBANIA

BERLIN, Dec. 31 .- A Serbian force was sibilated by the Bulgars in a almost annihilated by the Bulgars in a three-day battle near Elbassan, accord-ing to reports from Italian sources reed here today.

The Serbians, apparently, had received reinforcements from the Italians at Valona and fought tenaciously. They were equipped with only light artillery, hever, and were forced to give ground. SHERIFF RANSLEY SWORN IN

Relatives and Friends Witness Ceremony in Common Pleas No. 1

Harry C. Ransley was sworn in today s Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia. He retired yesterday as president of Se-icct Council. The ceremony this morning was in Court of Common Pleas No. 1, and the oath was administered by Judge

Patierson.

The Ranalcy family consisting of Mrs. Ranalcy and two daughters and other relatives, occupied the jury box, and many social and political friends of the new Sheriff filled the courtroom. Among them were Congressman Vare, Senator Vare, Public Service Commissioned Wilson, D. B. Airay, Recorder-sleet James liam D. B. Ainey, Recorder-elect James M. Hazlett, City Treasurer McCoach, Magistrate Mecleary, Harry A. Mackay and Harry Trainer, Councilman from the

Judge Patterson congratulated Sheriff Ransley after the oath had been taken, and congratulated the people of Philadelphia, too, on having elected him. Then he presented to him the Bible used to swear him into office.

CUBAN STUDENTS FIGHT

Two Cuban dental students of the Uni-Two Cuban dental students of the University of Pennsylvania were released on bail for a further hearing by Magistrate Harris todey after having been arrested last night at 17th and Locusta streets for attacking each other with a knife and blackjack respectively.

They were M. Tirie, of 111 South 33d street, and A. Arasuue, of 3709 Woodland avenue. The cause of the quarret is not known. After their release on bail the two men settled their differences in a corner of the police station and left it as friends.

JULIAN C. HARE, RICH, ADJUDGED INSANE AS **BLOCK TO MULCTERS**

Ex-Philadelphian, Now Recluse in France, "Saw Devils," Says Testimony-Local Firm Named as Guardian

\$11,000 ANNUAL INCOME

Julien C. Hare, a former prominent Julien C. Hare, a former prominent Philadelphian and now an aged recluse, occupying a villa at Biarritz, Southern France, has been adjudged a weak-minded person by Court of Common Pleas No. 5, and in order to prevent his becoming the victim of designing persons the rennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annulties is named as guardian of his estate and property. and property

The afflicted man is under the care of a cousin, Edmund de Goncer. Mr. Hare is over 79 years old and also physically impaired. According to the testimony of Mr. Goncer, his charge has what is termed "persecution mania."

Mr. Hare's income is \$11,000 a year and there is to his credit accumulations amounting to about 305,000. He inherited his fortune under the wills of Louise de Pestre and Edmund de Pestre. The villa where he makes his home is owned by his cousin, the Countess Silvia de Biseuccia.

RELATIVES TAKE HAND

When the Philadelphia relatives of the man learned that his income was being diverted steps were taken at once to have a guardian appointed. Mr. Hare is a bachelor and the only relatives are first and second cousins, including Mar-garetta Hutchinson, Elizabeth C. Hare, Hutchinson R. Emmot Hare, Mary H. Hare, J. Montgomery Hare, all first cousins. Mr. de Concer is a second cousin. The latter was asked by the Pennsylvania Company to take charge of the financial affairs of the patient in

According to the testimony of de Conthat he had enemies everywhere and to these imaginary entities Mr. Hare at-tributed all his troubles. De Concer-said that Mr. Hare repeatedly complained of being persecuted by devils. His mind seemed to be weak and the witness learned that prior to 1910, when he took charge of the affairs of the afflicted man. unscrupulous persons had succeeded in getting possession of Mr. Hare's income by pretending to do all sort of things for him. MULCTED OF FUNDS.

On the pretext of seeing the French Government and the United States offi-cials at Washington on his behalf, Mr. de Concer said, these same people would mulct Mr. Hare for \$2000 and \$3000 at a

A pathetic chapter of the case is a let-The unprecedented ter, written by Mr. Hare to Donald Har-event the utmost con-per, of Parls, the French representative of the law firm who filed the proceedings on behalf of the Philadelphia cousins. This communication protests against the measures to protect his property, although he shows no malice or resent-

It was dated November 8, 1915, and read 'Dear Sir-I have received the notification you sent me regarding certain measures about to be taken in Philadelphia to provide me with a guardian, under the extraordinary and groundless pretext that I am feeble-minded. I protest, with all my strength, against the indignity with which I am threatened and against the unworthy expedient which is employed to take my income completely out of my control, and out of the hands of Mr. de Goncer, to whom I have entrusted the are of my affairs.

"I am also alarmed at the thought that y income might be stepped in order to force me to leave the home which I ave obtained at Biarritz, and in which is my desire to end my life. I am very ld and that end cannot be far distant. Moreover in the case of such forced de-parture I should be exposed. I foresee the terrible things which might happen I am quite sure that my cousin Mr. Emlen Hutchinson would never of his own motion seek to add to my present affliction, and I regret that circumstances have made it imperative and that he take part in such improper proceedings. The matter, however, changes in no way the friendship I bear him. Whatever may be the uppshot of this matter, I shall never recognize nor freely consent to the gross violation of my rights which

Yours truly, JULIEN HARE SAW DEVILS.

Affidavits of Marie Romatat, a maid in

the villa, and of Louise Billou, the house-keeper of the Countess Biscuccia, who have observed Mr. Hare's strange imaginings for several years, describe his mental condition from their point of view The afflicted man, according to these and other witnesses, believed that devils inhabited the thermometer and tireplay and annoyed him continually. Other affi-davits filed included those from Dr. Phil-lippe Jean sostalop Bachoue, who at-tended Mr. Hare five years, and Dr. George Long-Savigny. Doctor Bachous explained in his deposition that his pa-tient was mentally afflicted, as he be-lieved that he was being persecuted by various sorts of influential people in the United States and by "witches, demons and goblins." To these hallucinations Mr. Hare, the doctor said, attributed all his and annoyed him continually. Other affi Hare, the doctor said, attributed all his troubles.

The trust company appointed guardian was required to enter a \$150,000 bond. The petitioners in the proceedings for the guardian were represented by John v. Johnson and Maurice B. Saul

WASH RAG APPEALS TO THIEF Discriminating One Needed Also

Little Perfumery and Toothbrush A large, mushy sponge, a bottle of crushed rose-leaf perfume, several licorice drops, a washing, two souvenir post-cards, a box of Piedmont eigarettes and a toothbrush were the total booty of a thief who spent more than two hours, accord-ing to the police, in breaking into the drug store of George F. Wagner, 7144 German-

town avenue. Mount Airy.

A hole large enough for a very small hand was backed through the side door with a penkulfe. The door is two and a half inches thick. The lock was then turned from the inside. No money in the store was taken. The police believe a very small boy was responsible, or nosvery small boy was responsible, or por girl, from the nature of the

BRITISH CABINET MEETS TO DRAFT "CONSCRIPT" ACT

Three Ministers Opposed to Even Modified Compulsion May Resign

THREE BILLS IN HAND

Rumors that three members of the Cabinet will resign because of their opposition to conscription gained wide circulation when the Ministers met today to
draft the Government's conscription bill.
Chancellor of the Exchequer Reginald
McKenna, President of the Board of
Trade Walter Runeiman and Sir John
Simon, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, were the members mentioned.
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Resignation of the three almisters was rumored earlier in the week, but it was later reported that Premier Asquith's conciliatory efforts had succeeded and that none of the three would leave the The reports were suddenly renewed today and created a sensation in

Government circles.

Thus far there is no confirmation of reports that Lewis V. Harcourt has quit the Ministry, though the rumor that he is to become Viceroy of India. is credited in the sum of the confirmation of the sum of the confirmation of t ited in many quarters.

Three separate drafts of bills for ea Three separate were presented to the Min-isters at today's session. These embodled the views of each faction in the Cabinet. the views of each faction in the Cabinet.
One draft, said to be fathered by LloydGeorge, provided not only for the enrolment of unmarried men, but contained
provisions for drafting married men,
should the Government find this step necessary. The other two proposed bills contained less drastic proposals, providing
only for service by unmarried men.
The big feature of the political situation now is the attitude of the Irish Nationalists and the Laborites toward compulsory military service.

Reports that the Irish might be excluded rom the workings of a conscription bill, because of the high state of feeling in Ireland, was followed by spirited expres-sions from Ulster Unionists that they would allow no such thing to occur.

pulsory military service.

COUPLE WEDDED 51 YEARS: WILL CELEBRATE TONIGHT Mr. and Mrs. David Hunter to Ob-

North Front street, will celebrate the Sist anniversary of their wedding tonight at the home of one of their daughters. Mrs. William Dent, of 103 West Montgomery 'But next year." said Mrs. Hunter to-

serve Event at Home

Mr. and Mrs. David Hunter, of 1806

day. "I think we'll go to Fairmount Park. The family is getting too big." Inasmuch as the II children of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are married and there are already 36 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, there is reason for the venerable lady's concern about entertain-ing all of them in one daughter's house. David Hunter and Helen McPherson were both born 72 years ago in Aberdeen, Scetland. They went to school there, met each other there and were married there.

They came to this country in 1870, and Mr. Hunter amassed a comfortable fortune as a smoking pipe manufacturer. Six years ago he decided he'd worked nough, so since then he has, as he says, loafed." We were pretty much a national pair when we lived in Scotland," said Mr. Hunter today. "But that has changed aince we came to America. Now we're an international family. My boys and girls have married into all kinds of nationalities, every one a different kind, and we could pretty nearly hold a conference of nations in our house. It's nive, too! it

nations in our house. It's nice, too; it broadens one "We've done pretty well here, but we had to work. When we came over we expected to find gold in the streets-didn't we, mother?" and he turned to ask Mrs.

Hunter. She agreed, and supplemented:
"But it was a glorious fight and I'd gladly do it over again." been any deaths in There have never

There have never been any deaths in the Hunter family. Eleven children were born to them.

"If one link should go," Mr. Hunter said, "I'm afraid all would. So far we have held the chain strong."

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter have always stayed up to welcome the new year, and they worked. they expect to do it quite a while yet. They are healthy for folk of 72 and as

happy as can be. The oldest daughter at the celebration tonight will be Mrs. James Clark, 50 youngest guest will be 2-year-old

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH IN KEROSENE CAN EXPLOSION

Martha Loughery, one of the great-grand-

Filling Lighted Lantern Results Fa-

tally-Three Injured GREENSBURG, Pa., Dec. 31.—Dorothy Bezold, 2 years old, was burned to death and her mother and two others were severely burned in the explosion of an oll can in the house of Mrs. rrances bezold in Hannastown last night. Mrs. Bezold. her clothing ablaze, ran through street to the home of a neighbor, where were extinguished. She prob-

Those injured were: Mrs. Frances Bezold, 29 years old; S. A. Keith, 42 years old; Jacob Keith, 72 years old, father of S. A. Keith. The oil in a lantern which Mrs. Bezold was using burned out and she attemated to refill it. There was still a red glow to refill it. There was still a red glow on the wick and in filling the bowl some

plasion followed. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION DEATHS

of the oil was spilled on the glowing

Instantly it flared up and an ex-

COLLINS.—In Philadelphia, on December 29, 1915. Miss CARRIE COLLINS, aged 12 years Informent at Middle River. Md. KNORR.—On December 31, 1915. HARRIET P. I., KNORR aged 57 years. Due notice of the funeral will be given. HELP WANTED-FEMALE

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