

hars was no attempt during the daylight hours to recapture the trenches taken by the Teutons in the violent assault of the

The whole western fighting front is the sens of heavy engagements. At some pents the big guns have been roaring measurely for days; the infantry have been engaged in hand-to-hand struggles; greated fighting and mining operations was placed as provincent part in the have played a prominent part in the battles, while airmen have fought one mether above the lines and have been anded from below by the anti-

eding night.

alreaft guns. The Germans followed up their recent more in Champagne by the capture of an additional half mile of French trenches in additional hair mile of French frenches und Thars, in that district, and their uncer bombardments in the neighbor-ies of Massiges and Navarin have been amered in kind by the French. To the north of Solssons, around Terny and long the River Alsne, the Germans und on inforture there, but the French

started an infantry attack, but the French pat it down with their guns and rifles. To the south of the Somme the Germans mission to surround outpost trenches but desisted under heavy fire of the

The text of the French night commu-

England's determination to fight the war to a victorious end was voiced from the throne today when King George's speech opening the Parliament was read. It was as follows:

"The spirit of the Allies and my own people remains steadfast in the resolve to secure reparation for the victims of unprovoked and unjustifiable outrages and against aggression of power which mistakes force for right

and expediency for honor. "Gentlemen of the House of Commons, you will be asked to make due financial provision for the conduct of the war.

ities sent out an appeal to officials Litroughout the country to arrest Crones, Letters found in Allegrini's trunk, translation of which was completed to-"My lords and gentlemen, the only measures that will be submitted to you are such as, in the opinion of my adiay, revealed the plot of the "destroyers," police said. visers, tend to the attainment of our They indicated that headquarters of the common object. society were in Rome in the very shadow of the Vatican, and that Crones and Al-

"L confidently commend these measlegrini were members of a committee of ures to your loyalty and your patriotthis country.

ism, and pray the Almighty to give his

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out nearly every piece of fire-fighting ap paratus in South and West Philadelphin today, destroyed a large nitric acid build ing and threatened to spread to others of the S5 buildings of Harrison Brothers & Co. Inc. chemical, paint, varnish and white lead manufacturers, at 35th street

white lead manufacturers, at 35th street and Gray's Ferry road. Fifty workmen escaped injury when the blinding flash of ignited chemicals on the first floor of the building drove them out shortly after 9:30 o'clock this morning. The fire apread rapidly and one by one 17 large vats filled with chemicals flared up with muffled detonations that sent huge volumes of black smoke high into the air. The air was filled with a noxious prav The air was filled with a noxious spray The air was filed with a noxious epra-of acid, which hampered the firemen in their work. Three alarms were turned in and it was remarkable dust no accidents were encountered by the fire engines, which hurried to the scene over ice-coated

The building, known as No. 78, was razed by the flames, which curled along a trestlework connecting the burning building with No. 78-A. Volumes of water were thrown against the trestle to pre-vent the flames communicating with the vent the flames communicating with the adjoining building and to others stored with inflammable chemicals, paints and olls. The destroyed building was a twostory structure and measured 150 by 30 feet.

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# **RUSSELL H. CONWELL,** 74 TODAY, IS HONORED BY HOST OF CHILDREN

Temple University Students Pay Tribute to Beloved Preacher-Lecturer on Natal Day "FEELS OLD AS HE IS"

Dr. Russell H. Conwell is 74 years old

oday. Every department of Temple University, f which he is president, from the tiniest tots to the university classes that will be graduated in June, was represented in the simple, informal exercises held to-day at Broad and Berks streets to testify

realizes his helplessness, they reported, and is devoting himself to consolidating his position in the north. The Yangtse River, it is assumed, will be the dividing line.

### MISSISSIPPI LEVEE BREAKS; CITIZENS FLEE

NATCHEZ, Miss., Feb. 15 .- The main Mississippi River levee about 25 miles above St. Joseph, Miss., broke early today. The flood waters are pouring through a huge crevasse, which has widened to a mile, and hundreds of persons are making their way to the highlands. Parishes of Tenasas, Concordia, Madison, Franklin and Catahoula and 50 towns will be flooded.

### FLORIDA LIMITED WRECKED; ONE KILLED

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 15 .- The Florida Limited, one of the "crack" trains of the Seaboard Air Line, was wrecked near here early today. This is the second wreck of the Limited in a week. One person was killed and two injured. The train was bound for New York.

### GERMAN FUTURE GLOOMY, HOUSE'S REPORTED VIEW

ROME, Feb. 15 .- One of the men accompanying Colonel House on his mission to Berlin confided to a friend now staying at San Remo that Colonel House was convinced that financiers in charge of the financial affairs of the German Government fully realize that a catastrophe to the German Empire is inevitable. The German people, however, do not share the knowledge of the financial experts, and, being deceived by the Balkan successes, are hopeful of victory.

"In Belgium our artillery blew up a multions depot north of Boesinghe. "North of Solssons, last night, after a thely bombardment, the enemy's in-fastry attempted to dash forward by the Terny road and by the right bank of the Aisne. They were stopped short by

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#### BALDWIN'S ADD NEW PLANT

#### War Orders Prompt \$500,000 Addi tion-Woodland Avenue Factory Is Leased

# THE WEATHER

A word of advice to the men who are solar to erect a monument to Mr. Bow-te during his lifetime. They should con-tere the weather. There never has been inovered a material which will be proof values the elements, but some materials be better than others. There is some-sing symbolic about the way marble mubles and meits before the rains. The ternal snows object to man's attempts a permanent pride. Even the sands of the desart level the features of the desert level the features of the description of the fratures of the relation. They tell a story about the Nor-restant city that put up a statue to Ibsen and the his hitchine. The old playwright wild take his hat off to himself, sardon-sard, But it soon becan to show signs of decay long before the living body it managemented did. They talk of the snows were inspired with an off those snows were inspired the result of fact, they are resultrected every winter. They recur more certainly than do great and.

# FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-For Philadelphia and vicinity-For weather and rising temperature longht and Wednesday; moderate math winds becoming variable. For details see pays 15.

#### LOST AND FOUND

BLE 4.-Lost, in Phila, story, silk un-6, with handle of Toledo steel, inlate South name ungraved on hand. Mrs. and Hall Porter, Stitutation reward in Sect. in Lodger Contral, Broad and Chest Broad.

these reward paid for the return of dis-and emerald ring plainting setting that the Prhrun y 5. Editorial reward for information resulting in its recov-ing using Longer Contral.

eiling Loss and Found Ads on Page 15

LONDON, Feb. 15. Parliament reassembled this afternoon with several most vital issues affecting the progress of the war in the balance. the first time since the reign of For For the first time since the reign of Queen Victoria the Sovercign was absent from the opening session. A royal com-mission, headed by Baron Buckmaster, the Royal Chancellor, conducted the for-mal opening ceremonies in the place of King George, who is understood to be still suffering from the effects of his recent

blessings to your counsels."

Prosperity, brought about by huge war contracts, has caused the Baldwin Loco-motive Works to contract for the erection of a \$500,000 factory addition to be located at lith and Hamilton streets, adjoining the present plant. The new building its to be 100 by 400 feet, of steel and concrete construction and eight stories high. The omiract has been awarded S. W. Marks, of Cleveland, Ohio, who with Irwin and Leighton, of this city, was the only bidder. The company also has acquired the large

factory building owned by the Croft & Allen Company, Inc., at 3233-3249 Wood-and avenue. It has been leased for a od of years and will be used for stor The purposes. The premises consist of a freshory and basement factory, contain-be about 100,000 square feet of space and munding from Woodland avenue through to Ludiow street.

DANGER OF CONTAGION WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- Hundreds of lepers are at liberty in the United States, exposing the public to contagion, according to leprosy experts who testified today before the Senate Fublic Health Commit-tee, inducating Senator Ransdell's bill for a \$250,000 national leprosarium.

a \$259,099 national leprosarium. Dr. Isador Dyer, dean of Tulane Medi-cal College, New Orleans, said it was estimated that in New York city alone there were 100 lepers at large. Others are in Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis. In the Louislaina State leper colony there are more than 100 patients. The chance of contagion from leprosy is about one in one hundred, compared to tuberculosis, Doctor Dyer said. House vermin should be exterminated, because they may carry leprosy germa. eprosy germs.

Senator Smuot said he had visited hun treds of ispers, and even slept in their ouses.

"Leprosy is curable." declared Doctor Dyer. "Only Louisiana, Massachusetts and California' care for their lepers."

Russia to Buy 2,000,000 Scythes

Russia is in the market for 2.000.000 cythes, according to Director W. P. Wilof the Commercial Museum, who has son, of the commercial addsetin, who has received inquiries from Rothencord & Hammerigh, a general contracting firm, of Copenhagen. The query was forward-ed from Denmark yesterday, and asserts that the Danish firm represents Russian

# Jos. W. Potter, Camden, Hurt by Fall

Former Councilman Joseph W. Potter, of Camden, is in a serious condition at his of Camden, is in a serious condition at his home. 106 Cooper street, today, with a fractured hip received when he slipped on ices and fell. The accident occurred last night as he was returning home. Mr. Potter, who is 63 years old, is in the care of Dr. Paul Meersy, of the Cooper Hospital.

Hospital

HUNDREDS OF LEPERS COLDEST FEB. 15 SINCE **1875 MARKS RECORD** AT LARGE IN COUNTRY, SENATORS ARE TOLD City Still Icebound on Second Day of Frigid Wave. Dr. Dyer Declares Only Three Warmer Tomorrow States Care for These Two Days' Temperatures Sufferers Today Yesterday Midnight ..... 11 1 a. m. ..... 10 2 a. m..... 5 a. m...... 6 a. m. . . . . . . . . . . 7 a. m...... 8 a. m. ..... 10

9 a. m. ..... 15 10 a. m..... 17  $\frac{11}{12}$ 19 11 a. m..... Noon ..... 21 1 p. m..... 24 13 2 p. m. ..... 26 15 Rising.

It was due to the efforts of the employes that the fire did not extend to other art treasures, the majority of which are ir-replaceable. Tarpaulins used by the fire-men checked much damage by water. The painting "Miss Nelthorpe," by Sir Thomas Lawrence, renowned 19th century artist, was bought by Mr. MoFadden sev-eral years ago in London. Although the price was not made public, it was gen-erally placed in the neighborhood of \$40, 000. This estimate, it was suid at the family manuion today, was too liberal, a conservative value being the \$30,000 fig-ure. The city continues ice-bound today, with the lowest temperatures of the sea-son reported from the northern Atlantic seaboard and upstate, where the mer-cury dropped far below zero. ure.

aid to have sworn the destruction of the

Church, particularly the Catholic Church, was traced by Chicago police today from Italy to New York and from New York across America. Catholic churchmen,

across America. Catholic churchmen, business men and 400 detectives are en-gaged in the effort to oppose a conspiracy now believed world-wide in scope. Authorities who are holding John Alle-

grini, alleged confidant of Jean Crones, wanted for poisoning the soup at the re-

cent banquet to Archbishop George Will-

nm Mundelein, declared they had estab-lished beyond a doubt that a great con-spiracy was on foot to destroy lives of churchmen and church and club property.

Great public buildings and even the Gov-ernment of the United States were in-

A formal charge of conspiracy to com

mit murder was made against Allegrini today, while police and Federal author-

The letters were frequently interspersed

ATTEMPTS ON CHURCHES.

The recent attempt to wreck St. Pat-rick's Roman Catholic Church, New York,

a remarkable series of fires in Chicago hurches and the alleged attempt to

poison Archbishop Mundelein and 300 dis-tinguished guests at the banquet last Thursday were all linked by authorities

Allegrini preserved a stolid silence in

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their investigations.

with the society's duties in

The lowest point the mercury has reached on February 15 since 1875 was re-corded this morning at 7 o'clack, with a temperature of 6 degrees, only one degree warmer than the record-making low mark yeaterday. Private thermometers through-out the city, and especially in the sub-urbs, reported zero weather.

urbs, reported zero weather. With the sun in a clear sky, however, the temperature climbed upward in the afternoon, reaching a dozen degrees warmer than corresponding hours ves-terday. The forecast is fair, with riming temperatures today and tomorrow. The coldest point in the East is Canton, N. Y. with a temperature of 38 degrees below zero. The coldest town in the State is Burning Well, McKean County, where 28 helow was recorded.

of the nineteenth century who neglected to have their picture painted by Lawrence virtually threw themselves outside the so-cial world. His list of pictures was the social Bacdeker of the time.

is Burning wen, accreate County, where 25 below was recorded. The entire street cleaning force and hundreds of extra men continue at work today on the task of removing the mow from streets in all sections of the city. Motor driven plows were used yesterday, as the ice on the streets interfered ma-terially with the work of horse drawn wehicles. vehicles.

The fire was started, it is believed, by the explosion of a nitric acid pipe in a saltpetre tank, setting fire to the nitric acid fumes. Three tanks, filled with nitric acid, and

with drawings of bombs and enthusiastic descriptions of the quick carnage they would produce. each with a capacity of 2009 gailons, stood near the building, as did seven tank cars, on a siding. These were kept soaked with water to provent their ignition and explosion.

The abattoir and guarantine pens of the D. B. Martin Abattoir Company were threatened for a time, but the fire was confined to the one building after an hour's fight. The police boat Reyburn, plowing its way through the ice in the

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**RUINED BY FLAMES IN** 

"Miss Nelthorpe," by Lawrence,

Noted 19th Century Artist,

Wrecked in Collector's Fa-

mous Gallery

OTHER WORKS ARE SAVED

A \$30,000 oil painting in the gallery of

John H. McFadden, art connoisseur and

cotton broker, was destroyed today in a

fire in his town house, 19th and Walnut

It was due to the efforts of the employee

borough. Those in England during the latter half

J. H. M'FADDEN HOME

\$30,000 OIL PAINTING

man, educator and lectures

# The exercises, which had no fixed pro-gram, were in charge of a committee of students, of which Harold Ervin was students, of which riarou Ervin was chairman and George Gladney, Robert Schenkel and Glenn Tounge were assist-ants. Tea was served from the forum of the university by three girl students from the House Science Department, and distributed by the smaller children, who were responsible for the exercises, which

were of the nature of a surprise party. CHILDREN PRESENT GIFTS.

Doctor Conwell was summoned to the orum and escorted to a seat on the platforni.

Emphatic reminders that it was his birthday were soon forthcoming. A silver-mounted cane was presented by George Gladney, of the preparatory department: an artistic lamp from the college departent, a basket of fruit from the elementary department, an automobile lunch imper from the business department and a dictionary from the physical education partment.

Doctor Conwell expressed his appreciaon for each gift with a brief and approorlate speech.

printe speech. After the presentation of the gifts there was a Polish dance by the Misses Kirk, Bockleman and Howell and Messrs. Schenkel, Godschall and Lober. This was followed by a solo by Miss Edith Gregs. Led by little Nettie Wentz, 14 children, each not more than 5 or 6 years old, en-circled Doctor Conwell, and Miss Wentz presented to blum a big red rose. The

SVOLTASI SU MILANO

Dieci Persone Uccise e la Porta del Cimitero Abbattuta dalle

su parecchie città' dell'alta Italia, oltre che Milano, e cioè' su Brescia, Jergamo, Treviglio, Mompiano ed altre localita'. A Milano dieci persone rimasero uccise e la porta di bronzo del Cimitero Monumentale rimase abbattuta da una bomba. Gil aeropiani finalmente furono messi la fuga da velivoli italiani e dal fuoco del cannoni apeciali. L'attacco su Brescia non pote furono ricevuti con un tale vialento fuoco di artiglieria che non potettero avvici-The fire is said to have been started The fire is said to have been started from defective wiring in the drawing room, on the 19th street side of the house. Servants quickly checked the flames to prevent them from reaching the main collection, but the \$30,000 picture was in ruins in a few minutes. It was also ru-mored, but later denied at the house, that a Gainsborough picture, valued at \$15,000, has been damaged. Mr. McFradden has long been known for his activities in collecting the best work of artists, he having a fine collection of Japanese vases and works of art in addidi artiglieria che non potettero avvici-narsi alla citta'.

marsi alla citta'. Telegrammi da Roma dicono che in quei -circoli politici corre voce che nel marzo prossimo venturo l'Italia dichiarera' la guerra alla Germania. Certo e' che ad una simile soluzione si dovra' venire un giorne o l'altro in seguito al recento ac-cordo dell'Italia con gli alleati, aecordo concluso a Roma dal presidente del Con-siglio francese, Briand. Nel circoli militari romani si attende

Nel circoli miliari romani ai attende con fiducia che i bulgari e gli austriaci attacchino Valona. (Lezgre in fa pagina le ullime e piu' dettagliate notizie sulla guerra, in itali-

### BRITISH TO FORTIFY SAMOAN ISLAND

PAGO PAGO, Samoa, Feb 1 (by mail to San Francisco, Feb. 15) .- Apolima, the smallest of the Samoan Islands, is to be fortified by the British Administration now occupying German Samoa, it has been announced. Apolima lies between the two large islands of Upolu and Savali. Authorities say it will makean almost impregnable fortress. The people of Apolima are to be removed to Upolu.

# BRITAIN TO MOBILIZE 400,000 WOMEN ON FARMS

LONDON, Feb. 15 .- The London Dally News announces the Government has decided to organize a recruiting campaign for women to work on land. It is proposed armlets be issued to women willing to undertake farm work and that they be entitled to wear especial uniforms. Every village will be canvassed by women's committees, as it is considered essential that an army of at least 400,000 women be mobilized. All who volunteer will be registered and given armlets and uniforms which will consist of coat, skirt, stout boota and gaiters. Already more than 250,000 men have been withdrawn from agriculture and it is anticipated 100,000 more will be called. Virtually only shepherds, ploughmen and others indispensable will remain.

### PREMIER BRIAND BACK IN PARIS

PARIS, Feb. 15 .- Aristide Briand, the French Premier, arrived in Paris last night from his visit to Italy. Later he received a number of the political leaders and told them how deeply he had been touched by the reception accorded him by King Victor Emmanuel and the Italian Government and people. While it was impossible for him to give any idea as to the results achieved in bis visit, the Premier said he had every reason to congratulate himself. He added that he had brought back a most satisfactory impression.

### AMERICANS GIVE HOSPITAL TRAIN TO FRENCH ARMY

PARIS, Feb. 15 .- A hospital train of 13 cars, the gift of two wealthy Americans, has been presenced to the French Government. Laurence V. Benet, formerly member of the Chamber of Commerce in Paris, made the presentation address at the Chapelle railroad station, where the train temporarily is staloned. Justin Godart, Under Secretary of State for Sanitary Service, accepted the gift. He referred to many similar acts of sympathy on the part of Amercans and declared their friendship for France was traditional. The train is fitted with the most modern equipment and can accommodate 225 wounded persons. It has the latest surgical and medical equipment and furnishes as much comfort for the wounded as is possible to obtain.

# ZAPATISTA STRONGHOLD CAPTURED

MEXICO CPTY, Mex., Feb. 15 .- After a severa engagement Government troops occupied the town of Ajusco, the last stronghold of the Zapatistas between Mexico City and Cuernavaca. It is officially announced that Zapata's followers are rapidly evacuating Cuernavaca, fearing the approach of the Constitutionalists.

# DEPUTY CHARGES INSULT TO HUNGARIAN FLAG

BUDAPEST, Feb. 15 .- Count Karolyi, president of the Hungarian Independat party, in the Diet interpellated the Government concerning a major having ordered a company of Hungarians to remove the Hungarian flag during a march. Premier Tiza, replying, said the incident could be explained on other grounds. There could be no talk of an insult to the Hungarian flag, as the Austro-Hungarian War Minister had by express order permitted the use of the flag by the army. The Premier rebuked Count Karolyi for his insinuation that the military authorities were prejudiced against the Hungarian flag, and read a letter freeze Archduke Frederick praising the bravery of the Hungarians.

# TURKISH AVIATORS ATTACK KUT

LONDON, Feb. 15 .- The following report on the situation in Mesopolamia has been issued by the War Office: "General Alymer reports that the situation is unchanged. General Townshend, at Kut-el-Amara, states that an acceptance flew over the town and dropped two hombs. No damage was done."

# presented to him a big red rose. Continued on Page Seven, Column One BATTAGLIA DI VELIVOLI

Bombe Austriache

Ii Ministero della Guerra Italiano ha comunicato che suuadriglie di aeropiani austriaci fecero nei giorni scorsi attacchi su parecchie citta' dell'alta Italia, oltre of artists, he having a fue collection of Japanese vases and works of art in addi-tion to other valuable paintings. The picture by Lawrence was consid-ered one of the best sxamples of the artist's work, he having gained his re-nown on portrait painting during the mineteenth century, along with Gains-borourb.