Fierce Artillery Fire Halts Germans Northwest of Verdun

WOUNDED DIE IN FLOOD

PARIS. April II.

Another attempt by the Germans to assault the French positions on Hill 204, northwest of Verdun, on Wednesday, was prevented by the French artillery, it was announced today by the War Office.

After a violent bombardment of the hill the Germans prepared to throw heavy masses of men forward, but the curtains of fire from the French gims kept them from carrying out the enterprise.

The hight was generally calm on the Verdun from, the communique stated.

The intensity of the German artillery fire against the French position on Hill 306 had indicated that the Germans would make their next powerful infantry assault.

make their next powerful infantry assault against that section of the line and the French artillery was prepared to meet it As the German five stackened hundreds of French guns began raining shells in "cutains" in front of the German treuches. The Teuton troops that tried to per

The Teuton troops that tried to pene-traite the veil of steel were wheel out by the deadly fire.

The German Genoral Staff is again moving reinforcements to the Verdun front. It is supposed by military critics that these troops were originally intended for the east front. However, bad roads and floods in Russia, have compelled the Russians to lessen their activities, with the result that the applicance of the control of the second result that the soldlers could be sent to the west front.

The severe artillery fire northwest of The severe artillery fire northwest of Vardun has smashed some of the dikes along the west bank of the Meuse. The stream, already at flood tide from rain and melting snow, has everylowed a considerable portion of the lowlands around Cumleres. Many German wounded were drowned by the inundation.

Northeast of Verdun the Germans have carried out the groups cannot against

carried out vigorous cannonades against the French positions and the roads in the rear of the French lines. The text of the official communique fol-

The night was quiet throughout the

The night was quiet throughout the entire region about Vertum.

A German attack, which had been prepared for yesterday afternoon against our positions on Hill 304, was not able to sortie from the enemy's trenches. The curtains of fire from our artillery and the bombardment directed by our batteries in the neighboring sectors upon enemy columns concentrating in Malancourt Wood appeared to have made that operation abortive. operation abortive.

No important event occurred on the entire front.

Miss Marjory McConnell Asks Divorce A divorce action has been begun in Common Pleas Court No. 2 by Mrs. Mar-jory Fitch Oberteuffer McConnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Oberteuffer, of Haverford. Her husband, Newlin Mc Connell, is now living in this city, though before the divorce action the McCouncils lived first in Haddonfield, then in Haverford. Mrs. McCouncil is with her father at Illambee, Haverford. The marriage took place April 30, 1907.

Boardwalk Eye Doctor Arrested ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 13 -A vale the standard of business there and keen the city free of "floaters" who prey appor victors lied to the arrest of Sanuel Tannhauser, an optometrist, charged with doing business without a State licen-Tanninuser was held in \$400 bail for hearing. The penalty is a \$200 fine.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, April 12. For Eastern Pennsylvania and New Greey: Probably showers and somecloudy; light to moderate variable winds. The northeastern disturbance has moved from southern New England to the Guif of St. Lawrence during the last 24 bours, attended by fluid scattered rains. The western storm has moved from the Missouri basin into the upper Lake region and extends in a trough from thence southwestward to Mexico. It has also been attended by light rains over widely scattered areas. It has caused a further lise in temperatures in the Ohio basin, and is being followed by a colder area that has overspread the Missouri basin. U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

RUSSIA ANNOUNCES FURTHER ADVANCE IN BITLIS REGION

Austrian Attempt to Push Their Lines Toward Olyk Repulsed .

LONDON, April 13—Further progress by the Russian Caucasus army souther the reputited Armenian fortress of Erzerim and the reputite of Turkish attacks in the region of Bittle and of Kurdish detachments south of Lake Urnsmish were reported by the Russian War Office last night.

A local success to Gallets in the Lab.

Office last night.

A local success in Galicia, in the Lublin region, and an unsuccessful Austrian attempt to advance their lines to the railway station of Olyk are the only autions reported in the eastern theatre of war. The statement follows:

In the Caucasus, southwest of Erzerum, we seized Turkish positions. At Billia all enemy attacks were repulsed. South of Lake Urumiah Kurdish detachments were defeated. Western front—Around Lublin our volunteers successfully encountered volunteers successfully encountered German scouts. At the railway sta-tion of Olyk we repulsed the enemy's atempt to intrench themselves near our trenches.

ITALIANS TAKE STRONG TRENCH LINE NEAR RIVA

Austrian Coast Attacked by Enemy Seaplanes and Garrison Put to Flight

ROME, April 13.—The following official orminumication was issued fast night:

In the Ledro Valley by methodical offensive operations we advanced our occupation to the heights north of Rio Fonale, between the Concel Valley and Garda. Our infantry, with efficacious support of the artillery, took by assault a strong line of tenches. cacious support of the artiflery, took by assault a strong line of trenches and redoubts along the southern slopes of Monte Parl and Cima d'Oro, and on the rocks of Monte Sperone. The enemy defenses, after sustaining heavy losses, profiting by the nature of the ground, succeeded in retiring. We took 20 prisoners. We took 20 prisoners.

An intense artillery action continues between the Adige River and Brenta and along the Isonze front. The offective fire of our batteries The checkive fire of our batteries has prevented the enemy from repulling the Lamerna fortress in the Upper Astico Valley and destroyed revictioning depots at Santa Caterina and Uggowitz, in the Fella Valley.

The Stefani News Agency says that the activity of the Italian air flotilla in the apper Adriatic continues.

"A few days ago," the agency says, "two seaplanes bombarded a point on the Austrian coast, put to flight a small garrison and afterward landed. The pilot destroyed a signal post and telegraphic station, exploded an ammunition depot set fire to stores of coal and returned

"Another Italian scaplane dropped 500 kilogrammes (1192 pounds) of explosives on the railway station at Nabresina. "The Italian coast defense on the uppe Adriatic brought down an enemy hydro-teroplane.
"A few days ago an enemy submarine

exploded off an Italian port on the Ad-

BERLIN, April 13. (By wireless to Sayville.—An official statement issued at the Austro-Hangarian Army Headquarters

Lively artillery duels are going on in several sectors of the Italian front. Near five the enemy was ejected from several salient trenches and one defensive wall south of Sperone, which had been occupied by him. The Italian attack thus ended a complete feature.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Religious Retreat Attended Nightly by Great Throng

religious retreat, being conducted under the auspites of the Knights of Columbus of this city, in the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, 18th and Race streets.

each evening this week.

Every night so far the great edifice has been crowded to the doors. It is estimated that fully 4060 members and their mated that fully 4060 members and their friends are making the retreat, which is being held under the direction of the Rev. F. L. Kenzel C. SS. R. a member Rev. F. L. Kenzel C. SS. R. a member of the Redemptorist Fathers, an order which recently held one of the most largely attended missions this city has ever incl.

Father Kenzel is preaching an interesting sermon such night. Last night the fext of his sermon was "The Knight of Columbius in His Home Relations." To-

Columbus in His Home Relations." To-right he will speak on "The Knight of Columbus and Christian Marriage." Besides the sermon, there is Benediction each night, as well as singing.

On Sunday the Knights of Columbus will attend Mass and receive Holy Com-munica in a body.

MASEFIELD PRIZES AWARDED

Miss Loudon, Bryn Mawr, 1916, Wins Poetry Contest

It was announced at Bryn Mawr College today that the two Massfield prizes for the less poem by a student and the best piece of prose have been won by Miss Margaret Louise Loudon, 1916, of this city, and Miss Monica Barry O'Shes. 1917, of Brookline, Mass.

The title of Miss Loudon's poem is "Re-

The title of Miss Loudon's poem is "Re-turn." Miss O'Shea's offering was an Irish story. The prizes were offered by John Masselieid when he lectured at Bryn Mawr last March. They consist of auto-graphed copies of the poet's works. There were 25 contestants. Miss Lou-don lives at 1330 Spruce street.

Atlantic City Gets War Order Attantic City has received its first war order through a contract for a million brick, awarded here by the du Pont Powder. Company for the eniargement of its plant at Carnoy's Point. The order is said to indicate a great scarcity of brick in the Philadelphia district, where yards are being drained to meet emergency orders.

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STATE CENSORS BLAME GREED FOR OPPOSITION

HARRISHURG. April 13.—The State loard of Moving Dicture Censorship has saied a statement defending itself against

ecent attacks. It says in part:
"The sensational story appearing in "The sensational story appearing in some papers that moving picture censors of 27 States are ruled by what is termed the "rum ring" is a pipe dream so far as the Pennsylvania board is concerned. In the first place, while there are several city police consorship boards, there are only three State boards in the whole country, not 27. Another was added recently by the passage of the censorship bill in Maryland.

bill in Maryland.

"This shows the absurdity of the attempted reflection on our board. It is but part of a well-organized plan of the moving picture interests to defeat censorship. If they were free to show some of the hair-raising, sensational suggestions of immorality which we have censored it would mean limitless profits to them. That is the whole reason for their rather ingenious cry for a "free" screen. "I believe motion picture censorality in Pennsylvania is here to stay. The purpose of the lastication is beneficent to the highest dearer, and that its accomplishment is likewise beneficent is demonstrated by the fifth that the board has ordered eliminated from pictures."

PLAN FOR MISSION ASSEMBLY

Presbyterian Women Make Arrangements for Meeting This Month

Plans for the biennial assembly of the Plans for the olemnal assembly of the Board of Foreign Missions, at the Frez-byterian Tabermele, 27th and Chestnut streets, April 25 to 28, were made this afternoon at a meeting of the Presby-terian Women of Philadelphia, held in the Arch Street Presbyterian Church, 18th ind Arch streets.

Mrs. E. Boyd Welzel, president of the

Mrs. E. Boyd Welzel, president of the city organization, presided. Reports of the work of the women during the last year were read by the recogning secretary, Mrs. B. F. Bickurdson; treasurer, Miss Helen R. Cooper; literature secretary, Mrs. A. E. Mullikin; missionary education secretary, Miss. Martha Swartz; extension secretary, Mrs. R. M. G. Huff; secretary for Young Women and Westminster Gulids, Mrs. J. Lidden Pennock, Christian Endenvor secretary, Mrs. J. F. Smith; Junior Christian Endenvor secretary, Miss A. M. Foote, and corresponding tary, Mrs. John W. Patton

\$25 FOR MISSING WIFE

Bride of Six Weeks Disappears and Husband Offers Reward

Amerigo Bella, 760 South 9th street, wants to find his wife and will pay \$25 to get her. He married her six weeks ago in Trenton and brought her to this city, One week ago today site left him at 9th and Market streets saying that she was going into the Postoffice to mail a letter.

was going into the Postoffice to mail a letter. Bella mays be thinks his wife cloned with a man who works around 15th and Arch streets, although he has no proof of their flight. Bella had a candy store a Trenton and his wife, then Margaretta Poth, was one of his best customers.

Mrs. Veronica Toth, the missing wife's mather says she has not seen beginning wife's mather says she has not seen beginning. mother, says she has not seen her daugh-ter since the woman left with her hashand one week age last night to go to Canaden.

GERMAN GENERALS OLDEST

Statistics Show Average Age of British Commanders Lowest of All

LONDON, April 13.—"From carefully compiled statistics." says the Morning Post, "it appears that in the British, French and German armies the youngest generals occupying high commands at the present moment are the British and the oldest the German. The average age of the British is 53.9 years; that of the French 69.5 years, and of the Germans 68.5 years.

62.5 years.

"If, however, we exclude from the there are a good many, the average age of the men occupying high commands in the German army is 65.56. Von Mackensen is 71, von Hindenburg 69, von Falkenbayn 72, von Kluck 78, von Buelow 79, von Woyrsch 69, von Eichhorn 69 and von Buelow 66.7



ALBERT BEYER, JR. ecretary to Mayor Riddle, Atlantic City, who has taken the stump to fight the re-election of his father, Albert Beyer, Sr., Director of Finance, who is on the slate of the large interests in the senshore city. Young Beyer says Mayor Riddle has been a "good boss," and that it is his duty to help him in his political emergency. He is a Lafayette College alumnus.

DEMOCRATIC "WHIP" SPEAKS HERE TONIGHT

Senator Lewis to Be Guest at Jefferson Day Dinner

United States Senator James Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, the Democratic whip and the man whom it is generally supposed President Wilson favors as a running mate, will be the guest of bonor at the Jefferson Day dinner of the Domo-eratic Club tonight. The dinner will be served at the Continental Hotel.

Senator Lewis will share honors with Representative Plood, of Virginia and Charles S. Thomas, of Colorado. An-nouncement of the Senator's intention to be present was made last night at a meeting of the club in its new headquar-ters, 1422 South Penn Square.

ters, 1432 South Penn Square.

The annual election of the club was held last night and Robert S. Bright was elected to the presidency. Other officers elected follow: Vice presidents, John J. Wilkinson, John I. Somers, Spence D. Wright and T. T. Nelson; recording secretary, Michael F. Kerwick; corresponding secretary, E. B. Seymour; treasurer, E. B. Seiberlich; governors, Rohand S. Morris, William L. Fry, John Monaghan, John Fox, J. H. Herkely, Frank Stephens, Robert Werner, Dr. W. H. Hoskins, Thomas Dempsey, C. E. Larzeiere and S. H. Shingle. E. Larzeiere and S. H. Shingle.

TWO SCHOOLGIRLS HELD UP

Coatesville Student Beats Off Her Assailant With Books

COATESVILLE, Pa. April 13.—Two schoolgirls, one in this city and one in Isowningtown, were hold up while on their way bone from school. They were Miss Marion Megargee, Coatesville, and Miss Eligabeth Ibach, Downingtown.

Miss Megargee declares she beat the stranger with her schoolbooks until he ran away. A suspect was arrested here, but he was discharged.



BANNER OF ROOSEVELT Newspaper That Fought Colonel in 1912 Says Country

Needs Him

N. Y. TRIBUNE HOISTS

NEW YORK, April 13.-Under the caption, 'Colonel Roosevelt for President." which it says:

'Colonel Rossevelt and no pussy-foot-ing. The Tribune likes this candidate and this Issue. It regards Senator Root, its favorite so long as he had a chance of pomination, as now practically eliminated. t cannot interpret any more hopefully he failure of the 'oxygen treatment' which its candidacy received in the shape of the manifesto with 75 signers.

We are for Colonel Roosevelt because "We are for Colonel Roosevelt because we think the country needs him. No one clse will quicken the pulse of the nation as he will quicken it. No one clse will stir the conscience of the people as he will stir it. No one clse will inspire patriotism as he will inspire it. We are for Colonel Roosevelt in spite of the fact that we were against him four years ago. No one fought him harder than we. None now will fight harder for him. It has not been easy to not asside our pride, our sense of resentput aside our pride, our sense of resent-ment of what occurred in 1912, and the hundred other things that tend to keep

"We might have preferred anothe leader, but there is no other leader. Justice Hughes might have spoken if he had been free to speak. But the plain fact is that he did not speak; he could not speak."

ATLAS POWDER COMPANY MAY ADD CAPITAL TO STOCK

Meeting Tuesday to Consider Increase of \$9,500,000

WILMINGTON, Del. April 13.—A spe-cial meeting of the Atlas Powder Com-pany has been called for Tuesday of next week, when the company will consider the proposition of issuing 50,000 shares of common stock and 45,000 shares of 6 per cent, preferred stock.

This would bring the total of each kind of stock issued to \$10,000,000, making a total capital stock of \$20,000,000 for the company, instead of \$10,500,000. The company does not manufacture anything but black powder and high explosives, but has been unusually busy for a long time.

DECISION BREAKS TIE ON COMPENSATION LAW

Referee Awards Sum Under State Statute to Man Engaged in Interstate Work

A decision given today by Referee George C. Klauder, of the Workmen's Compensation Bureau, in this city, breaks the "national tie" on the question of whether a person engaged in interstate employment by a railroad can recover compensation for injury under a State workmen's compensation act. Compensation was allowed in the case. ton was allowed in the case.

Decisions have been given by the Supreme Courts of four States and two referees in this State. The Supreme Courts of California and Illinois decided that such a case came under the jurisdic-tion of the Interstate Commerce Commission and excluded the operation of a State law, while the courts of last resort of New York and New Jersey allowed recovery

on the grounds that the State law is supplementary to the Federal law or completely separate from it. A referee in Pennsylvania district No. 3 decided with New York and New Jersey and a referee in district No. 8 sided with California and Illinois. The count stood 3 to 3; now it is

The case today was that of Henry Smith, of 1936 Brandywine street, against the Philadelphia and Rending Rallway Smith was a freight handler and suffered a crushed hand while working at Wayne Jungilia, on Estance 26. function, on February 20,

SCHOOL POULTRY CONTEST

Cumberland County Pupils Will Raise Birds and Write Essays

MILLVILLE, N. J., April 18.—J. J. Unger, county school superintendent, has issued a circular to poultry associations, asking that eggs for setting be donated to the school poultry contest, which will begin May 10.

Prizes will be awarded for the most birds raised from 15 eggs, for the best casay on poultry and for the best easay on poultry and for the best exhibits. All of the poultry associations of the county have offered to contribute the desired number of settings.

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