### AUSTRIANS ABANDON ADVANCED POSITIONS ON ROVERETO FRONT

Italians Expected to Begin Heavy Offensive Up Adige Valley Toward Trent Stronghold

TWO MONTHS OF WAR

ROME, May 16. vanced positions before Rovereto in expec-tation of a heavy Italian offensive in the direction of Trent.

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All villages in the Adige River Valley, up which the Italian armies might be expected to move, have been cleared of noncombatants. The Austrian authorities put the order of evacuation into effect Sunday, according to several Italian citizens of Trentino villages who slipped by the Austrian lines.

Three hundred thousand Austrian troops are now concentrated on the Trentino-Tyrol front. The Austrians are dragging guns up the mountain sides, constructing rock barriers across the narrow mountain paths and making every preparation to meet the expected attack.

Italian troops, meanwhile, continue to improve their positions in the region of Rovereto, while artillery systematically wrecks

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eonstructed.

ROME. May 16.—The Italian War Office has adopted a system by which it isques a detailed statement of the results of the operations on the Austro-Italian front during a specified period.

The latest statement, covering two months, reports the capture of 2100 prisoners, 2 field guns and 17 machine guns; the bringing down of 13 air machines and the destruction of 5 hydroplanes in air raids on Trieste.

The statement is especially important inasmuch as it gives the explanation for the Italian offensive, saying that it was

asmuch as it gives the explanation for the lialian offensive, saying that it was prompted by the German attack on Verdun, the purpose being to make it impossible for the Austrians to send guns and reserves to Francs from the Italian front.

Premier Salandra, the War Minister, and Baron Sonnino, Foreign Minister, who were

expected to go to London in return for Premier Asquith's visit some time this month, have postponed their trip until July, as Premier Salandra's presence in Rome is sary before the opening of the Parliament early in June.

A crest of the Tyrolean Alps west of

Vedrette Fargorida, and Lares, was cap-tured by Italian Alpini, according to the efficial statement issued last night. The Alpine troops also took a position near Croszon del Diavolo at an altitude of 9800 feet. In other sectors there were intense artillery bombardments. The official statement given out last night

on recent operations is as follows: In the Adamello zone our Alpine troops completed the ocupation of a crest west of Vedrette, Fargorida and Lares, establishing themselves between Crozzon di Fargorida and Crozzon di Lares. We also carried an outstand-ing position near Crozzon del Diavolo, at an altitude of 9800 feet, taking 20

prisoners.

In the Ledro Valley our advance continues toward Montesperor.e. After intense artillery fire against our positions, north of the valley the enemy attempted an attack on Ciria and Della Costa, see the of Tensuson, which was promptly. north of Lenzumo, which was promptly repulsed. Along the Largarina Valley bridgehead and the Assa Valley the enemy artillery violently bombarded emmy artiliery violently combarded our positions yesterday. They were affectively counter-attacked by our bat-teries. Some heavy shells fell on Asi-ago, wounding a few civilians. An equally intense bombardment took place along the Isonzo front from Monte Nero to the sea. During the night small enemy attacks in the Playa

night small enemy attacks in the Plava zone and San Maritino, in the Carso,

VIENNA, May 16 .- Italian positions wes of Saint Martino and east of Tolmino have been penetrated by the Austrians, it was announced by the War Office today, in the following brief statement as to opera-

the enemy from advanced trenches and re-pulsed counter-attacks. East of Tolmino we repeatedly penetrated Italian trenches."

Move to Beautify Sellersville

SELLERSVILLE, Pa., May 15.—In the interest of the town beautification plan at Sellersville, the Board of Trads has re-ceived a shipment of 1990 rose bushes, which will be distributed to residents of the town at cost. Already 700 of the shipment have been ordered by residents. In conon with the movement, prizes will be awarded for best-kept lawns and flower

Police Court Chronicles

Love is not only blind but sometimes deaf. There is abundant proof of this in the experience of a devoted couple who held a mutual admiration meeting nightly on a bench Fairmount Park.
They, of course, did all in their power to

keep the romance away from prying eyes. But Jim Stots, who makes a business of minding other persons' business and very little of his own, soon got on their traft. He horiced that every night at a very regular time the man of the romance wandered halfferently to a banch three it wades. indifferently to a bench, threw it under on



and carried it away to the shadows a waited the lady of his heart. This place not far from the edge of the

took place not far from the edge of the Ginard avenue entrance.

Jim watched them holding hands several nights and telling the old story. He barked like a dog and meowed like a cat, but he may as well have been a lion, for they paid in attention to him. They were too busy listening to the beautiful adjectives of which each seemed to have a plentiful supply. But Stotz finally grew real mean. After yelling and shouting for some time he hamped from his place behind a tree and appeared his opinion of the loving pair in many tones. Jim was in the midst of his standard when a cop interrupted and took him before Magistrate Stevenson.

Tou are the species of person who believes in taking the joy out of life," said the Judge, "and as you do not believe in lappiness I will let you commune with your self in the county-prison for five days."

"TENEMENT KID" OR COUNTRY BOY, WHICH OF THE TWAIN IS REALLY THE HEALTHIER?







Nation-wide Controversy Over the Respective Stamina of "Mickey the Guttersnipe" and "Fishin' Worm," of Which the Subjects Probably Are in Ignorance. A Sociological Problem

it all over' that Smith boy, and other folks say just the opposite. Mickey's supporters go so far as to say that the wan slum child, who never saw grass and who thinks milk is grown in cans, is healthier

Mickey the Guttershipe and "Fishin' Worm" Smith have started a lively intellectual controversy that they probably know nothing about.

The disagreement is over the respective stamina of Mickey, who is the city boy, and "Fishin' Worm," who is the country boy. Some folks say that Mickey's "got that Smith boy, and other than Drown and other than Drown the farm than Drowning Ford 'r Osceola X-Roadge, mebbe.

The National Conference on Community Centres of which Mrs. Edwin C. Grice, of this city, is vice president, learned from glonger. They declare that for "pep" and other education, that the pale slum child of song a deceation, that the pale slum child of song city. census figures, which show the tenement chid's country courins are apt to live the longer. They declare that for "pep" and "ginger" the country boy has no peer

Some folks say, though, that it's a toss-up education, that the pale slum child of song and story could very well pity the country youngster. The barefoot boy is anemic compared with the tenement kid, he said, between the two and the only way to settle it for all time is to put them in the ring

# 'CLUBWOMEN'S DAY' AT CIVIC EXHIBITION HAS OBJECT LESSONS

Thousands of Women From All Over the State to Witness Graphic and Model Exhibits

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S WORK

Today is "clubwomen's day" at the Phila-delphia Today and Tomorrow Civic Exposi-tion which is being held in the Commercial Museum, 34th and Spruce streets. Thousands of women from various parts of the State are planning to attend. A committee composed of Mrs. H. S. Prentiss Nichols, chairman of the eastern district; Mrs. B. F. Richardsen, of the Philomusian Club, and Mrs. I dward W. Biddle, of the Civic Club, have made arrangements to entertain the

visiting clubwomen. At a special program, beginning at 2:30 . Horace McFarland, president American Civic Association, will deliver the principal address. Mrs. Frederick W. Abott will have charge of a special program. Lantern sides, illustrative of civic conditions will be about

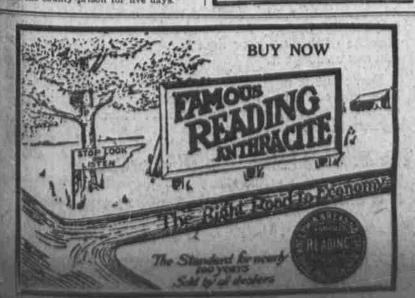
tions, will be shown. School children also will continue to give demonstrations of sewing, cooking and man-ual training. Such demonstrations will be given every day, between 2 and 4 o'clock by the grade school children and at night by the high school pupils.

HYGIENE EXHIBIT INTERESTING. An interesting exhibit is that of the Division of Hygiene, Bureau of Health, one of the many displays put on by the city departments, which have 15,000 feet of floor space. The exhibit tells the story of floor space. The exhibit tells the story of a regenerated home. It preaches the gospel of environment by contrasting the slovenly shack with what can be done when self-

respect has a chance to make good. The shack is typical. On the doorstep sprawls a woman, with a dress notable chiefly because of its capacity for accumulating dirt. Beside her is crying an un-washed kid, who is within reaching dis-tance of a whisky bottle. A most untidy ash barrel and garbage can aggravate the







causing a greater death rate on the farms scene. The fence pickets are broken or missing. The week's washing is on the line, trying apparently to get dry, but man-aging only to get dirty again. In the window is seen a torn lace curtain, a dis-

carded apple core and a broken cup.

Two women, with three children, were among the hundreds who viewed this ex-hibit yesterday. One of the women saw a chance to deliver a temperance lecture to the children, and she took advantage of it. "Maybe she took a glass of that terrible beer," she said. "She's been drinking, anyway. There's a whisky bottle, and look at her eyes. Now, over here is the same lady, only she is very much changed."

TEMPERANCE OBJECT LESSON. And 'twas so. The change was quite remarkable. The 'lady' was now neatly dressed and clean. She was greeting a visiting nurse with a smile. The baby, playing with a string of spools, was all dressed up—and seemed most extraordinarily happy. Some flowers were in the window, others climbing up the fence, which no longer was dilapidated, but freshly painted and complete. And there was no wash line.

Speaking of booze, the Women's Christian Temperance Union depicts the various essentials to that industry, accompanying its exhibit with the following statistics, showing what happens to a bushel of corn which, via the "booze" route, reaches the valuation of \$16.80 because it has four gallons of whisky in it by then: "The farme gets \$4.5 the United States Government gets \$4.40; the manufacturer gets \$4; the rallroad gets \$.50; the drayman gets \$.15; the retailer gets \$7; the politician gets office; the child gets rags, the wife gets hungry and the consumer gets drunk."

FRANCE'S REPLY ON PEACE SEEN IN POINCARE SPEECH

President's Address Regarded as Final Declaration

PARIS. May 16 .- The speech of President Poincare at Nancy on Sunday, in which the President declared that France did not want Germany to offer peace, but desired that she should ask peace of France,

is widely commented on today by the news-papers as the final and authoritative anouncement of the French policy on the

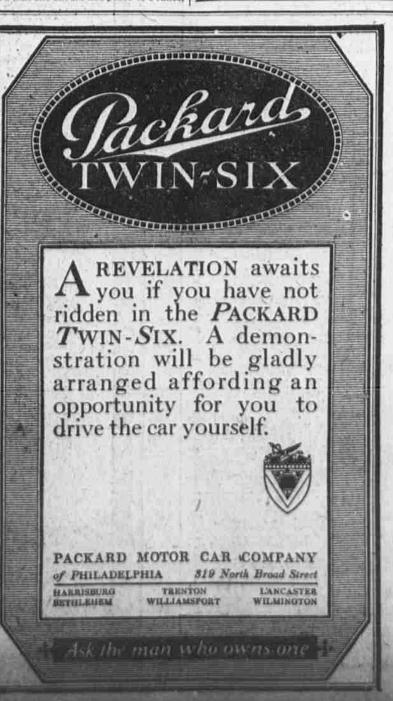
subject of peace. The Temps says: "The discourse of the President of the Republic is much more than an impressive oratorical manifestation, and there is no need for deception either at Berlin or in the capitals of neutral countries, where the idea of eventual mediation is entertained among those without authority and with-out responsibility.

'The President's address expresses the sentiments profoundly rooted in the hearts of all good Frenchmen and against which questionable maneuvers will ever

of equilibrium and stability.

"The entire French people are resolved to fight until they obtain a peace re-estab-lishing vested rights and giving guarantees





#### **BOB CRAIG, 30 YEARS** JUDGE OF ELECTION

Has Presided Over Ballot Box Route for Proposed Air Race in Downtown Division Nearly a Generation

Voters of the 23d division of the 38th Ward, upon their arrival at the polling place, 1414 South 22d street, today found Robert Craig there to greet them. Craig, as usual, was the judge of the polling place. This is his 30th consecutive year as judge of the division, and it establishes a record, so far as is known.

"Bob" Craig, as he is familiarly known to hundreds of downtown residents, while proud of his record as Czar of the 23d divis-ion, was nevertheless reluctant to talk about himself. He is a teamster and his place of business is 32 North 4th street.

"Yes. I have been judge of the division well nigh on to 30 years," admitted "Bob." assuming an air of indifference. "I have become so used to acting the part that it seems like only a few years.

"Oh, yes; I enjoy it. I like to renew old acquaintances. I enjoy sitting there and passing on all the points of law pertaining to the elections. It has really become a hobby with me, and I suppose I would be disappointed if they should ever select anyone else in my place. But, mark you, I have never worked politically for the job. They picked me out, I presume, because I have always made it a point to act in perfect fairness to every one."

This last assertion is borne out by "Bob's"

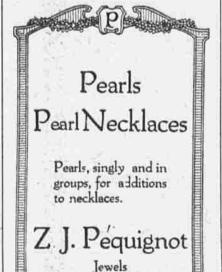
This last assertion is borne out by "Bob's" friends. He is extremely popular in his section and is often sought out by the younger voters for advice. Craig is 56 years old. He is married and has three

When asked to tell of some incidents relative to the political battles in years gone by, "Bob" straightened up and said: "We have had some very interesting and fierce fights in this old ward it, years gone by, but wait until after the next general election and then I will be able to tell you some story." He placed a strong emphasis on the word some.

Craig resides at 1419 South 22d street.

Postpone Alumnae Day Fete

Invitations to the annual Alumnae Day celebration at Mount St. Joseph, Chestnut Hill, have been recalled because of the death a few days ago of one of the nuns of the community. The event has been postponed indefinitely, according to Mother Mary Joseph, who is in charge of the institution. seph, who is in charge of the institution Alumnae Day was to have taken place to



1331 Walnut Street

## COAST-TO-COAST FLIERS TO WIN \$30,000 PRIZES

May Pass Through Philadelphia

NEW YORK, May 16.—A second prize of \$10,000, in addition to the first prize of \$20,000, is today virtually assured for the national transcontinental seroplane compe-tition, which is scheduled to start here Sep-tember 2. Allan R. Hawley, president of

the Aero Club of America, made the nouncement concerning the assumd or following receipt of letters from all over United States showing interest.

The probable route will be through I through, Washington, St. Louis, Kaness & Ballus, Fort Worth, Wace, Austin, San tonio, El Paso, Tucson, Yuma and to E Diego and thence up the coast to San Procised. A second route proposed in the E is through Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cton, Mansfield, Lima and Fort Wayne.

Guard at Strike Cost \$60,000 HARRISBURG, May 15.—When all the bills are in it is believed that the strike service of the National Guard organiza-tions in Allegheny County this month will cost the State between \$50,000 and \$60,000.



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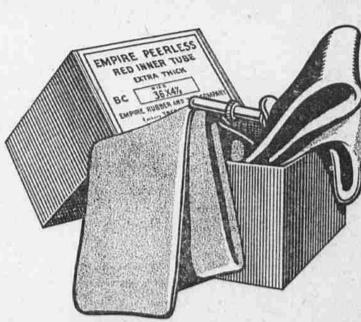
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