# EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1916.

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100 Delegates From All States and Nine Foreign Countries to Convene at Atlantic Tomorrow

ENCEIVE 148 OVERTURES

NTIC CITY, May 17.-Perhaps a the 118 years' existence of the Assembly of the Prosbyterian in the United States has its annual convoled with such enormous pos-as the one which will open on Pief at Atlantic City temperow It will continue for 10 days.

ing. It will continue for 10 days. In the Union and nine formign ma-Brasil, China, Korea, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines, Syria and Persia is in attendance to sattle the un-dented difficulties which the Presby-n Church confronts this year. There sho be 500 visitors from all parts of which are pooled in the who will have no vote in the Assembly, but who may influence

indred and forty-eight overtures ods in all parts of the country on ude of subjects have been received Stated Clerk of the General As-Dr. W. H. Roberts, of Philadelphia. in present them to the Committee on and Overtures. This committee will dected after the General Assembly Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, president of heological Seminary of Princeton Uni-y and retiring Moderator of the Gen-usembly, will act as chairman of this

The Rev. Edgar W. Work, one of the They, Edgar W. Work, one of the prominent Freedylerian ministers of York, said in speaking of this com-s and its work, that much depended a personnel of this body, saying "there is no politics about how the committee seted, but there may be about who is

No. of New York, realize that the matof ousling the Presbytery of New York n the General Assembly depends on the sonnel of this committee," be said. "It man on it are friendly to New York the tures sent to the General Assembly will aid on the table. If, on the other hand, are not, the overtures will likely be nitted to the delegates and then, of me, no one can foretell what the result

abyterians assembling here today do esitate to say conditions have reached max; that something must be done if ork of the Church is to continue. Many it the attitude of the Presbytery of York in licensing young men who do believe in the Virgin Birth and other cles of the Bible to preach. They say very foundations of the Church are

undermined by such action. this reason, the selecting of the ator of the 128th Annual General bly is of more importance than at revious session, according to church filles, who feel that the strongest man authorities, who feel that the strongest man possible should be selected for the place. The retiring Moderator, Dr. J. Ross Stev-enson, will deliver the opening sermon to-morrow morning, at 10:30 o'clock. The election will take place in the afternoon and the new Moderator will take his seat immediately and preside through the rest of the General Assembly.

Factional divisions and geographical pref-ences will be forgotten for the first time the history of the Assembly. All men e looking for the man, forgetting whether halls from the East, West, North or outh. So far there are six possibilities.

South. So far there are six possibilities. These were made public today. The only Pennsylvania man being con-sidered for moderator is the Rev. W. L. McEwan, of Pitusburgh, but, although he is an unusually strong man, his selection is considered Gouldful, because he has been nominated once before. Other men-tioned for the position of moderator are: The Rev. Dr., John A. Marquis, Cedar Rap-ing have provident of Cae College a Presids, Jowa, president of Coe College, a Pres-byterian institution; the Rev. Dr. Hugh Kaiso Walker, First Church, Long Beach, Cal. and the Rev. Dr. Henry G. Swear-ingen, House of Hope, St. Paul, Minn. All of these are commissioners to the General Assembly.

BEATEN OFF BELGIUM **AD ARRETRARE DALLE** LORO LINEE AVANZATE British Warships Force Enemy to Flee Back to Port, Lon-Violenti Attacchi del Nemico don Announces. nella Valle dell'Adige Sino

LONDON, May 17. A naval engagement took place off the toast of Belgium on Tuesday. German destroyers were forced by a squadron of British destroyers and moniors to flee to port. News of the action was given out today by the Admiralty.

## DISCOUNT SPY THEORY IN AUSTRIAN'S DEATH

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nome about two and a half years ago. He remained there shout a year and then went to Baltimore and Clarksburg, W. Va. He was absent about six months and then re-turned here. He vent to board with a fam-ly named Simons, at Cornwells, about two weeks ago.

Debreczeni's employers said today they slaced no belief whatever in the report that

e was a spy. Debreczeni, who was 18 years old, was accompanied by Adolph Heldeman employed in the office of the main factory of Schutte & Koerting, at 12th and Thompson streets, this city, when he took his fatal canoeing

As he was leaving the house the young Hungarian turned to the Simons family group and said: "If I don't come back be sure and search

for me.

About 9 o'clock that night Samuel Sam bart and Joseph D. Rice, members of a fish ing club, heard cries that came from the river. They rowed out and found an upriver. They rowed out and found an up-turned cance with Heideman struggling near it. Rice rushed over and groupoled with Heldeman, who is over six feet tell and weighs 225 pounds. He managed to

hold the man as his comrade rowed to gnificanti There Heideman told of the death of his

friend. He said that Debreeseni had sunk to the bottom like a stone without once coming to the surface. Rice says that Heide told him that the firm of Schutte & Koerting would see to it that he was never in want for the rest of his life for rescuing him (Heideman). The latter was extremely anxious about a camera he had left at the nbe con pleno suco Simons home. He was refused this and other effects, as members of the family said they would release nothing until they had been ordered to do so by the Coroner.

anza dl Gorizia.

IL METODO TEDESCO.

Gli attacchi delle fanterie sono preceduti da intensissimi bombardamenti contr e posizioni italiane, con cui gli austriaci ercano di radere le trincee e le altre opere difesa prima di lanciare la fanteria al l'attacco.

che gli austriaci hanno messo in posizione sull'altopiano di Lavarone, bombardano le posizioni italiane dell'altopiano di Asiago, a dodici miglia di distanza. Nella zona di Gorizia gli austriaci hanno

operato una serie di vigorosi attacchi nel settore di Monfalcone, ma hanno sofferto gravi perdite. L'eccellente organizazione del servizio

aereo italiano ha fatto si' che il generale Cadorna fosse plenamente informato circa i movimenti delle forze austriache, in modo

Molte colonne d'attacco austriache furono percio' prese sotto i fuochi combinati delle artiglierie italiane e delle mitragliatrici e soffersero perdite gravissime, forse le piu' gravi mai sofferte sulla fronte itali-ana. In alcuni punti le forze austriache riuscirono ad occupare alcune posizioni avanzate che gli italiani avevano abbando-nato di gla' per evitare inutili perdite, essendo troppo esposte al fuoco delle artigli erie nemiche.

Amountial to the welfare and development of their city," easys: The vote of the people in the authoriza-tion of these leans is intelligent and public ment of a faction or of the similaritation, it is rather, an approval of the leans on their own merits and purpose. Tone of the best things, in fact the very best thing, that could happen in the light is extraord would be a resolute do the is bearily in favor. The statement from the Transit Director to extrinate himself entirely from factional is for the rent of his term and to shape uch a policy for the expenditure of the new of the rapid transit of the actional is borned and non-factional pirit of the to be broad and non-factional pirit of the rapid transit lines specifically imports the broad and non-factional pirit of the to be rent to be the statement of the statement. As I have previously stated. I am hearth LOAN BILL'S PASSAGE

Editorials Hail Vote for Im-

nend the action of the citizens in voting The interferences in an editorial, mays that the citizens have placed Philadelphia on the "Highway of Progress." It regrets the factional differences that threatened for a time to become serious obstacles to the further development of evice necessation. people in sanctioning this extraordinary us of the city's credit."

### TRANSIT AND GENERAL LOAN SWEEP CITY

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against either loan. They defeated it in only four out of the 48 wards, and it was the worst defeat they have ever suffered.

further development of divic necessities. The opposition, it says, "was in a measure entrely honest, arising from a fear of in-oreased taxation. Some of it," it continues, "was based on a feeling of disgust because of the political methods resorted to by the Mayor. The factional split over the loans was disgusting, and the Mayor cannot escape responsibility for bringing it about. He should have known no politics in office and kept his skirts clean of all suspicion of factionalism. Then, indeed, would a united citizenship have stood sturdily be-hind the problems of development and brooked no delay. "McNichol was able to return a major Ity of only 1000 against it in his own ward. Seger, who usually piles up hig majorities scaint loans he opposes, also was able to get only 1000 majority against them. Harry Trainer, whose ward usually gives 2000 ma-jority against anything Trainer opposes, gave only 700 against the loans. Penroe's own ward, the 5th, also went against it, "But the contest is over and progress has Since it has won, let no man stand than usual. They could not stop the transit loan, especially, because the people wanted it." Another editorial in the same issue adds to the mountain of congratulations" that

GAFFNEY TELLS OF PLANS

Chairman Joseph P. Gaffney, of Coun-is' Finance Committee, said: "The passage of the loan bills by the The Press, commenting on the triumph of the loan, says: "Its approval by a vote of the people is a cause for general rejoicing. It means a new and greater Philadelphia, a city more people is nothing more than an indica-tion of their will to increase the city's indebtedness. We must now pass the attractive and satisfying to live in, a city capable of handling easily and cheaply a larger commerce and a greater trade. It means real rapid transit and a large and bills first in Common Council and then at a separate meeting of Select Council. It is not probable that the official returns will be in before May 18, which is the date of the next meeting of Common Coundevelopment of the city north and

cil. Therefore, we will have to wait unti June 1 to introduce the bills into Common "Its approval," it continues, "Is a tribute to the intelligence of the voters who could not be persuaded to do their city a great harm by defeating the loan merely to grat-ify the factional animosity of some political leaders or to please those whose personal interests happened in the case to be op-posed to the best good of the city." Council. Following their introduction into Common Council they must be ad-vertised for four weeks, making it possi-ble to pass them in Common Council the first week in July. A week must elapse before they are taken to Select, therefore it will be the second week in July before the bills can be ratified by both branche The Bulletin, after volcing the opinion that "the adoption of the loan bills is a lit will not be before August I that the matter of satisfaction to citizens who be-lieve that these measures as a whole are going to stick at it until everything is

Transit Director William S. Twining to day issued a statement announcing that the work will proceed as rapidly as possible and declaring that he is heartly in favor of the construction of each line as planned. The statement from the Transit Director follows:

follows: The citizens of Philadelphia by their vote have given their approval to the com-prehensive plans for transit development They have empowered Councils to authoriz they have empowered Councils to authoriz he Mayor to borrow the sum of \$57,100,000 or the rapid transit lines specifically men-joned in the loan ordinance. As I have previously stated, I am heartily

in favor of the construction of each and every one of the lines which have now been authorized by the citizens. The amount of construction work and the speed with which it may be carried out

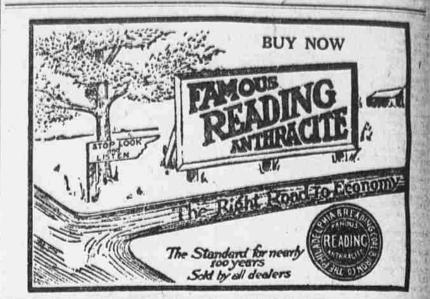
the speed with which it may be carried out depends entirely upon councilmanic action in preparing and passing the necessary enabling ordinances so that the Department of CRy Tranait may be in a position to prepare plans for all work authorized. As far as this department is concerned, there will be no delay in putting under-contract any and all construction work des-ignated by Councils. The amount of loan funds which can be put under contract for the remainder of 1916 depends entirely on what rapid transit lines may be authoron what rapid transit lines may be author-ized by Councils. It will require more

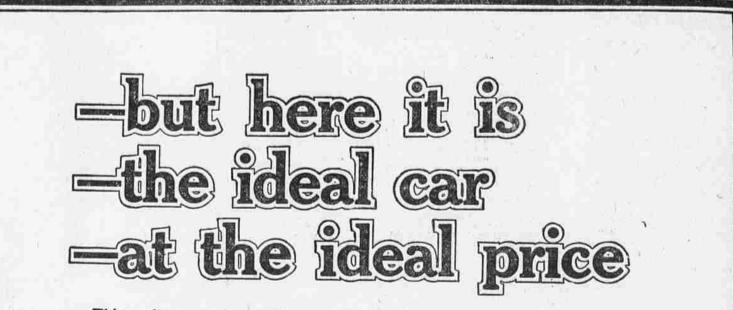
than the \$3,000,000 set saids from the \$6,000,000 loan of a year ago to complete the work on the Frankford newsfad na-out of the new hear the sum of \$8,400,000 is to complete this line. SCHOOL GIRLS GIVE BENEFIT VAUDEVILLE SHOW TONIGHT

West Philadephians to Raise Fund for Bryn Mawr Scholarship

All of the latest topics and follow of the day will figure in the vaudevills and dames which will be given tonight by the students of the West Philadelphia High School for Girls, at the Philomusian Club, 40th and "The students

Gris, at the Philomusian Club, 40th and Walnut streets. The affair is staged under the direction of Miss Marie Nofer and a committee com-posed of Mrs. Parke Schoch, Miss Beims Gessler, Miss Margaret Adams and Miss Josephine Garber. The narticipantis will include the follow ing: Margaret Adams, proprietor; Edna Bair, Doris Bell, Gertrude Blackburg, Dorothea Bowgenser, Ruth Cameron, Miriam Crawford, Margaret Dillon, Jose phine Garber, Dorothy Gibb, Hattle Rast, Jones, Ethel Jones, Mary Kimball, accom-panist; Marle Nofer, Katherine O'Boyla Katherine Osmond, Dorothy Oviatt, Bra Pietsch, Katherine Rambo, Bearlies Rem-mel, Kathleen Smythe, Charlotte Thomp-ang and Florence Young.





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wing day. Rice and Shubert dragged the Delaware River for the body and recovered it shortly before midnight Saturday. It was turned over to the Deputy Coroner, who had it re-moved to Bristol. TOLD OF ARREST.

TOLD OF ARREST. According to statements made yesterday by Mr. Simons and his daughter Adelaide, the young Hungarian told them that be had been arrested by Government agents in Charleston, S. C. All of his letters were written in either German or Hungarian. Deputy Coroner Rue had some translated, and four were signed "Ritter." "These letters, bearing, official seals, refer to the mobilization of Austrian army troops. It was said in Eristol that Government agents had said that the "Ritter" referred to was F W. Ritter, who was arrested in Cleveland following the Lusitania cases, and who made charges about bombs being placed on ships. The effects of Debreczeni consisted of a trunk and a large Gladstone bag contain-ing clothes, a box and a large envelope containing papers and letters in German

Deputy Coroner Rue was called to Corn-wells from his home in Bristol, five miles listant. He examined Heideman briefly.

and the man returned to this city the fol-

ontaining papers and letters in German and Hungarian, a camera, \$16 in currency, \$140 in postal savings bank notes, a dia-mond stickpin and an iron ring.

The Simons family was astounded to hear that Debrevseni should have drowned so easily. They said he told them that he often swam the Danube in his native country. He was short in stature, but well built.

The Simons family also was astounded to Two other men, the Rev. Dr. Cornellus I. Steffens, president of the Dubuque heological Seminary for Foreigners, Du-uque, Ia, and the Rev. Dr. Samuel S. Broad Streat Church, Columbus,

dia turbon antati Sugana, tra Il Monte Collo e Sant'Anna neil'alta valle del Secbach, sulle alture a nord-ovest di Gorizia e sulle pendici settentrionali del Monte San Michele. Dappertutto il conto di computere segundo. nemico fu prontamente respinto. Piu' disperate furono invece le azioni

svoltes) nella zona di Monfalcone dove, dopo varia fortuna, il nemico fu con-trattaccato con successo e lascio' nelle nostre mani 254 prigionieri, compresi alcuni ufficiali, e due mitragliatrici,

Incursioni acree da parte del nemico sono segnalate in varii punti: sul basso Isonzo nella notte del 14, su Venezia e Mestre nella sera del 15, su Udine e Treviso all'alba del 16, con relativamente poche vittime e con danni insl-

Una squadriglia di nostri Caproni bombardo' all'alha in stazione ferro-viaria di Volejadraga, che diata 8 chilometri da quella di Gorizia, e gli accampamenti nemici di Kostanievica, Lohivica e Sorgeti, sul Carso. I nostri pulatori lasciareno cadere cingutanta aviatori lasciarono cadere cinquanta

**GLI ITALIANI OBBLIGATI** 

all'Altopiano di Folgaria

ed all'Astico

AEROPLANI ABBATTUTI

Il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava ieri sera il seguente rapporto del generale Ca-

Sulla fronte del Trentino il nemic

dopo un l'intenso bombardamento del 14 corsente, opero una attacco in massa della fanteria contro parti della

nostre fronte di battaglia tra la valle dell'Adige a. Faita valle dell'Astico. Dopo la prima resistenza, durante la quale noi infliggemmo al semico perdite

graviasime, le nostre truppe che occu-pavano le posizioni avanzate si sitira-rono sulla linea principale di difesa.

Sul rimanente della fronte fino al

mare le azioni di artiglieria e gli at-tacchi delle fanterie nemiche ebbero il carattore did diversioni. Di tale na-tura furono infatti i combattimenti che

ROMA, 17 Maggio.

La nostra squadriglia, sebbene attac-cata da numerose batteris e da num-erosi velivoli austriaci da encela, ritorno' alla sua base senza danni dopo avere abbattuto due aeropiani nemici nelle linee austriache in vicin-

Nella loro controffensiva, che ora e' in corso su gran parte della fronte italiana, gli austriaci hanno adottato il metodo te-

Gli aviatori austriaci sono attivissimi lungo futta la fronte e incursioni si sono avute al di qua delle linee italiane. Il nemico ha cercato di distruggere o danneggiare le comunicazioni ferroviarie e gli accantonamenti allo scopo di impedire i movimenti delle truppe, ma questi tentativi non hanno avuto successo o ne hanno avuto soltanto in minima parte. Intanto cannoni di grossissimo calibro,

che egli pote' ammassare truppe su quel punti dove si sarebbe sferrato l'attacco austriaco.

Palmer, Broad the Rev. Dr. Samuel S. Palmer, Broad Street Church. Columbus, O., who it was thought would enter the race, are not eligible, because they are not commissioners this year. Doctor Steffens was nominated last year at Rochester, and Dector Palmer was nominated three years are at Atlanta, Ga. Opinion is divided as to the advisability

lling the position of permanent clark of Assembly, made vacant by the death of Rev. William B. Noble, D.D., LLD., a the last session. Some Synods have overtures advising the abolition of the of ansistant clerk, and the election of present assistant, the Rev. James M. ort, as permanent clerk. Others have heir favorites picked for the office and say nothing about the abolition of any office Overtures have already been sent in, how ver, by a score of Synods advocating three means instead of four.

### **HUGE AUSTRIAN GUNS** BATTER ITALIAN LINES

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sly evacuated to prevent useless

Austrian air raid over Venice proved The following official over venice proved failure, only one house being damaged. Mastre two civilians were killed by must dropped by Ausrian airmen. The following official communication from eneral Headquarters was issued hast night: On the Trentino frontier the energy followed up the intense bombardment of the 14th with an attack by masses of infantry argingt parts of our force

of the 14th with an attack by meases of infantry against parts of our front between the Adige Valley and the Upper Astico. After the first re-sistance, in which we inflicted on the enemy very serious losses, our troops in the advanced positions retired on the principal lines of defense

the advanced positions retired on a principal lines of defense. Along the whole of the remainder of front as far as the sea, the enemy lilery fire and infantry attacks had a obaracter of diversions. Of such halfure were engagements which de-oped in the Sugana Valley, between att Collo and Santanna, in the Upper bach, on the heights aerthwest of rizis, and on the slopes north of nor San Michels. Everywhere the may was promptly repulsed. More desperate were the actions in

te desperate were the actions in Monfalcone zone, where, after res in fortune, the enemy was

donfalcome zone, where, after res in fortune, the enemy was afully countor-attacked, and left results of the enemy was afully counter-attacked, and left results and two machine guns. only air raids are reported in with raids are reported in the same the left of the 16th, ins and Trevise at dawn on the with comparatively fav casual-ind on the evening of the 16th, ins and Trevise at dawn on the with comparatively fav casual-ind on the results of the state with comparatively fav casual-ind on the results and enemy an-next of the Carso, They dropped with with marcas. Bookfore, though attacked by our with setteries and by numerous attacked, index two enemy is in the enemy fines mar don't.

Who Tried to End Life Dies a Tamauk. 28 years old, of 454 wrey sizes, who shot himself in I while on the banks of Concourse atronomot Pork, on Monday high beering under the impression he

FEDERAL AGENTS INVESTIGATE. It was reported unreservedly in Corn-wells last night that for months Federal agents had vialted that place and made many inquiries concerning the Schutte & Koerting plant, which is described as a branch establishment, used mostly for the testing of water condensers for ships, which the firm manufacturers.

SIX ELIGIBLE FOR JOB

Civil Service Board Publishes Bureau of Surveys List

Six names appear on an eligible list made public today by the Civil Service Commission for the position of engineer inspector, Bureau of Surveys. The position carries a salary of \$2500 and those eligible for appointment are John H. Hamilton, 420 Somerville ave

Clyde V. Jackson, 5221 Greene street Harry M. Land 412 East Wildey street. Edward R. Fose, 1122 Fillmore street. Arthu H. Haig, 56 Harvey street. Edward N. Butler, 163 West Seymour street.

Nel loro raid su Venezia gli aviatori austriaci sono appena riusciti a danneggi are e non gravemente una casa, mentro s Mestre uccisero due borghesi.

Arestre ucchero due torgnesi. I' governo ha emanato un decreto col juale sono proibite le importazioni di oggetti di lusso e di oggetti di grande volume, come mobili, ecc, e ciò allo scopo di fare maggior posto sui piroscafi agli articoli di importazione governartiva ed ai vivari iveri

Il governo ha ora allo studio progetti in-tesi a regolare il prezzo dei viveri, a dare maggiore impiego alla mano d'opera feminile, ed altri provvedimenti economici che si

impongono come risultato della guerra. Si apprende che alcuni aviatori austri-aci hanno tentato di bombardare un treno aci nanno tentato di bomoardare un freno nel quale viaggiava la regin Elena, ma il tentativo e' fallito grazie alla sorveglianza degli aviatori italiani, i quali contrattacca-rono il nemico prima che potesse giungere sopra il treno, e lo misero in fuga. Il comunicato ufficiale austriaco an-nuncia che gli austriaci hanno sfondato le lune avenzate litaliane sul Monte Armen

nee avanzate litaliane sul Monte Armen tera, che e' nella Val Sugana, a sud-est delle opere di Panarotta; sull'altopiano di Folgaria ed a sud di Rovereto.

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