"EIGHT LEAN WEEKS" FOR GERMAN CIVILIANS, FOOD DICTATOR ORDERS

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Cattle Must Be Fattened for Winter Use, Herr Botocki Says. Fats Not Essential to Summer Dietary

CROPS DECLARED GOOD

The following exclusive interview with Herr von Batocki, Germany's new food detator, obtained by an Evening Ledger correspondent at Berlin, is believed to be the first interview granted by Batocki since he was appointed to effice. It is a remarkably frank discussion of Germany's food problems. It is worthy of note that it was delayed several days in transmission, evidently several days in transmission, evidently several days in transmission, evidently having been held up by the German censor and given careful consideration before being passed.

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BERLIN, May 27 (delayed).

Civilians in Germany must eat no meat for the next eight weeks, Herr Adolph von Batocki. Germany's new food "dictator," now holding one of the most important posts in the empire, said today in a frank discussion of the food situation as he found it on assuming office last week.

This regulation, the new food minister said, should cause no alarm in Germany and no elation in the camps of Germany's enemilies.

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The said, "the starvation of Germany through the British blockade is out of ques-

tion."
The "siege" of Germany, Herr von Batocki said, has just begun. The coming
eight weeks may cause some discomfort to
those Germans who are fond of meat.
Furthermore, the meat shortage is apt to for at least three months, he declared frankly.

NOW FATTENING CATTLE. "The cattle are lean now because of a poor harvest in 1915," he said. "They cannot be slaughtered now. We must wait until they are fattened on pasturage. But meanwhile we have enough meat for our military hospitals and places where it is presently needed.

argently needed. "At all events, there is enough food in Germany, but it is necessary that civilians eat no meat for the next eight weeks. Starvation is out of the question, but we must consider not only the present food situation, but the situation the coming win-ter. In the winter we need more meat and more fats than in summer. In order to insure a supply for the winter we must eat meat sparingly during the summer. Probably meat cards will be issued through-out Germany and there will be a few meat-

"The cause of the present shortage is the bad harvest last year. If the harvest this year is even medium the food situation will begin to improve the middle of July or the

first of August."

Herr von Batocki's job is to take the "stranglehold" out of the British blockade. He must prevent the starvation of Germany by her enemies. He must provide equitable distribution of the nation's food supplies. He has done much already and by keeping the public well informed regarding the food situation and obtaining public co-operation he expects to do much more.

WHAT BLOCKADE MEANS. To understand his task an American must imagine the United States blockaded, no corn to fatten the cattle and each per-son provided with half a pound of meat, a fifth of a pound of butter, war bread and plenty of vegetables each week. He and plenty of vegetables each week. He must imagine, too, that the United States is at war, with all her able-bodied men fighting, and two million prisoners, the population of Polaph, besides 65,000,000 Americans to feed. Then he must imagine the job confronted a national food department with authority to regulate what one buys and eats.

Next Saturday representatives of the larger German cities will come to Berlin for a conference at which arrangements will be made for the establishment of food depots, where cooked food will be sold at cost. This scheme has been tried already

Travelers arriving from the rural dis-tricts report the crop prospects excellent. The farmers declare the present weather a gift from Providence to the German people. Ambassador Gerard, returning from his hunting lodge, reported the rye four feet

Example Made of Motorcar Thief Stealing an automobile for joyride purposes is an "offense of a type not to be everlooked," according to Judge Swartz, of the Montgomery County courts. It was with those words that he sentenced Singleton Campbell, of McKinley, to three months in the county trees for stealing. ton Campbell, of McKinley, to three months in the county prison for stealing a motor-car belonging to Caleb F. Fox, Philadel-phia banker and clubman, living at Berth-ellyn, Ogontz.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, June 5. WASHINGTON, June a.

For Eastern Pennsylvania and New
ersey: Probably fair tonight and Tuesay; not much change in temperature;
ght to moderate west and nerthwest

Showers occurred in the Lake region, the St. Lawrence Valley and New Brunsthe St. Lawrence Valley and New Brunswick, and over widely scattered areas in the Southern States and in the Far Northwest during the last 24 hours. A trough of low barometer extends north and south over the Plains States this morning, with the principal depression over Oklahoma. A temperature deficiency is reported from virtually the entire country this morning, the departure being greatest in the Lake region and the upper Mississippi Valley, where it averages about 10 degrees.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

Sun sets ... The p. m. Moon sets ... 10.50 p. m. Moon souths 8.50 p. m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES. CHESTNUT STREET.

ow water, 4.70 a. m. High water, 4.48 c. m. TEMPERATURE AT RACH HOUR. 201 741 751 761 001 701 701

KING GEORGE THANKS SOCIETY

Replies to Birthday Congratulations Sent From Here E. Warren Wilson, secretary of the Trans-

atlantic Scolety of America acting for the society, has received the following cable-gram from Lord Stamfordham in reply to society's message of congratulation to King George on his birthday: The King has received with much pleasure your message on behalf of the Transatlantic Society of America, to whom his Majesty asks you to express his gratitude for their assurances. The society's message was:

Lord Stamfordham,

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Buckingham Palace, London: The Transatiantic Society of America offers heartlest congratulations on his

E. WARREN WILSON. Other officers of the society are: President, John Gribbel; first vice president, Alba B. Johnson; second vice president, John S. Muckle, and treasurer, William Bradway.

PHILADELPHIAN'S WILL WAS FILED IN CAMDEN

Register Sheehan Issues Citation in Dispute Over Last Testament of George W. Fitler

Register of Wills Sheehan today granted itation proceedings against Eugene B. Fitler, of Camden, to show cause why he, as executor, probated the will of his brother, George W. Fitler, of 317 South 12th street, Philadelphia, in Camden.

The testator died in this city March 7 and his widow, Harriet W. Fitier, shortly after-his widow, Harriet W. Fitier, shortly after-ward offered for probate here a will which was executed January 24 this year, and left to her his entire estate and appointed her executrix. The probate was refused by the Register because Eugene B. Fitler had filed a caveat protesting against its adfiled a caveat protesting against its ad-

In the meantime another will, dated Feb ruary 25, was probated in Camden by Sur-rogate Harry Reeves at the Instance of Eugene B. Fitier. Under the will in the Jersey Orphans' Court all the property of the decedent is bequeathed to Leslie B. Fitler, a nephew of the decedent, who lives in New York city. The Camden will contains the clause "I omit any bequest to my wife because of the fact that on January 31, 1916, she deserted me after having caused my arrest and detention on the charge of anity and has refused to live with me since that day."

A certified copy of the Camden instrument was recently offered to Register Shee-han for filing, but as the other will was presented here first no action was taken. The citation was issued at the instance of the widow and a hearing will be held in the near future.

The decedent was a member of the widely known Fitler family of this city and New Jersey and owned considerable real estate in that State. He had been married but a short time prior to his death and came to the South 12th street house to undergo treatment several days before he died. The question of his residence will be decided by

BOYS HELD IN JOY RIDE

Four Youths Accused of Commandeering Under Bail

Four boys commandeered a cab belong-ing to John Dohan, the last of the drivers of the flotilia of the seagoing variety in the downtown section, and took a joyride. The cab was standing at 15th and Ritner streets. After Dohan and the police had conducted a search for hours the owner found the cab and the boys asleep inside of it at the same place.

The boys were held in \$500 bail each for a further hearing by Magistrate Baker. They are John Tinney, 18 years old, of 1835 South 19th street; Joseph Keenan, 18 years old, of 2210 South 18th street; Frank Kelly, 21 years, of 1618 South 27th street and John Roach, 17 years old, of 2118 Earp

PLAN FIGHT FOR OPTION

Committee of One Thousand to Work With State Body

A "Committee of One Thousand" to co-operate with the State Committee in elect-ing local option legislators next fall will be organized by the Local Option Committee of Pennsylvania, it was announced to-

A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held this week, when plans will be outlined and an appeal made to the citizens of Philadelphia to "aid in delivering the State from the stigma of liquor domination." A campaign fund of \$10,000 will be raised.

The Executive Committee consists of Francis B. Reeves, Charles F. Jenkins, Hor-ace Geiger, William D. Disston, Homer W. Tope and Romain C. Hasrick.

Held in Camden on Check Frauds

George E. Thompson, 40 years old, who says he is a prominent lawyer in Daytona, Pla. was held without bail by Recorder Stackhouse in Camden today, on three counts, two accusing him of passing worthles checks and one for forgery. More than \$1000 worth of checks are involved, according to the Camden police. At the hearing he was identified by Lewis L. Gibney, proprietor of the Pennsylvania House in Downingtown, Pa., as the man who worked for him under the name of Francis Murphy. The man, Lewis said, disappeared with several of his check stubs. A check for \$899, with Gibney's name on it, was also identified. The police say "Thompson" also passed checks for \$150 and \$15, both of which were worthless. George E. Thompson, 40 years old, who

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SUPREME COUNCIL ORDER ROYAL ARCANUM

National Delegates Discuss Important Question of Readjustment of Insurance Rates

The Supreme Council of the order, representing over 242,000 members throughout the country, after an animated session, held in Atlantic City, has adjourned without ar-riving at a settlement of any of the vexing problems involved in the proposed readjust-ment of the insurance rates. Many suggestions were made and plans

discussed, but there was unanimity upon

discussed, but there was unanimity upon but one point, and that was that whatever was done must be based upon the basic principle of absolute safety.

As stated by several delegates, the days for experimentation in fraternal insurance have long since passed. There was a time when organizations made agreements with their members and offered glowing promises in a haphazad fashion, trusting to good fortune or the steady influx of candidates to enable them to honor claims as they mato enable them to honor claims as they ma-

theroughly discussed at the recent Supreme Council session.

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Some of the members of the organization and tess up approximately 16,000,000, but
the was promptly voted down. Another plan
suggested an increase of revenue by an intricate
readjustment of rates on the basis of age. This
was also defeated.

It was finally decided to adjourn and meet
gain September 6. In the meantime, in order
to be certain to secure the very best plan for
operation and to be able to adjust rates upon
the most equitable basis and at the same time
wholly adequate and safe, it was decided to
secure the services of three of the best actuaries
solutionable who will thoroughly go over the
affairs of the organization, look into the results
of the present rates charged and be prepared to
present a report of the meeting in September,
based upon mathematical selence and actuarial
experience, as to the very best system of rates
dapped to the needs of this growing order of
Royal Arcanum.

A meeting of the Associated Councils of Philalphia and vicinity was held Saturday evening
the Parkway Building, Broad and Cherry
reets. Supreme Representative Arthur B.
sion and others attended and gave interesting
ports of the work of the Supreme Council at
s recent session in Atlantic City. A number of
her matters concerning the welfare of the
uncils in this city came up for discussion.

he newly formed Athletic Association held neeting Saturday evening in the Parkway sings of consider the laterests of the consider the laterests of the laterests of the without the laterest of council with a vity in this city. Many delegates attached the opinion was expressed that, with a ser degree of co-operation on the part of abers, this can be made a big help to the k of local councils, as similar movements a sided other fraternities.

The Royal Arcanum bowling club entered a learn in the contests in progress for the City of Philadelphia championship, given under the suspices of the National Bowling Association. The Arcanum members bowled as a five-man cam, two three-man teams, three two-man teams ind six in the individuals. To date the team is won seventh place in the five-man cometition in a total of 34 tesms. In the three-man tournament with 60 competing teams they ave gained seventh and eighth places. In the two-man tournament, with about 100 pams, the Royal Arcanum ranks second. The sam consists of 1, Dallas Smith and Edward ewis, from Thiladelphia Council: Charles Ru-Villiam Mealey and Dr. T. H. Egliof, of Haverord Council.

ARTISANS ORDER

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Assemblies have been invited to this session, and a good time is promised all Artisans who attend.

Saturday, June 17, this assembly will Saturday, June 17, this assembly will hold its anual family pichic, in the rear of Belmont Mansion, Fairmount Park. There will be the usual games for both children and their elders, with a number of prizes for the participants.

In the evening, a moving picture show will be given in the dining-room of the mansion.

Baturday afternoon next the 12th annual field by sports and athletic tournamers for both ritisans and amateur athletes will be held at he Contral High School Field. 25th street above shigh a verse. The program and till field of national and a large crowd is assured as the analysis at eathleted sporting event of the year, with a still red of national states of the year, with reputation by no means confined to Artisans frees.

Southwestern Assembly, at its meeting June 13, in the Parkway Building, Broad a Cherry streets, will entertain a delegation some sevents-five members of West Philadelp Assembly. A glee club will render vocal settlens, and a joily good time may be expected all visiting Artisans.

Passyunk Assembly. No. 88, admitted one andidate at its session instruction, the hall in merican Bank Building. Broad street and assyunk avenue. Following reutine business, efreshments were served.

The members of this assembly are routing foroughly for their baseball team. Saturday, game was scheduled with Dorian Assembly, on the grounds at 19th and Shunk atreets, and on une 17 a game will be played with Length assembly.

KNIGHTS OF MALTA

New Commanderies Instituted by This Ancient Knightly Brotherhood

It will doubtless be gratifying news to the Sir Knights of this ancient and honor-able brotherhood to know that in Pennsyl-vania, for the first time in its history, the order can now claim a full 40,000 member

out precedent in the order's history. The records at headquarters, in this city, show that since March 1, the commencement of the current fiscal year, over 2900 new members have been admitted.

Applications for permission to hold class nitiations have been frequent, six such petitions being received in one day alone. These additions give the order a membership in this State of 40,000, with indications

One of the latest additions to the organization is Presque isle Commandery, of Erie. This new body, organized by Frederick T. Winton, was instituted with 120 charter applicants in attendance. Grand Recorder Hoffman, of this city, had charge of the formal ceremonies, while the degrees were exemplified by the famous degree team of Ariei Commandery, No. 145, of McKeesport.

Swords for Jacob Lit and Isadore Stern Jacob D. Lit and State Representative Isadore Stern will be recipients of ornate swords at a military review and dance to be riven under the auspices of the Philadel phia Order of Maccabeans, an organization for military training, in the Parkway Building on June 28. Both Mr. Lit and Repre sentative Stern have been active in organ-izing the Maccabeans, who now have a mem-bership of 900. Mr. Lit was recently made a lieutenant colonel of the order, while Rer resentative Stern was given the rank of an

PATRIOTIC ORDERS TO PRESENT FLAGS

Brotherhood of America Heads Movement for Presentation of Flag to Fraternal Building

Grand Scrollkeeper C. A. Leng has been making a round of official visitations to circles of the Brotherhood of America, lo-cated in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Sunoury, seeking to awaken a deeper degree of nterest in the order and its work. In this sfort he has met with marked success. At all of the circles visited he was re-

ived with enthusiastic greetings and his message of fraternal good will and explana-tions of the progressive movements planned by the grand circle officers were listened by the grand circle officers were listened to with rapt attention. His visits were so satisfactory that other visits of a like character to other sections of the State will likely be made in order to keep up the good work inaugurated and stimulate all circles to an effort to support the State officers and british as many conductors. cers and bring in as many candidates as possible ere the close of the current year.

william J. Jones, and treasurer, George T. Blinsham.

The parade will form at Allegheny avenue and tlebmond street and pass over the following suite: Richmond street, to Somerset street, to thompson street, to Clearfield afreet, to Indiana avenue, to Richmond street to Ann street and there dismiss.

The associations which will participate in the The associations which will participate in the Sometic of the James Martin Public area after American flas; the Guard of Honor—the school knights of Pythias, the Fraterial Patristic Americans, the Brotherhood of America, he Shipwights and Johers Union, the Receiph Lodges of Odd Fellows, Sons and Daughers of Liberty, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Home Communion, Brotherhood of America, Improved Order of Red Men, and the article Order Sons of America. It is expected hat there will be between 3000 and 4000 men in line.

The ceremonies incident to the flag presentation. in there will be between 3000 and 4000 men in line.

The ceremonies incident to the flag presentation at the ball will include music by the bands, addresses by A. A. Sutherland, president of the association; Joseph S. McLaughlin, Director of Supplies; a presentation address by Robert Grier, and a speech of acceptance by Robert H. Yenger, unfuring the flag by Miss Anna Sutherland, Samuel Allerx, Jr., and Alfred Kerns, salute to the flag by Dillgent Council Guards' Assisted to the flag by Dillgent Council Guards' Assisted Council Guards' Assi

GOLDEN EAGLE KNIGHTS

Castles Prepare for Parade in Honor of Session of Supreme Castle

reibler, accompanied by Colonel Charles Williams, visited Atlantic City today, to make final arrangements for the com-ing blennial session of the Supreme Castle, Headquarters will be selected and a hall secured as a place of meeting for the su-

important part in the parade and demonstration planned in connection with the sessions of the supreme body.

At the last session of the Grand Castle of this State, upon the recommendation of Grand Master of Records L. L. Gallagher. The Grand Castle of this State, upon the recommendation of Grand Coded that the offerments of the Grand Castle of the Grand Castle of the Grand awaken an interest in the project to send awaken an interest in the project to send awaken an interest in the project to send to the impressive character of the display desired of followers of the principles of 'Fidelity, Valor and Hotor.' Visits will be made to subordinate castles, and their participation is earnestly urged in the proposed demonstration. Already indications point to a large turn-out of valiant Eagle knights.

Waverly Castle, No. 13, of West Philadelphis last week provided an enjoyable entertainmen in the form of a "Ladies" Night." A pleasin

Employers Aid Preparedness

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DETROIT, June 5.—Employers of Detroit
have determined to answer President Wilson's threat to apply the acid test to the
business men of the country on the question of preparedness. Already \$1 local firms
have asserted their willingness, in a signed
agreement to allow their employes to go to summer training camps without loss of pay Grand Rapids firms also have signed the



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