### LEAP YEAR HOPES GONE; URGE U. S. OFFICIALLY IT ENDED LAST MONTH

Astronomer Denies Open Season Runs to February, 1917, Despite Californian's Theory

There's nothing to it, girls. Leap year, which was said by A. B. Benton, president of the Southern California Academy of Sciences to rim from February 29, 1916, to February 28, 1917, really stopped running December 31 last, and is now resting

Sciences to run from February 19, 1916, to February 28, 1917, really stopped running December 31 last, and is now resting in one of the upper reaches until January 1, 1920. It took Prof. Eric Designite of the University of Pennsylvania observatory, to puncture this latest California bubble.

"So far as the calendar is concerned," contended Professor Benton, "the present leap year did not begin January 1, 1916, and did not end December 31, 1915. Contend and tradition have decreed from old times that the 28th of February of bissextile (having the bissextus or intercalary as the leap year in the Julian calendar) years as the leap year in the Julian calendar) years not the beginning of the special or leap year privileges for the fair sex, and it is that particular day that differentiates leap year from the ordinary."

The sum and substance but not the natual text of Professor Doolitile's refutation is as follows:

Before the time that the Julian calendar came into being, when they used to think that the sun went around the earth, the Egyptians had but 1800 days to the year. The consequence was that festivals and holidays used to fall under entirely different elimatic conditions each twelvemonth. But even then the astronomers knew that 186 was too few days for a year. Finally one of the kings arose and said to his chancellor, "Mike, how many days have we lost in the lagt ten years?" Mike would reply "About fifty, me lord," and the king would say, "Let's mark time and make up the next fifty days—don't count, forget em. and start all over." It appears from ancient accounts that high delinas used to feature these days. Women used to chase the men, history folls us., Then the year would start all over." It appears from ancient accounts that high delinas used to feature these days. Women used to thase the men, history folls us., Then the year would start all over." It appears from ancient accounts that high delinas used to feature these days. Women used to chase the men, history folls us., Then the year was 865.2422 days

### 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL WILL WAIT FOR SWEETHEART

Gives Tearful Promise When Soldier Is Taken From Her on Desertion Charge

"I will wait for him," was the tarse comment of sixteen-year-old Amelia Dorosthy Sannino, of 1620 Cooper street, Camden, who was brought back from Trenton today by her mother, Mrs. Louis Sannino, rollowing her elopement last week with Affred Bunting, thirty-one years old, of Trenton.

Trenton.

Dorothy disappeared while the family was at supper on January 12. At the same time Bunting disappeared from the home of his cousin, Mrs. N. A. Davis, et 924 Lawrence street, Camden.

Their romance had dated from two weeks

before, when the girl met Mrs. Davis at a moving-picture abow and was introduced to Bunting, who is a private in the United States army. Bunting had decided to desert because he had been ordered to Fort Slocum, N. Y., and the girl decided to go with him.

with him.

A "police" filer and newspaper notices arrived at Trenton before the couple, and instead of applying for a marriage license. Bunting left the girl in charge of his married sister and went into hiding. The girl was arrested at the pister's home and Bunting was picked up when he came to call. When arraigned in Trenton the girl was placed in charge of her mother and tearfully bade adieu to her lover, who was taken in charge by the Government efficials.

The girl promised to wait, according to Mrs. Sannino, while Bunting promised to serve his time and return to Camden at its expiration and claim the girl as his bride.

### BOYS MAKE LIBRARY CLOSE

Barrington Institution Will Be Op Only Monday Afternoons

Complaints that boys in Barrington, N. J., six inlies from Chieden, use the newly organized Barrington Public Library as an

organized Barrington Public Library as an excuse for saying out at olaht, and injure school furniture in the Barrington school where the books are kept, has led to the closing of the library at alaht. The action was taken at the annual meeting of the Library Amesciation hast alght.

Hereafter, until new quarters are found, the library will be open Monday afternoon only. Must Lillian Hadson, librarian, resigned because the library will be open such a short time. Mrs. Clayton Moore will be temporary librarian. The following officers were elected: Fresident, Mrs. 1. Harvey Johnson; secretary, Miss Boes Halberg; treaturer, Benjamin Kindson; trustees, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Clayton Moore.

### STEAMSHIPS



EDUCATIONAL

### Commercial Education

The second term of the university

opens February 1. In the evening school, courses will

be organized in Shorthand, Typewriting, Penmanship, Commercial Arithmetic, Business English, Bookkeeping, Reporting, Casualty Insurance, Banking, Exchange and Markets and Prices. in the day school, a large number of new students are registered to start the

Shorthand and Bookkeeping Courses. The school is in session the entire year

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

# TO AID WAR SUFFERERS

Swarthmore College Faculty Has Petition Proposing Commission and Fund

A petition is being circulated among members of the faculty of Swardimore Callege proposing the establishment of a commission which would work officially under the Linted States Government in religious was anteress in the Luroisan countries. An appropriation of at least time one has been suggested as a means of helping the noncombatants through their trians and money is also asked to pay the executes of the commission Helf. Prominent professions at the Quaker Institution are said to have signed the petition and neighbour asks President Wilson to consider the advisability of asking Congress to create an official American Leier Commission to administer aid, especially where nimion to administer aid, especially where the crossing of belligerent lines would be namessary.

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American diplomats will restet the commission in its undertaking if the dean of
the Swirthmore educators is curried out.
The work would be different than the relief work already accomplished in that it
would be done directly by a commission
with the authority of the Government of the
United States, rather than a gioup of citisans acting in a private capacity. The
petition asks that the amount of money
be "adequate and sufficiently large to bear
witness to the world of the immense pity
and good will felt by the people of the
United States for the sufferers in stricken
Belgium, Peland, Serbia, Rumania and other Belgium, Peland, Serbia, Rumania and other

### WINS RACE TO HEAR MAN'S DYING GREETING

Sculptor Hails Wife on Arrival From Europe and Expires

NEW YORK, Jan 30.—In her race across the Atlantic, Mrs. John H. M. Honnor ar-tived here yesterday alloard the steamship farmania, of the Cunard Line, in time to lear the last word uttered by her husband

hear the last word uttered by her husband on his death bed.

Mr. Honger had been fighting death for more than twenty-four hours, hoping to be able to live long enough to bid his wife goodby. It was nearly 4 o'clock when Mrs. Honner reached the home of her brother-in-law, Fred C. D. Bonner, 557 Chirton avenue, Newark, N. J. and ran into the room where her husband was lying.

"Nancy!" came from the lips of the dying man, as she fell half fainting by his side. A moment later he was dead.

Mr. Bonner was a sculptor. His brother said that he had been applying himself so incessantly to making statues for public

incessantly to making statues for public buildings in Ottawa, Canada, "that he actu-ally worked himself to death."

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### MARRIED SIXTY-FOUR YEARS



CARLISLE, Pa., Jan 32.—George K. Opovo, a Civil War veteran, and like wife, who was Lydia Names, of New Cumberland, Cumberland County, calebrated the eixty-fourth anniversary of their marriage at their home on Saturday. They are each eighty-five years old and have had a family of neven children, pour of whom are still living. Mr. Grove has been a woodwarker all his life and now enjoys good heatth.

Held for Threatening Broker

### Rodia, the Sculptor, III

Edwin H. Buckman, of 220 West Ninth areast, a retired broker, as the man who ittempted to shoot him Sanday high. According to the intest bufferin, the minary hearing today before Magistrate cary and held for (rink).

### AGED DESK-CHEST-BED COMPLEX AS NEW ONES

Modern Space Savers Show Few Features Antique Has Not. Piece Still Workable

See Illustration on Pictorial Page.

Modernists enthusiantic over the in-aour beds and compound kitchen cabinet dicheneties may again be reminded that there's nothing new under the sun if they vill visit an old furniture store in the old burch building at the southeast corner of Twelfth and Cherry etreets. Several gen-

Twelfth and Clierry streets. Several generations old, a piece of furniture is for sale there that combines a book case, bureau, writing desk, warstrobe and hed. And if is not such a trick piece of furniture at that, but is entirely practicable.

The piece is of solid wainut, six feet high, four feet wide and two feet thick. Viewed from the front, it has four drawers on the right side; on the left side at the bottom, one large drawer; above the four drawers, a panel, which as a door, drops down and reveals the writing desk, is a glass door, back of which are two buskinelyes. On See left side above the big drawer is a French plate mirror which opens like a door and exception. call, and turning two knobs the bed

old residential section of lower Spring street. Originally, he hald, and before the cost of living rose, it must have cost \$100 H is for sale now at \$10.

Amoun other such things for sale at the store is a solid walnut severary, patential in 1874. The doors to its filing cabinet are one foot filick. Its original cost is extimated at \$150. This has been marked down to \$15.

TOPIC OF "QUIET TALK"

Continuing his "Quiet Hour Talke" in the Garrick Theatre, S. D. Gorden addressed a large crowd today. The topic of his talk was "Used in Human Garb; Homespun, Handshiched." The appeaker said in part: "You can see the whole of the sun in a single drop of water manufames. You can see the whole of the sun in a single drop of water manufames. You can see the whole of the sun in a single drop of water manufames. You can see the whole of the sun in a single drop of water manufames. You can see the whole of the sun in a single into the drop of the sun in a single him to give John a new voice. I want to give John a new voice. I want to let him talk to us, in simple, everyday lengthsh talk, just what he is saying in his own mother tongue.

"In the beginning there was One who was very wonderful. He was the hand of

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