# EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12. 1917

# **U. S. STANDS PAT ON U-BOAT POLICY**

Ready to Defend Its Rights With Entire Strength of Nation

SHIPS WILL BE ARMED

#### Guns for Defense to Be Placed on Vessels This Week

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. The United States stands squarely upon the policy toward Germany which was out-lined to Congress by President Wilson. It is prepared to defend its rights under inter-Is prepared to defend its rights under inter-national law with entire strength, should those rights be violated by "overt acts" on the part of Germany. Administration offi-cia's, both at the State Department and in Congress, made this plain today. No official statement was forthcoming. None will be unless the President is convinced that the attitude of the United States is not under-stood by the nations of the world. But it is made plain by officials in the best position to know the facts that there has been no change in policy, and so long an Germany stands upon the letter of her amouncement that unrestricted submarine warfare is to be restored there can be none. Withdrawai of her orders to sink without warning and a reversion back to the policy of cruiser warfare—including stoppage.

of cruiser warfare-including stoppage, warning and safeguarding of lives-alone would force a change in the situation, off-cials say.

Inspired reports of the new diplomatic moves which might change the situation are frowned on in official quarters. It is felt that they muddle the situation without afthat they muddle the situation without ai-fording the slightest relief. So long as American vessels or American lives are in danger on the high seas the Administration will continue its plans to protect them. The maintenance of the present "status quo," described by Secretary of State Lansing in his speech to the Amherit theme is Saturday clipt as "ominous" Lansing in his speech to the Ammerical alumni on Saturday night as "ominous." depends entirely on Germany. If her sub-marines respect American rights — and every one here high and low, devoutly hopes that she will—there will be no "next step." But it is violating no confidence to say that the President has made it plain to ble Confidence the persay that the President has members of the Fereign Relations Committee of the Senate that he will take the next step if forced. regardles of the fact that it must inevit-

ably lead to hostilities. Before the end of the week American merchantmen will resume their places on the high seas. They will be armed if pres-ent plans are carried out. Methods for securing the needed armament are being worked out by the Navy Department with the sanction of the State Department. Four-inch naval guns, probably obtained by the vessel owners through condemnation permitted by the naxy branch of the Gov-ernment, will be mounted astern, on pa-nenger-carying vessels and probably also on

freighters. These guns will be for deferve Officials, in declaring that the blockade on American merchant alipping, in force since the German submarine blockade declaration was made, will be broken before the end of this week, also asserted that in arming their Vessels for defense. American shipowners will be absolutely within their rights and will be backed in that action by the entire strength of the United States

## **CANADIANS REHEARSE BATTLE BEFORE ATTACK**

Careful Study of Foe's Lines Brings Them Victory With Small Casualties

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Jan. 22 (by mall).

PIELD, Jan. 22 (by mall). Rehearsals of weddings, christenings and coronations are an established institution. but it took Armageddon to furnish the world with such a new wrinkle as the rehearsal of a battle.

relatives. netunity pulled off before the Canadians stormed the German lines Wednesday north of Arras, when dur-ing a snowstorm they took 101 prisoners and a number of machine guns and de-stroyed German trenches, dugouts and munitions The British system of tabulating the enemy defenses was so complete that the Canadiana were provided with a detailed plan of the trenches which it was proposed to raid, including the German names of every trench, crater and dugout



## GERARD DEFIED GERMAN COERCION WITH THREAT OF WAR WITH U.S.

#### border made their homecoming the occa-sion of great rejoicing. The first to near the city were the second and third divisions Continued from Page One

which passed into the Woodlane yard, near West Conschoncisen, about 10 o'clock Sat-urday night. The first division was held up on account of hot boxes, and while it Ackerman received during the last few days, it seems likely that the action of the German Government in delaying the departure of Americans from its territory was based on inaccurate and sensationally distorted reports reaching was coming up the second and third waited Perlin of anti-German demonstrations in this country. Foreign Secretary Zimfirst finally reached Cattowhill stree at 2:10 yesterday morning. The second and third divisions then proceeded to the same place, and the fourth arrived there mermann was quoted in wireless dispatches received last night as stating that falsity of these reports had been established and it is felt in Washington that same place, and the fourth arrived there at 6 o'clock, bringing up the last soldier, after which the regiment detrained. The throngs that gathered at Callowhill street to greet the soldiers remained until the long trains drew into the yard. Then the rumble of the heavy pieces of artillery was heard and the cannon were rolled out onto Callowhill street, where they were placed in long lines stretching all the way from Therearch street were on Callowhill when the previous erroneous ideas are completely dispelled in Berlin the situation will quickly adjust itself.)

#### KAISER AND HIS CHIEFTAINS DEBATE WISDOM OF RUTHLESS SEA WARFARE

#### LONDON, Feb. 12.

placed in long lines stretching all the way from Thirteenth street west on Callowhill street to Fifteenth. Horses were stabled, equipment stacked in the First Regiment Armory nearby, and, after placing guards on the formidable row of artillers, the more than 900 privates and forty-six officers went to their homes with their eagerly waiting relatives While many Americans are being held in Berlin as somewhat of a guarantee against open hostilities on the part of the United States, discussion of Germany's unrestricted submarine order was under way at an important conference between Kaiser Wilhelm, Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg

NEW YORK NEARBY HAIG'S MEN FRESS WHEN LINER SANK BAPAUME ATTACK Heard California's "S. O. S."

Consolidate New Ground and Beat Back German Counter-Assault

TRENCH RAIDS ON SOMME ANDANIA SAFE IN PORT

Call Forty Miles From

Scene of Attack

Cunarder Reaches U. S. With

Passengers-Had Tussle

With Storm

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. The American liner New York was only forty miles away from the point where the liner California was sunk by a submarine and heard the Anchor liner's S. O. S. call, efficers of the New York said when the liner looked here today.

efficers of the New York said when the liner docked here today. The New York put on all power and speed and raced 425 miles on a far nerth course to get out of the submarine zone, it was admitted. There was no thought of amswering the California's call. The Iner carried 238 passengers, a ma-bority of whom were Americans whe had made haste to leave England when the an-nouncement of the new German submarine campaign was published. The strain of the New York's dash tem-perarily put one of the ship's engines out of business and for sixteen hours in a rag-ing hall storm the vessel fought her way forward with one engine.

In contrast to the stories told by the officers and passengers, the captain said the trip was normal except for the storm and that he did not receive flashes from the California or other tips regarding sub-marine activities.

marine activities. • Much speculation was aroused by a mysterious passenger who was taken of the hoat by the revenue cutter which met her at quarantine. It was runnored he was

her at quarantine. It was rumored he was a special agent who was to report to Colonel House. Collector of Fort Malona denied this, but said the man was a Government agent. Malone said there was no sig-nificance in the fact that he met the heat as he merely had friends aboard whom he wished to see. The stewards' department, 120 strong, presented demands at the last moment be-

The stewards department, 129 strong, presented demands at the last moment be-fore leaving Liverpool, refusing to sail un-less provision was made for their families in case the ship was a submarine vietin.

for \$1500 each.

company insured the lives of the men

The crew was less concerned apparently

over the submarine menace than over the fact that a passenger threw a black cat overboard on the first day out and a heavy

in New York

British Now Hold Greater Part of Sector, Releasing French Troops

The British are continuing their pressure against the German positions west of Ba-paune. The newly won ground near Sorre, north of the Ancre, which was captured by the British in a night attack, has been strongly organized despite a spirited bombardment, by German artillery. This new frontage is nearly a mile in width and was won after desperate band-to-band fighting. Despite the furiousness of the fighting, the British casualties were said to be less than

South of Rapaume, especially in the region of Sailly-Saillisel bill, the Germans have trued to win back high ground dom-initing St. Pierre Vaust wood, but failed. At other points on the Somme front fronch raids were carried out and German

tranch raids were carried out and German digouts were bombed. The fact is established that the British are holding the greater part of the Somme front now, the French forces being released for service elsewhere.

#### HEAVY FIGHTING RESUMED **ON SOMME RIVER FRONT**

BERLIN, Feb. 12.

Terrific lighting took place on the Somm ront last night. North of the Ancre River, after a violent bombardment, the English delivered six as-saults against the wrecked trenches of the Germana, the War Office stated today. All North of Serre there was furious band-to-hand fighting. Some of the British sol-diers wore "snow shirts," or white clothing a render them invisible against the back-

nd of snow which covers the battle-Southeast of Serre, the report says, the

Germans voluntarily abandoned a trench line which had become untenable. Attrecks cast of Armentieres and south of La allesse were likewise repelled by the

#### GERMANS STORM SLAV POSITIONS ON DVINA

Successful attacks were carried out on Sunday by storming detachments of Ger-man treops on the Dyina River and near Kislelin, in Volhynis, the War Office re ported today. A successful enterprise was carried out also west of Lutsk. Near Kis-islin the Germans captured two Russian officers, forty men and a machine gun.

sultory artillery firing and clashes be

donian front

VIENNA, Feb. 12. The capture of more than 400 Italian prisoners was reported today by the War Office in an official statement dated Sun-

attacks.

airmen.

The official statement follows:

WRIGHT READY TO HELP ORGANIZE AERIAL ARMY

. in Short Time

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. Orville Wright, invertor of the aeroplane, announced today that in case of war with Germany he would abandon his private af-fairs and offer his services to the Governe.

"While I could not duplicate Henry

Ford's offer to manufacture war machines

because I have disposed of my interests in the manufacturing end of the business," said Wright, "I certainly will do everything I can for the country.

"We have a pitifully small number of

vilitary and licensed civilian pilots to meet

an emergency, but that need not trouble us a great deal if we meet the situation

"You can't combine weight and efficiency

in aircraft. The heavily armored plane has been a failure, and I think we will

ventually come back to the smaller one know I am not always agreed with in

this, but it is true nevertheless. "I would be absolutely against the manu-facture of Zeppelins or dirigibles except for observation purposes. As an offensive purpose in war the Zeppelin has been a

Temporary Home for Homeless Man,

Edward Gallagher has no home. He told the police today that the world has given him the cold shoulder. He tried to climb over a picket fence at Shu's lase and Cresson streets early today; but so stuck. He hung there and was nearly frozen to death when rescued by Acting Sergeant Boswell, of the Manayunk station. Magistrate Price gave him three months in the House of Correction.

ment to help organize an aerial army.

of the Spyros arriving here on the Morro Castle, Havana. Castle, Havana. A Spyros was bound from Buenos Aires to Hull, England, when she put into Lase Palmas for coal. On the morning of December 6, a German sub-marino appeared on the side of the vessel, the Greek boys said, and the commander shouted through a megaphone to the cap-tain of the Greek craft that he would give him forty minute to leave his ship. In

fured some trenches and repulsed counter-

There has been fighting at several places in the Gorizia district for trench-es captured by us. We repulsed counter-attacks. Three hundred and seventy

ARGENTINE SOCIALISTS IN MOVE TO END WAR Great Demonstration Also Op-

poses Steps That May Involve Country in Conflict

#### By CHARLES P. STEWART uni Cable Service at the United Press and Evening Ledger.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 12. A definite movement was under way in Argentist today to solidify Socialists throughes, the world into a movement to restore peace in Europe and to re-establish the nations there as republics.

The plan received enormous impetus yes-erday at a meeting under the apprices

of the Socialist party held, despite a down-pour of rain, in the Plaza Congresso. Thou-sands brayed the inclement weather and adopted resolutions not only for the pence and the republic move, but also bitteridenouncing any steps by the Government which would be calculated to bring the

remained in our 1tallaten

storm broke within a few hours. The Andania, a Cunarder, docked a few minutes after the New York had reached her pler. She carried a number of pas-sengers and also had a hard tussle with BERLIN, Feb. 12 U-BOAT SINKS GREEK SHIP IN SPANISH PORT Story Told by Two Boy Survivors of Torpedoed Vessel Who Landed

In the Rumania theatre of war there were clashes of raiding detachments on both sides of the Oltoz Valley and in the Putna towlands. On the lower Danube there were NEW VOIR, Feb. 12 -Boldly sailing into the harbor of Las Palmas in the Canary Islands, a German U-boat torpedoed

### ween outposts. There is nothing to report on the Maceand sunk the Greek ship Spyros as she lay at anchor, according to the story told today by two Greek boys, members of the crew

#### AUSTRIANS CAPTURE 400 ITALIANS NEAR GORIZIA

tain of the Greek craft that he would give him forty minute to leave his ship. In half an hour the entire crew went over the side with their hand luggage and a torpedo was shot into the Spyros. The Ger-man U-boat went scurrying off to the open sea as the Spyros sank. The Greek hors worked their way to Havana and thence to New York. day. There has been heavy fighting near Gorizia, where the Austro-Hungarians cap-

Trieste has been bombarded by Italian

#### DUMMY SYSTEM USED

Thus, a dummy system was arranged behind the Canadians lines, complete to the last dugout mouth, with the German sign-posts as in the original bit of territory. Here the Canadians rehearsed a miniature Hore the Canadians renearsed a miniature battle every man having his own par-ticular job The rehearsing raiders were even taught such German commands as "Come out, or we will blow you up." or "Come out, you are safe." "Bands up." "Burrender" and so on.

"Burrender" and so on. Asked whether they preferred to attack by night or by day, the men replied "day." Therefore at daylight on Wednesday they jumped over the parapet and crossed No Man's Land over four inches of snow. Over twin mountains of slag to the left while the surplus of a harrage blinding and

rolled the smoke of a barrage, blinding any machine gunners there. Another swamped the ruins to the right. Rocksts of yellow, red and green frrom fake positions, where it was designed to make the Germans believe the Canadians were assembling, cast a strange glow over the field of snow in the dull morning light and completed the Germans bewilderment.

As a prolonged bombardment swept the center before the attack, the machine guns between the smoke curtains were abrolutely silent. Thus there were pracitcally no cas ualtis before the attackers reached the first

TEUTON RESISTANCE LIGHT

Here the Germans made small resistance They were quickly subdued, while a second party, advancing, occupied the second line. sixty yards further on. The Germans occu-

pying this second line surrendered without sphing. Au officer at the mouth of a dugout called out six times. "Come out!" A volce within replied, "Yes." in English each time. Finally a Strassburg professor commanding the German company emerged complaining the German to make his men understand he was unable to make his men understand rman, as they were Poles and Slieslans Meantime, a Canadian sergeant discov-Meantime, a Canadian sergeant discov-red a store of ammunition. He feared to how it open in the open lest the explosion dill his own men. so the entire stock was lid down a dugout from which the Ger-mans refused to emerge, a Stokes bimb iding on the last box. This detonated the

where in the attack were Canadians uting "Raus" down dugouts and blow-them up when their warnings were un-

Atter everything was destroyed the Ca-dians returned to their own trenches un-biasted, bearing the smallest of casual-

his is a good sample of the minor bat-which occur daily on the British front. If this part cular one an officer re-rized: "The men didn't need officers. If a started the thing ran automatically a phonograph turning out music."

Firemen Narrowly Miss Death N. H., Fob. 11.-

The men will not be mustered out of service as quickly as the infantry regi-ments were. Because of the international cris's according to Major General J. Lewis Good, retired, who received the troops, and tood, refred, who received the transfer into who was grand marihal of the parade today, the Second Regiment may be called into active mervice in the event of hostill-ties, and for a time they will remain United States seldiers, ready for a call to war.

The artillerymen, under the command o Colonel Hamilton D. Turner, arrived her

yesterday. They were allowed to go to their homes, but were ordered to report again for duty at 8 o'clock this merning.

The soldiers' long stay on the Mexical

#### COURT RELUCTANTLY LETS WELCER RETAIN LICENSE

Guided by Jury's Verdict Acquitting Saloonkeeper of Charge of

#### Selling to Minors

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Feb. 12.-The Court teday refused to revolve the liquor license of John Welcer for the Beatty Manzion in Plymouth township, near the Wood iron and steel plant. The Rev. Dr. Hainer and others sought to have the license taken away, because it was charged that he sold liquor to minors

The Court says it does not deem it expedient to revoke the license when its au-thority to do so is not free of doubt. It is explained that at hte DeDcember Criminal Court the same witnesses, five boys, testified that they had bought intoxicating liquor of Welcer, but that the jury ac-quitted him.

"The acquittal was, no doubt." the Court said, "as much a surprise to the Common-wealth as to the defendant." The Court said it was not convinced that it is bound GUARDSMEN SMOTHER by the verdict of the jury on the same evi dence. "but it is usual for a judge to yield to the finding of the jury upon an issue of fact." The Court then said. Rush From Trolley Car to Apartment

fact." The Court then said. "If the evidence now before us should be

presented under an application to renew this license, we fail to see how it could be granted. The petitioners' testimony shows that the licensee is not a safe person to be entruated with the privileeg to sell intoxicating liquors

#### BREAK IN WHEAT PREDICTED

Berks County Millers Expect Price to Drop Soon

READING, Pa., Feb. 12 --- Will there be a break in the Schuylkill Valley wheat mar-ket? is a leading question throughout Berks County. The quotation now is about \$1.75 bushel.

Millers express the opinion that the mar-Millers express the opinion that the mar-ket is becoming top-heavy and that there is likely to be a break in the near future. It is believed that the highest price for last year's crop has been attained. Berks County farmers have been taking advan-tage of the steady market and have been haultag large quantities to the mills. NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Delegates attend-ing a convention of the national workmen's committee on Jewish rights, which opened here, voted against the United States becoming involved in the European war. The delegates, who came here from all parts of the country, claim to represent 500,000 Jewish workers. The purpose of the convention, which will be continued to-E. S. Wertz, a crop authority, says the wheat has not been injured by the rather

open winter. The freeze-up of about a week ago, when there was no snow on the ground, did not harm the crop in the least. Mr. Wertz says that the wheat looks fine all over Berks County.

#### **Pre-Lenten Meditation Planned**

The program for the pre-Lenten medita-tion of the Pastoral Association of Evan-gelical Lutheran Churches in this city was arranged today at the regular woekly con-ference of the Ministerial Association, at 1716 Arch street. Dr. J. F. Ohl, city mfs-sionary, presided. The meditation will be held Monday. February 19, in All Sainte Fyangelical Lutheran Church, Germantown wasnue and Caruma street. The Sev. Dr. E. They Bey. Dr. E.

and high army and navy chiefs at German great headquarters today, according to Amsterdam advices.

It was at such a conference on the Kaiser's birthday, January 27, that the unlimited submarine policy was formally agreed upon.

## BRYAN AND WOMEN PACIFISTS HARASS PRESIDENT WITH MEDDLESOMENESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 -- Peace propa- | man feeler of Saturday, suggestion of heads today

As one feature of a concerted drive to enlarge the spirit, some 200 women, repre-senting the "Emergency Peace Federation," were booked to surge into Congress today to urge a broader pacificism Meanwhile two big peace offices here

with heavy corps of stenographers were shooting out peace letters, while peace

propaganda telegrams poured into the Whife House and State Department. The whole situation distressed the Ad-ministration. Officials felt it manufactured peace spirit-already large-and the the Government's hands in case helped

House and Prevent Possible

Conflagration

Jewish Workers Vote Against War

Fifteenth street, this morning.

FIRE WITH BLANKETS

ganda, largely fostered by ex-Secretary of State Bryan and his friends, had grown to an extent almost alarming to Government ex-Secretary Bryan was in the deal.

Much as the Government would like t keep at peace, it does not want to face an artificial peace spirit; it does not want to appear before the world, and especially before Germany, as either "too proud" of fat" to fight.

The Government frankly scorns in cance any suggestion of a German offense inless Germany aiters her submarine war fare officials said they would not be party to any discussion while ships were endan-gered by ruthlessness.

Meantime, however, neutrals have offered to do whatever they can to swerve Ger-many, it is officially stated at the State ary for preservation of American rights. Department, And, quietly, they are bring-nonor and dignity. Officials laid the tier- ing pressure on the Imperial Government.



Celebrates Seventieth Birthday by Starting "Nonsleep Jag" to Help Country

ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 12.—Thomas A. Edison is off on another "nonsleep jag." It is a sort of celebration for his seventleth birthday. Seventy years means nothing in the relation for birth of the sevent of the seven Two Philadelphia guardsmen of the Sec. ond Pennsylvania Artillery Regiment, just returned from the Mexican border, pre-vented a possibly serious fire in the apart-ment house of Mrs. Carl Meyer, 1749 North

his work goes. He celebrated yesterday by nearly ten hours' work-even if it was Sunday-and early morning today saw him The men, Roy Delt, of Battery F, and Walter McClain, Battery E, were in a Fif-teenth street car on their way to the ar-mory of the First Regiment, at Broad and Collocabili streets when they say smoke back in his laboratory again, ready for what will probably be an eighteen or twenty hour stretch. Charles Edison, the inventor's son, says

Callowhill streets, when they saw smoke issuing from the front window of the house. They rushed from the car into the house and gmothered the fire with blankets, and carried water from a bathroom. The flames his father is working on an invention "par-ticularly valuable to America in case of war," and will not stop his "insomnia party" had started from a lace curtain, which was blown onto a gas jet. In the meantime an alarm had been turned in, but the fire was out when the firemen arrived. The damage was estimated at \$59. until he "gets somewhere" on it.

FLETCHER'S ESCORT AT BORDER

Military Train With Troops Reaches Nuevo Laredo to Convoy the Ambassador NEW YORK, Feb. 12 .- Delegates attend

LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 12.—A military train carrying a number of troops arrived at Nuevo Laredo today to convoy the speat Auevo Laredo today to convoy the spe-cial which will carry American Amhassador Fletcher to Mexico City following his ar-rival here Wednesday. Extra precautions have been taken to safeguard the train against attack by rebeis. Aboard the special train that came to the border were fifteen Mexican officials, repre-sentative of General Cartanza. orator

sentative of General Carranza.

#### School Building Wrecked by Fire

the convention, which will be continued to-morrow, is to urge equal civil and po-litical rights for Jews in belligerent coun-tries at the peace congress after the war. YOUNG WOMEN appeared is Baptist pulpits and issued appeals for contributions to the \$50,000 fund which the Baptist Union hopes to raise this month. They in-cluded Miss Ethel Downsbrough. Miss Helen Darby, Miss Sophie Huber, Miss Beth Humphrey, Miss Dopthy Lehman, Miss Mabel Mahoney, Miss Annis M. Miller, Miss Ethins Todd, Miss Pauline Vanh and Miss CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 12.—True to their training in case of fire, 300 pupols marched to safety out of the Allison street school today when the building was discovered on fire. The cotridors siready were filled with smoke. The school building was al-

war to Argentina.

It has been estimated here that almost one-half the adult population of Eucnos Aires favors some one or more of the principles of the Socialists.

GERMANS REBUILD CITIES DESTROYED BY RUSSIANS

11,000 New Buildings Put Up, but Work

of Reconstruction in East Prussia Far From Finished

BERLIN, Feb. 12 --- The reconstruction o

the hundreds of cities, towns and villages in eastern Prussia, destroyed by the Rusans during their invasion, is progressing spidly. An official report just published nows over 11,000 new buildings, about onethird of the number burned or blown up by tail he Russian trooms, have been erected

ing the last eighteen months. It is estimated it will take about four years more to re-move all traces of the invasion.

public subscriptions for the devas The tated districts so far have yielded about 19,000,000 and the brick yards of the Kaiser at Cadinen up to January 1 last furnished building material valued at nearly \$2,000.

000, but these gifts are entirely inadequate Enormous sums must be raised by the ray aged municipalities, the provincial author: ties and the Prussian state.

#### EDGE TO TALK ON ROADS

Opposition to Tax Plan Grows Among Jersey Farmers

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Feb. 12.—Frank Appleby, president of the Ocean Boulevary committee, has asked all persons interested in the proposed State highway through ocean County to meet here next Friday evening when Governor Edge is expected to speak in behalf of the proposition to in-crease the State tax rate one mill, to be

crease the State tax rate one mill, to be used in building highways. Opposition to this plan has been growing, owing to the fact that it means on a prop-erty valued at \$4000 an increase of \$4 a year on the tax bill for the next five years at least. Farmers have set up the plea that the roads, according to the present plans, are not routed for their advantage, but for reaorts. Opposition is also aroused by the decision under the Edge plan not to issue bonds and pay the interest on them out of bonds and pay the interest on them out of the revenues obtained from the automobile license fund, which received indorsement at the polls last November.

#### Lincoln Exercises at Girls' High

Two Lincoln exercises at onits ring Two Lincoln entertainments were held at  $r_{bc}$  (Deta' High School Sevent-enth and spring Garden streets, today. At 9 o'clock the girls of the upper classes were assem-bled for exercises in the auditorium. Waiter George Smith, prominent lawyer and mem-ber of the Board of Education, was the

At exercises for the freshmen class a At exercises for the freatment class in 11:30 o'clock, the chief speaker was Miss Louise Hasseler, head of the history de-partment of the school. A statue of Lincoin in the school was decorated with appro-in the school was decorated with appropriate ceremonies by the freshmen. Miss Katherine E. Puncheon, principal of the school, presided at both entertainments.

#### Kentucky Officer Cashiered

Charles P. Weaver, of Norristown, Dead WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.-Major James R. Sams, of the Second Kentucky Infantry, was today dismissed from the army as a result of a court-martial at El Paso, where he was found suilty of conduct unbecom-ing an officer and a kentleman. NORRISTOWN, Pa., Feb. 12-Charles P. Weaver died here today aged sighty-nine years. He was a sea captain in his youth. For many years he was a lack manufac-turer bere and was health porcer.

tachments of landwehr regiment No. 27 distinguished themselves. Italian filers have bombarded Tri-este, San Roccio and a field hospital

Inventor of Plane Says He Could North of Tolmino a successful enter-**Organize Efficient Service** 

prize brought us forty-two prisoners An Italian attack against our positions on Stilfser ridge was bloodily re-

# **City News in Brief**

**GENERAL BALLINGTON BOOTH**, head of the Volunteers of America, does not be-lieve there will be war with Germany. He said he had the greatest confidence is President Wilson and looks to him to avert war and all the calamities it would en-

STATE POLICE will not be used to guard munition plants, according to Malo John C. Groome, superintendent of the State police.' Major Groome said it was not the duty of the State police to guard

"It takes only about two weeks to de-velop and train a good military aerial ob-server. It takes two weeks more to make him a competent fighting man. plants of private corporations.

mptly.

flat failure."

"As for the type of aerial defense, I would favor the small, high-climbing plane light and unarmed, except for a single gun.

ABINGTON MEMORIAI HOSFITAL, has received \$5000 from Mr. and Mrs. Calem F. Fox, of Ogontz, to endow a hed "Every step in the European war's de-velopment of aircraft has proved that it is the light, quick machine, which can get up and down and around rapidly, that is the in that lastitution. It is in memory of their son, S. Crozer Fox, who with several Phila-delphians, was killed in a wreck on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railnost effective. They can jump in and do road two years ago. their damage and get away while heavier planes are getting started.

JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE has

dded a dental d partment to its other ourses of study in order that students in medicine and surgery may take a cours the study of dental sources of eases. Dr. William L. Coplin. of Jefferson made it plain that the college is not start. ing a dental school and does not intend to turn out dentists. The course, he said, will be used only in conjunction with other work.

TWO HUNDRED MARINES, fresh from service in Hall, have arrived at the Phila-delphia Navy Yard. It was intended to convey them by transports to this city, but a change in plans caused them to be brought by rail from Norfolk. They were ervice in Haiti, have arrived at the Pl garbed in light summer uniforms. The en will be added to the force at League

PHILADELPHIA ENGINEERS, totaling more than 5000 men and representing every field of their professions, through various organizations, have sent word to the War Department that they are ready to serve on short notice in the event of war.

#### Pittsburgh Gas Fails as Cold Comes

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 12.—An acuje short-age of natural gas in many sections caused considerable suffering in the Pittsburgh district today when the mercury hit the sec-ond lowest point of the winter. The tem-perature stood at five degrees below zero. Outlying districts reported temperatures of ten and twelve degrees below.

HELP WANTED-MALE OFFICE BOY, 14 to 16 years. Apply Americ Engineering Co., Aramingo and Cumberlas YOUNU MAN, about 18, for stock help, hat partment, wholesaite house; good future, ply B30 Market et.

#### **APARTMENTS**

FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED MANDLE (Beth and Chestnut) -Sublet Mad ar unfurnished, for a months av head, Nov 1: no children: a outside

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION LOST AND FOUND BADGE-Lost, Sat. evg., police badge, vicialu Isth and Lombard, Rew'd, 7107 Woodland Ava HELP WANTED-FEMALE siRLS, stock work wholesale millinery house experience unnecessary; are about 19. Appr 980 Market st.

the House of Correction.

CHILDNURSE wanted, whits, Apply 2013 Chestnut st., after 10 a. m.