MANS SMASH **FOE** IN CHAMPAGNE

Advance Half Mile on Front 2600 Meters Long, Berlin Reports

PENETRATE FOUR LINES

Capture 837 Prisoners and 20 Guns-Crush Counterattacks

BERLIN, Feb. 16. Four enemy lines on a width of 2600 meters and a depth of half a mile were stormed and taken by German forces around Hill 185, Champagne district,

the official statement said today. German forces took 837 prisoners and

twenty machine guns, "Our losses were slight," it was stated. "The French made a fruitless counter-attack.

LONDON, Feb. 16.

The British pressure on the German lines north of the Somme has not relaxed in the but twenty-four hours, and while General Haig reports no spectacular advance, the German official statement admits a withdrawal "under orders" in the region between Serre, which the British have clearly indicated they mean to take, and the bend of the river near Perenne.

The war reports from both London and Berlin agree on the artillery fire in this

What these "small local advances" mean with these "small local savances" mean, both to the Germans and the British, was explained today by Major General P. R. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the War Office. The ground gained since the first of the year, he declared covered a depth of three-quarters of a mile on a front of 10,000 yards, while the 2000 Garman prisoners broaded hack more time. German prisoners brought back more than "During the last fortnight," said the neral, "I have had a chance to see the results of our raids, which, as you may have noticed, are divided into two forms: those on the Somme front, where we are securing the new ground, particularly observation points, and on the remainder of the front, where we raid the enemy's trenches, worry

where we raid the enemy's trenches, worry the Germans and improve our own morale. Both forms have been successful.

"On the Ancre, since the first of the year, over a front of nine thousand yards, we have gained ground to a depth of nearly three-quarters of a mile, while elsewhere in the Somme section terrain to an equal forth has been gained grove a thousand-yard forth has been gained over a thousand-yard. depth has been gained over a thousand-yard front. These gains have not only given us excellent vantage posts, but the encourage-ment of our morale has been very great, while we have reason to believe the effect on the enemy has been exceedingly depress

on the enemy has been exceedingly depressing.

"The ground for two weeks has been very hard. The slight thaw lately did not retard the raids. It is easy to get over hard ground. The difficulty arises in organizing captured trenches.

"Some idea of the effect on the morale of our troops may be gained from the expression of a Canadian valoual, who where

of our troops may be gained from the expression of a Canadian colonel, who, when I was visiting his troops, said they had become very cheaty since they had taken part in the raids. It is seldom that more than a battalion takes part in a raid. Some idea of their success may be gained from the fact that in a givele series of raids our total of migsing was only one hundred. Some of these were dead or wounded, whom It was impossible to bring back.

"We are now capturing Germans of all ages, including both ends of the seventeen to sixty now being enforced as the age limits in the German army. While it would not be safe to say that deterioration of the

not be safe to say that deterioration of the Germany army has become general, it can be said that the prisoners show marked evidence of such decline, and the fact that they have abandonel villages without at-tempting to defend them confirms this

General of the German imperial army, as the most vital person in the small group surrounding Emperor William, responsible for the German policy.

General von Ludendorff, the Americans
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my, appears to be the brain that conceives the military plans, while Field Marshal von Hindenburg, chief of the general staff, is the hand that executes them. General von Ludendorff is described as being of a mili-tary mind rather than of a political one. Yet his immense influence in the entourage of the German Emperor gives him a voice in purely political and foreign politics, Americans whose business in Berlin was

to study the springs of action of the Ger man Government say they knew that Gen-eral von Ludendorff dislikes Americans and has contempt for their military strength that is, while aware of their potentialities yet so far as any organization and applica-tion of them is possible, they could not, in the opinion of the German quartermaster general, be brought to bear upon the present war, which, in his belief, will be finished before the United States could get into action.

Girl Hiccoughing to Death WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 16. — Mary McGonigle, seventeen years old, is hiccough-ing herself to death. For the last three

was similarly stricken and went three we before the hiccoughing could be stopped.

s she has been incessantly hiccoughing and efforts of doctors to effect a cure have been of no avail. Several months ago she was similarly stricken and went three weeks

Condemns Philadelphian's Speeches and Asks Him to

Dr. W. W. Keen, surgeon of national re-putation, has sent a letter to Representa-tive J. Hampton Moore, of this city, de-nouncing his pacifist speeches in Congress, and informing the Congressman that he is willing in spite of his years to serve in the army if the President calls for volun-

Mr. Moore told Congress that he was Mr. Moore told Congress that he was neither pro-Ally nor pro-German, but that he was pro-American and was unwilling to side with any of the beltigerents in the European war. Doctor Keen wrote to Mr. Moore in part as follows.

"The Kalser claims to be fighting for the freedom of the seas," and in the same breath he illegally forbids' American ships to enter upon large zones of the high seas.

Are you pro-American enough to resent

Are you pro-American enough to resent this dictation?"

"The Kaiser has forbidden the United States to send more than one ship a week

to England. Are you pro-American enough to resent this dictation."

"The Kainer has forbidden us to send any ships at all to any port except Faimouth, Eng. Are you pro-American enough to resent this dictation."

"As a result of the dictation of the Kalser the American Line (note the word Amer-ican) has not ventured to send its ships

to sea lest the Kaiser's submarines send them to the bottom. Are you pro-American enough to resent that menace? "In the same newspaper and on the same page which contains your speech it is noted that 1600 loaded cars of our lawful commerce are held up on the Rock Island road alone. Are you sufficiently pro-American to resent that unlawful interference with our

The Kalser is Hegally holding more than threescore Americans as hostages. Are you sufficiently pro-American to resent that

PLANE INVENTOR SAYS HE CAN CROSS OCEAN

Joseph Bellanca, Building 35-Horsepower Machine at Hagerstown, Asserts It Will Have Large Radius

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Feb. 15 -- Joseph Bellanca, the Italian inventor who is build-ing an aeroplane at the plant of the New York and Hagerstown Metal Stamping Company, thinks that the machine will be tested out near this city, and if not will be taken either to near Washington or Baltimore The nachine will have a thirty-five horsepower

Mr. Belianca says it can stay up forty four hours and can cross the Atjantic Ocsan. He admits that United States army officers have been inspecting it and hopes that the Government will be a purchaser for many

A much larger aeropiane, capable of car ying a dozen passengers, is also being de-eloped by the inventor, but he is not yet eady to give details of this model.

Eleven men besides the inventor and his issistant, Mr. Maria, have been working ontinuously on the plane for about three weeks during the day and far into the night During their absence a close watch is kept of the room where the machine is being constructed.

The factory where the aeroplanes are being built is one of the largest here and has an interesting history. It grew from a small shop to its present size when the Crawford bicycle was made there. Then it became one of the Pope Manufacturing Company's plants. Afterward it was purchased by the Montross Metal Casket Company, and heavy stamping machinery was installed for the manufacture of metal coffins, which could not be marketed on account of National Casket Company opposition to undertakers who handled them. Now it is being used to turn out one-pound shells for use of the Allies.

YOUNG STUDENTS ELOPE

Joseph Rawle, at Lehigh, Marries Rich

PARIS. Feb. 16.—Americans arriving in the French capital yesterday from Berlin who were in a position to see what was taking place behind the screen regard General von Ludendorff, the First Quartermaster General of the German Imperial army, as the most vital person in the surrounding Empression in the second with her husband, is now on their honey-moen, is the daughter of a wealthy family living in Staten Island, N. Y. They were married in New York last Monday. The pair met about a year ago.

Rawle was graduated from St. Joseph's College in 1914, and then entered the University of Pennsylvania. In 1915 he enered the engineering department at Leigh. He was a star pitcher and outfielder n the Lehigh University baseball team. While at St. Joseph's he was picked as the all-scholastic pitcher. He also was the best moundsman of the Penn Freshman team two years ago.

Arrested Man Brings Counter-Suit

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 16,-When faurice Williams, who conducts a medical pecialty shop, had Dr. A. Fischer arraigned yesterday on a charge of misappropriating money. Fischer waived a hearing and brought counter charges against Williams, on the allegation he is practicing medicine without a license. The County Medical Society is investigating.

200 Harleigh Miners on Strike

HAZLETON, Pa., Feb. 15. — Charging that the management had not kept its agreement to distribute checks stating what is due them two days before pay day, the 200 miners of the Harleigh-Brookwood Coal Company struck yesterday, further tempo-rarily restricting the output from the Le-nigh field. It is expected that the trouble will be adjusted by today

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Workers Clash With Police Define His Americanism and Soldiers at The Hague

POOR NEAR STARVATION

TROOPS PUT DOWN

THE HAGUE, Feb. 16 - Serious visting in which the crowds were only dispersed after repeated charges by police and Hus-sars hurriedly sailed upon for re-enforce-ments, occurred here last night. The rioters, mostly workmen, staged their demonstration as a protest against the high cost of food. They occupied the space in front of the Queen's Palace and the Ministront

terlal buildings.
The food situation was regarded toda: land. Small-salaried workers find it almost impossible to obtain cost and potatoes. Discontent has been growing and authorities today did not disguise their fear of further outbreaks of probably an even more serious nature than that of last night, unless the Government takes some remedial measure

Primarily the shortage in food has been due to the fact that Holland of all neutrals is most affected by the blockades which the belligerent nations of Europe have estab-

ITALY ALSO FACING SERIOUS FOOD CRISIS

ROME. Jan. 21, by mail to New York

Feb. 15.
The Italian government is taking steps to avert a food crisis. Aiready the situa-tion is serious. There are now two meat-less days a week and three days a week pastry may not be taked nor soid. The suggestion that the card system be intro duced for the sale of sugar, butter and per haps bread is under consideration.

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The Government outlined a program of restriction and conservation in a circular letter which Minister of Interior Oriendo has addressed to the prefects of every province. Simultaneously a nation-wide campaign has been started under the direction of Professor Leunardo Bianchi minister without portfolio, tending to secure the comperation of every Italian housewife in the enforcement of the beau rules regulating the distribution of foods. rules regulating the distribution of foods.
According to food experts, there is no immediate fear of a familie, yet the steady increase in the cost of living and the rapid disappearance from the market of sugar, butter, eggs and fats are unmistaliable signs of an approaching food crisis, unless the problem is solved.

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An idea of the food strain piaced upon the country may be gained from the fact that the feeding of the army requires that 1500 tons of bread be baked every day. n addition 200 tons of rice and macaroni 200 tons of theese and 150 tons of polatoes must be cooked.

The people are gladly submitting to the

food privations and so far no disorders have

LIQUOR QUESTION UP AGAIN IN ATLANTIC CITY Second Split in Commission Averted

When the License Application Is Withdrawn ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 16. - A second

lit over additional liquor selling permits Atlantic City's otherwise harmonious ity commission was averted when Frank Miller, a Republican organization leader in the Fourth Ward, withdrew his application for a wholesale license at 2300 \(\text{Atlantic} W. F. Sooy, Director of Public Safety,

against whose protest the commiss. against whose protest the commissioners a veck ago granted a wholesale license, had refused to approve Miller's petition. The applicant, finding he could not count upon enough votes to pass the grant over Director Sooy's veto, abandoned it rather than run the risk of being deprived of a license for a ull year.
The Commissioners passed upon second

reading a bill creating the new office of assistant mercantile appraiser, at \$1400 a year, to be filled by William F. Raitzel, a ormer county detective. Mayor Bacharact introduced a bill increasing the liability of physicians who fail to report within twen-ty-four hours all communicable diseases which come to their attention. Interior Soor, to put an end to reports

that many care owners have been permitted by the police to entirely disregard a city law requiring all licensed establishments to close at 2 a.m. gave notice he is premaring charges against these license holders. He declared the closing rule will be enforced.

Will Keep Vessel Movements Secret Will Keep Vessel Movements occur-washington, Feb. 16.—The Govern-ment's marine observers at Baltimore, Cape Henry, Va., and Sand Key, Fia., have been instructed to discontinue making public the names of vessels passing their posts.



WILLARD GOLDSMITH

Composer and director of "Mignon Maguire," the musical comedy to be presented by the Balbazoo Club of the Young Men's Hebrew As-sociation in Mercantile Hall Monday evening, February 26. This is the third of the "Balbazoo" shows which Mr. Goldsmith has directed. There are fifty young men in the production.

SHEATZ URGES CAMDEN BRIDGE AS NECESSITY

Tells Business Men Growth of City Makes Span Across Delaware Vital Need

TO, HO! WE WANT THAT BRIDGE We want a bridge, just such a bridge, to reach the Camben side,
Buth on a plan with a neighty span
And road and footway wide:
A good memorial bridge to William Penn.
One in carry vehicles and memorial to the want is bridge, just a bridge, jo reach the Camben side.

Necessity of quick action on the bridge over the fielaware to Camden was pointed out by John O. Sheatz, chairman of the citizens' committee on the bridge, in a talk to the Market Street Business Men's Association last night.

Philadelphia is rapidly becoming crowded along the water-front. he told the business men, and will have to expand to New Jersey. Such a bridge will be of great benefit in more closely knitting our business. reintions.

Sheatz told his audience that Philadelphia shearz told his audience illa! Philadelphia was doing its share in furthering the con-summation of the plan and a call is being prepared to be presented at liarrisburg to place the matter under the authority of the State Department of Public Grounds.

"The State leaders are in favor of the project, remarked Sheatz, "Both Senator Penrose and Senator Vare have assured me of their support. I have yet to see Sena-tor McNichol, but I am sure he will assist. It is up to us now to push the bill before City Councils appropriating \$15,000 for a prelbninary survey and report

Dr. I. Griscom, of the New Jersey Bridge Commission, told of the needs of such a structure and said it would be a profitable

The following officers were elected: President, W. J. Eldridge: first vice president, W. W. Hodgson; second vice president. deni, E. G. MacCracken; treasurer, Henry F. Michell, secretary, William Sutton; di-rectors, George B. Wells, Alfred Agrons, E. J. Bahls, W. J. Cronin, N. J. Dilworth, Frank C. Evas, Dr. D. D. Hyman, F. G. Helmbold, William B. Levis, C. H. Prickitt, E. S. Pilling, F. I. Reissner, E. W. Stephens. E. S. Simons, W. R. Sommer.

ALLEGED CHECK PASSER HELD

Frank Perry Hamilton, With Many Aliases, Arrested

Frank Perry Hamilton, of Trenton, N., a man of a half dozen allases, who posed as a naval efficer, a preacher and other personalities to suit his schemes and who was successful in passing worthless checks aggregating several thousand dollars, ac-cording to the police was held on \$1500 bail by Magistrate Tracey at the Fifteenth and Vine streets station this morning on one charge, and without hall on the allegations of a boy who said Hamilton had taken him all over the country and had abused

when a man who had cashed a worthless | check recognized him.

FOUNDERS' DAY AT **URSINUS OBSERVED**

Academic Exercises Are Followed by Annual Family Dinner in Freeland Hall

COLLEGEVILLE, Ps., Feb. 18.—Founders' Day was observed at Ursinus College yesterday with academic exercises in the afternoon and an illustrated lecture in the evening by the Rev. Dr. James I Good, on the Reformation. Bomberger Hall was crowded for both events.

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The program of the academic exercises was as follows: Processional, "March On. O Soul, With Strength," college choir; reading of the scriptures, the Rev. Dr. J. M. S. Isenberg; hymn, "A lightly Fortress is Our God," congregation; address, "The Protestant Reformation," the Rev. Dr. William J. Hinke, of Auburn Theological Seninary; organ, anniversary march, Prof. Homer Smith; address, "Present-Day Opportunities of the Church," the Rev. Dr. Charles S. MacFarland, secretary Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; conferring of the honorary degree of doctor of divinity on the Rev. Charles S. MacFarland; recessional, "Now Rest Ye Pilgrim Host," college choir; henediction.

The annual family dinner, D. Freeland Hall, for directors, professors, students and friends of the college, was a distinct feature. Among those who responded to toasts was Henry W. Kratz, honorary president of the board of directors of the college, who spoke on men and events connected with the founding of the college almost fifty years ago.

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The winter meeting of the directors of the college was held in the morning, when Sturges B. Davis was promoted to a full professorship at the hear of the education department. This means the extension of this department beginning with next year. Dr. George Leslie Omwake announced the inocation of Mrs. Edward Bok, of Lower Merion, for the support of it series of lecture reolials on the organ. Harry Sykes, of Norristown, has been engaged to give these orristown, has been engaged to give the

OFFICERS IN RESERVE CORPS

Pennsylvanians to Whom the War Department Has Given Commissions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. Pennsylvanta citizens whose appointments as officers in the Reserve Corps have been received and o whom commissions were assigned were Ernest G. Smith, major of infantry

Wilkes-Barre; John L. Evans, captain of infantry, Philadelphia; Warden McLean, second ileutenant of infantry, Philadelphia; Caleb B. Dowd, second ileutenant of infantry, Reading; Robert N. Christian, second lieutenant of cavalry. Lancaster; Clifford L. Barrord, first lieutenant of engineers, Altoona, and George Christie, major quartermaster, Philadelphia.

boarding house of Mrs. Cora Bowers. 101st street and Second avenue, was bur to the ground. No lives were lost, but Mrs Bowers, in escaping down a ladder, w badly cut. The cause was a defective flue

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