VERDUN'S YEAR **OF SIEGE FINDS** FRANCE VICTOR

Anniversary of Crown Prince's 'Attack Shows His Dream Smashed

NIVELLE'S GENIUS WON

Greatest Slaughter and Most Sublime Sacrifice Elements of Conflict

By HENRY WOOD

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES AT VER-DUN, Feb. 21.

One year ago today started the German assault on Verdun. Twelve months of the most gigantic siege operations in the history of mankind have passed, and today the French occupy almost precisely the same positions they did at 7:15 a. m. February 21, 1916, when the German guns began their roar of artillery preparation. Within one year, Verdun has sounded

the death knell of Germany's hopes of capture. Seven hundred thousand of her cholcest soldlers have gone to death in vain efforts to realize the German Crown Prince's fondest hopes. The quantity of war material utilized and destroyed in this titanic twelve months has been greater than that ever so utilized in any preceding battle.

For the first time in history, also, the defenders of a besieged fortress have withstood the maximum effort of their assailants, and then, taking the offensive themselves, have completely liberated their

This page in French history has to written, however, without tracing on Mother Earth marks that may take as many years to efface as will be required to wipe out from the minds of sorrowing thousands the memory of loved ones who went down in the glorious defense.

The battlefield of Verdun breather from every square inch of its surface the ineffaceable marks of the stanic struggle
that is still convuls ng the entire soil. Some
marks may be obliterated in time. But
others, including complete sterility of soil. may last forever

2600 GUNS IN ATTACK

The roar of German artillery began early in the morning on February 21, 1916, and before long resulted in a massing of pieces of all calibers that finally reached 2600 in number, the greatest artillery concentration in the world's history.

Verdun then was pastoral. Although resses, the whole aspect of the country was peaceful. Its fortifications were hidden be-neath rolling green hills.

But now a terrible mark stretches across what were once fair lands. It extends on both sides of the Meuse, marking on the north line where the Germans began their assault and on the south the line nearest Verdun they attained

It is a deep, black, blood-snaked gash. It begins on the west bank of the Meuse at out Avocourt and crossing the river runs to near Abaucourt. It is between twelve and fifteen miles in length. In width it varies from a few hundred yards at those points where the Germans made least head-way to a maximum depth of three miles, where, in their six months of struggling on the defensive, the Germans made their greatest approach. Within the limits of this marrow crooked strip of land are found
Mort Homme, Hill 304, Crows Wood, Cumieres, Douaumont, Thiaumont, Vaux,
Fleury, Chenoise and a score of other woods,
Froi de Terre, Pepper Hill and a dozen
other stops fought over for days and weeks

WHERE ROYAL HOPES DIED. This is the graveyard of the Crown Prince's hopes, too

There is nothing in this strip to meet eye but shell-churned mud-and mud such impalpable fragments of earth. stone, timber and human bodies that a chemical analysis would be necessary to determine what the tragments are. The strip is one vast pockmarked area. It is impregnated with the decaying flesh of its dead and with slimy, putrid water in the

Those who died on this strip-and the number mounts to more than a million-had little if any chance of eyer finding an-other grave. Any effort to carry off the dead meant merely an additional sacrifice of life. Before any human being could ar-rive to carry off a dead soldier it was far more probable that the body would be struck by a shell and driven deep into the muddy, blood-stained earth. A little later another shell, close by, might bring it again to the surface. Others might scatter the to the surface. Others might scatter the human fragments everywhere. The elements of human flesh now impregnate every cubic inch of this soil. Authorities doubt whether the strip will ever again regain its fertility. They think for years to come it will show the horrors of the days that are past by its monstrous, glaring lack of verdure; by its black, shriveled soil and its hideousness across the face of finite what will later blaces are blaces. Seids that will later bloom and blossom. All the horror of Verdun is centered there.

But if this tragedy and ghastliness is written broad on the strip there are other portions of the field in general where one might even be proud of what human genius and human will can accomplish—if it were possible to forget the hideousness of the

GIGANTIC MILITARY DEPOT

For miles back of the battle front the lls and valleys of the Meuse and of Verdun have been transformed into one gigantic military depot. To appreciate what now exists back of Verdun it must be remembered that this great establishment did not exist at 7:15 a. m. one year ago. Instead of the scores of railway lines that now cross-check the whole contributory territory for twenty miles back there was only one winding railway that led into Verdun.

It must be remembered that in place of the many bridges now spanning the Meuse and scores of them crossing the entire Meuse valley, there existed only the half dozen structures necessary to supply the

ds of a peaceful rural population. It must be remembered that in place of the half dozen great railway military de-pots, many with scores of tracks, there formerly existed none. Nor were there hospitals, aviation camps, artillery parks, engineering depots, staff headquarters, troop barracks, cavairy sheds, munitions depots, argares and all the multitudinous spots, garages and all the multitudinous grices that make up the great army ganizations of today.

Last, but not least, the battlefield of edun, as it stands today, and, above all, see unending miles of perfected over te unending miles of perfected organ-ion, bring sharply to mind the man who sted it all, the one man who built up machinery to save Verdun. As a just impense he now heads the French les. He is building up the entire French of the control of the control of the control of the day.

at man to General Nivelle.

er Refrigeration Rates Refused

ANTI-RUM TIDAL WAVE SWEEPING COUNTRY

Advent of Nation-Wide Prohibition Merely Waits State Elections, Advocate Says

90 PER CENT OF U. S. "DRY"

"Boozeless" Trips From Atlantic to Pacific and Gulf to Arctic Now Possible

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.-The advent of na CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—The advent of na-tion-wide prohibition is merely a question of waiting now until the time of elections in various States, in the opinion of E. J. Davis, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Chicago.

The real work of eliminating 'hooze' from the nation has already' been accom-plished and national prohibition, Davis said, is certain to come, through the State-by-State process or through an angeodment

State process, or through an amendment to the Federal constitution. The dry propaganda has met with sweep-

ing success during the last fall and winter. Summarizing the results he explained how it is now possible to travel from the At-lantic const to the Pacific coast by several different routes - Phont once ent-ring "wet"

It is also possible, he said, to travel from the Mexican border to the Arctic circle

the Mexican border to the Arctic circle through absolutely dry territory.

"The States are all failing into line. I venture the prediction that by the end of next year there will only be two States south of the Mason and Dixon line and east of the Mississippi where a drink may be legally purchased—in Kentucky and Louiston.

b have enacted statutory prohibition sures; the Federal Government, after nitting the question to the people of Alaska, has added that territory to the long the range in railroad work has been dry list, after the people declared in favor copflorally wide. Mr. Loomis started a NINETY PER CENT OF U.S. DRY

According to Egures of the Illinois Anti-Salson League ninety per cent of the area of the United States is dry; 66,000,000 people live in dry territory; sixty-five per cent of the total population of the country cannot buy a drink and twenty-five States are ready fully dry. A survey of prohibition activities reveals

slow but certain encroachment upon the critory in "black" on the antis' map. Nebraska has voted dry, effective May I. The prohibition bill, with stringent regula-

ons, is now up in the House. Arkansas has substituted a bone dry negsure for one which permitted shipments. Kansas, dry, is considering a bill which takes it an offense even to have "booze"

lowa is dry by legislative enactment and he Legislature will submit to voters the uestion of making a constitutional provi-

Oklahoma, already dry, probably will ote on a bill already passed by pranches of the Legislature, prohibiting

which if carried at the 1918 election, will will make the State dry July 1, 1920. NATION COMING AROUND

North Dakota, a)though dry since admis-sion, has adopted further shipment regula-Michigan has voted dry, effective May 1 1918, and is now enacting necessary legis-

The South Dakota Legislature has adopted referendum measure to be voted on in 918. Wisconsin is considering a dry refere

dum bill during the present legislative session. It will come up February 28.

Texas Prohibitionists, lacking only one vote in the Senate to pass a prohibition amendment, are strong in the House and threaten to block all other legislation by

therefore the amendment constantly before the lower branch unless it is passed. California saloons are being more strin-gently regulated and drys are thing up for a smashing drive on booze two years

Oregon is bone dry. Both houses of the Washington Legislaare have adopted a bone dry measure which awaits the Governor's signature. The Illinois Senate has passed a State-wide prohibition referendum bill. The vote in the House will be close.

The Indiana Legislature has enacted leg-inlation to close the State's saloons April

AMENDMENTS TO BILL ON SHIPPING AGREED ON

Provisions Made by House Committee Over Transfer of Vessels During National Emergency

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—A bill incor-porating amendments to the shipping bill designed for use in time of national emergency was agreed on today by the House Merchant Marine Committee and will be reported to the House tomorrow.

The bill provides principally that: No American shall purchase a vessel fly ing the flag of a country at war unless with the consent of the President.

During national emergency vessels under construction for foreign citizens shall be tendered to the shipping board or the space and facilities necessary for such construc-tion shall be offered the board.

No vessel during an emergency shall be

sold, leased or chartered to any person without the board's consent.

If a contract for a vessel for a foreigner is carried out the vessel shall not be navi-gated without the board's consent. vessel enrolled under the United States laws shall have as an officer a citizen of a country with which the United States is at war or of any ally of such

country.

The provision in the existing law that the board shall not purchase any vessel less than 75 per cent perfect is reduced to 50 per cent.

HAD WRONG NAME IN HER WILL Suit Brought Against Executor to Test Claim to Bequest

Proper interpretation of the will of the late Mrs. Harriett Nicholis, of Salem, N. J., was sought today by Walter R. Cook, who brought suit in the Chancery Court against J. Warren Davis, executor of the estate, to test his claim as beneficiary.

Mrs. Nicholls, who died in April, 1913, left an estate valued at \$180,000. She made bequests of \$5000 each to Frank H. Cook and Harry N. Cook and other mem-bers of the Cook family, of Salem. As there was no Frank H. Cook in existence. the Court decided that Mrs. Nicholis had Cook in mind at the time of making her will.

Butcher Fined for Short Weight

Short weight to customers today cost Benjamin Baranofski, a butcher at 1732 Broadway, Camden, \$10 and costs imposed Broadway, Camden, \$10 and costs imposed by Recorder Stackhouse. The evidence against him was furnished by Mrs. George Kruck, wife of Camden's scaler of weights and measures. She testified that she bought goods at his store yesterday to the amount of \$1.74 and then took it to another store where it was weighed and she learned the cost should have been \$1.52. Recorder Stackhouse said similar offenders hereafter would be still more severely dealt with.

Fined for Violating Traffic Law

E. E. LOOMIS HEADS LEHIGH VALLEY R. R.

Succeeds E. B. Thomas as Active Head of Corporation-Change Not Unexpected

COMES FROM D., L. AND W.

Has Had Wide Experience in Railroad and Mining-Mr. Thomas Becomes Chairman of Board

Edward E. Loomis today was elected president of the Lebigh Valley Bailroad. Mr. Loomis is vice president of the Dela wave Inchawarma and Western Pallroad He succeeds E B Taomas, who has re signed, and has been elected chairman of he board of directors and will also act a hairman of the finance and executive com nittees. Mr. Thomas was also elected a lirector of the company, taking the place of Edward S. Moore, resigned.

From time to time during the last year reports had been current in railroad and financial circles that there would be a change in the presidency of the company. confirmation of these reports could not be fore, when the announcement of the elec-tion of Mr. Leomis was made following a meeting of the board of directors this morning, it did not cause any surprise.

Mr. Leomis will now take up the rein

The Legislatures of Iowa, South Da-among the younger ratiroad officials Kota Wyoming, Nevada Minnesota and New Mexico have passed submission tills during their present sessions. Indiana and Valley from the Erre.

Mr. Loutn's, who is not yet fifty years old, comes to the Lebigh Valley with a lot of valuable experience behind bim, as on the law department of the Denver and Rio Grande Hailroad. went into the office of the general super intendent of the Eric Rallroad. In 189 he was made superintendent of the Tion after he had been advanced to this post that there was added to his duties the entire management of the Bloomsburg Conf-Company, with its large bituminous mining Agores on her way across and lumber interests.

He was appointed general superintend-ent of the New York, Susquehanna and ent of the New York, Susquehanta and Western Railroad and the Wilkes-Barre and Eastern Railroad in 1898. When these dent W. H. Truesdale, of the Lackawanna, started his reorganization policy in 1899, he splanted We. he selected Mr. Loomis as active manager of the coal interests. In 1992 he was elected senior vice president of the road. Mr. Loomis has played a very important

art in the reconstruction and reorganizaof the Lackawanna.

His work has not been confined to rail-and and mining husiness. He is a trusroad and mining business. He is a trus-ee of the American Surety Company, dithe Coal and Iron National Bank. As ex-ecutor of the late Samuel L Clemens, he is president and director of the Mark Twain Company. He is also director of the Temple. The captain of the Mongolia is Edward. Iron Company and of Prizma, Incorporated, He is treasurer and director of the Moses Taylor Hospital and director of the Piay-ground and Recreation Association of America. He is also president and director of the Harlem Transfer Company, vice president and director of the Morris and Essex Railroad, vice president and director of the Hoboken Ferry Company and direc-tor in various subsidiary and allied com-panies which are part of or closely con-nected with the Lackawanna Baltrond,

twenty-three in number.

Mr. Loomis is a member of the American
Institute of Mining Engineers, the Chamber
of Commerce of the State of New York, and the following New York clubs: The Metrpolitan Club. The Bacers, The Italiro Club of New York, also The Westmerela Club of Wilkes-Barre, The Scranton Club the Country Club of Scranton and of the Baltuerol Golf Club.

SHORE HOTELMEN SEEK TO HALT BIG-GUN TESTS

Bills in Legislature Would Curb Bethlehem Steel Proving Grounds

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 21.—Two bills introduced at Trenton by Senator Eichards, of Atlantic City, one forbidding the firing of shot and shell exceeding six inches in diameter within twenty miles of any city of a population of more than 20,000, and the other providing a popular of \$100 for each shot fixed in violation of the first measure, represent nove in the fight of shore hotel men t prevent the Bethlebem Sieel Corporation trying out fourteen-inch guns on its ne proving ground near Mays Landing.

The large area purchased and cleared by the steel company at a cost exceeding half a million dollars along the great Egg Har-bor River is approximately within seven-teen miles of Atlantic City, and the assettion has been made by representatives of hotel syndicates with more than \$10,000,000 at stake that the firing of great guns would have a tendency to drive nervous

persons and invalids generally from the coast resorts all along the south shore.

Interests friendly to the Bethiehem Steel Company today said the Legislature might as well forbid the use of the Mays Landing. range altogether as to fix a limit for ris-inch guns, since the company has made every arrangement to try out the largest guns built over the ten-mile range, extending from Mays Landing toward the coast.

A writ of certiorari to review in the Supreme Court the closing of twenty odd roads on the new range was granted hotel men vesterday.

HUNDREDS AT FUNERAL OF SLAIN ARSENAL MAN

Police Watch Services for Samuel Jenkins, Hoping to Find Clue to Murderers

The funeral of Samuel Jenkins, an electrician of the Frankford Arsenal, who was killed Saturday night, was held this after-neon at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sarah Butterfield, 3422 Howell street, Wissi-

noming.
Hundreds of persons viewed the body and crowded the sidewalk as the funeral cortege was being formed. City Hall detectives kept watch for persons that might act in a suspicious manner. The casket was surrounded by many floral tributes, including a large design sent by the employes of the Arsenal.

The services were conducted by the Rev. Charles Faunce, of Philadelphia, who was recently ordained. Mr. Faunce was a friend of Jenkins, having been previously employed in the Arsenal. The pall bearers were Samuel Stradling, Richard Stradling, Curtis Henry and Stanley Trestin, four nephews. Jenkins was shot at Torresdale avenue near Bridge street, presumably by footpads. An hour before he was shot and killed. Valentine Kuhm, a drier, of 4646 Richmond street, and his helper, Conrad Beck, of 6132 Torresdale avenue, were held up by two men near the same spot. of Jenkins, having been previously employed

Only Patrols Active, Petrograd Reports PETROGRAD, Feb. 31.—Only receiving activities and infantry firing



EDWARD E. LOOMIS

Mr. Loomis was today elected president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He is vice president of the Lackawanna Railroad. He suc ceeds E. B. Thomas, resigned. Mr Thomas becomes chairman of the board of directors and will also ac as chairman of the executive and finance committees.

THREE SHIPS, DEFYING U-BOATS, REACH U. S.

Two American Ships Leave New York for War Zone-Tanker

NEW YORK, Peb. 21.— Seven ships, three of which came from the "barred gone," arrived here today. The trio that braved the I boat peril were the Rawson, from Cardiff, Wales; the Luciline, from Havre, and the Maidan, which came from an umanued English port. The Rawson, an unnamed English port. The Rawson, which sten the American stag put in at

The first American Line steamshin to leave this port since the German sun-mbrine warning was issued—the Mon-golia—today is past Sanny Hook and on her way to Europe. She was followed closely by the American freighter Al-gorigin. Both are bound for London and are the first American vessels to sail from here for a Bettish part since Germany. here for a British port since Germany

to pass out of the harbor, to admit her sailing. She is a vessel of 12,639 tons. never having flown any tlag except American. No attempt was made to dis-

of the hold of the St. Louis, where Paul when she arrives here tomorrow from Liverpoot.

Speculation today as to the probable cause of the cancellation of American

one railings was along two different line One was that if might mean the half de-cision of the Gyermoent not to aid in arming ships flying the American flag. The other was that the present interme-tional crisis had caused the Government to notify the ship's owners that they might be needed for auxiliary mixal work. The Philadelphia and the New York, under the many largest and Yak, were a used to tames Harvard and Valo, were so used in

tames Harvard and valo, were so used in-the Spanish-American War.

Armed with a rapid-fire gun and carrying a cargo of 1000 horses, the Italian steam-ship Napoli sailed for Italy today. The borrees are for use by the Italian army. Among the crew are a number of ex-sea-men from the Italian navy. The Napoli

word two more ships from New York today. They are the Carnathia and An-sonia, both bound for Liverpool, Passen-gers had been booked for both vessels. The dispatching of two ships at once is it

The Standard Oil Company made prepara tions to send another tank steamship today, She is the Communipaw, from Bayonne, N. J., for an unnamed British port.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 21. The first American scanneling to heave the nort to penetrate the war zone pro-lained in the Garland Steamship Com-sury I is the Garland Steamship Comsteamshin Rockingham, Cantain C. I. Edwards, which sailed this moreing fo

She is loaded with a general cargo, much f which might be regarded by a subma-ine commander as contraband. In her rew of forty nien, twenty-four are editions of the United States, ten being patives of he Hawaitan Islands.

Liverpool

CRIPPLED SHIP PUTS BACK

Curiesity was aroused in shipping cir-les today when word reached the Maritime exchange that the Danish steamship Us ick Holm, which left Reed street wharf for turned back and was on her way here for

A singular thing was that the matter as not reported at the Breakwater sta-on. It is thought she was damaged by the ice and her condensers are in bad was seen this morning coming up the Delaware.

President Names Postmasters

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—The President today nominated the following President today nominated the following postmasters: Pennsylvania, Daniel J. O'Brien, Everson; Camilia W. Adams, East McKeesport, New Jersey—Frank Ferry, Jr., Bay Head; John B. Geary, South Plainfield; Walter R. Ruff, Neshanic Station; George A. Clark, Scotch Plains; William C. Snyder, Avon-by-the-Sea; Alley B. Ayres, Island Heights; Daniel E, McCallion, Lakehurst.

Insulators for Pull Socket Chains

Splicing links and insulators are nov available for use on pull socket chains, which can be used either as a splicing link or an insulator or for both. The in-sulators are for use mostly in baths, kitchens and basements, where there is a possibility of the consumer's circuit becoming grounded or a transformer breaking down and causing a high voltage on the house ircuit, with fatal results to any one touch ing the pull socket chain under the umstances.

Statistics of Cancer

At the request of the American Society for the Control of Cancor, the United States Census Rureau has prepared a monograph presenting, in much greater detail than in the mortality reports issued by the bureau, statistics relating to deaths from cancer and other malignant tumors throughout the registration area in the year 1914. Deaths are classified inder seven general headings and twenty-seven subdivisions, each indinating the particular part or organ of the body affected. The Public Health Envise

BISHOP GARLAND MAKES | SPANISH 'HEIR' HELD PLEA FOR PATRIOTISM

Tells First Lenten Congregation at St. Stephen's Nation Is Near Losing Soul

With the "Curse of Selfishness" as the keynote of his sermon, the Right Rev. Thomas J. Garland, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, preached at 12:30 o'clock to the first of a series of Lenten services for business people at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Teath street

above Chestaut.
"In the present great erists of the metton," said the Bishop, "there is needed mobilization of Christians, because we erously close to leading our own soul.

s Christians must stand ready to dis-Christ or for our brethrest, and we must be ready to light every form of injustice.

That man is neither a patriot no
Christian who does not maintain that

nation must be a leader in upholding the who hold to the idea that service to the nation is not compatible with service to

women from the business district of the city. Preceding the service Henry Clorder Thunder gave a short organ resital.

CALLS FOR RELIGION TO PURIFY BUSINESS

The Rev. Dr. H. A. Weller, president of the Lutheran Ministertina of Prensylvania and adjacent States, preached today in Old it John's Church, Pace street become Sixth.

erning modern conceptions, and men are frawing a dividing line between their reli-tion and their daily dealings with one anther. They grow apprehensive, and watch with a soul-pervousness which bodes deaster est a bit of religion injects itself into our usiness life and subjects it to ills for which system and business efficiency can

We perform our daily work and attend our religious duties at reparate tin and under vastly different surroundings Still we seek fruit—one kind of fruit in our business trial balances and another in ur souts' trial balances. And if any herould mark the result of it all, the answer rolling westward, across the Atlantic om torn and bleeding nations, where the oits of the trial balances of business are being awallowed up in the gulfs and trenches which evidence the harrowing deficits in the ledger balance of hopoless,

DR. WASHBURN PLEADS FOR RIGHTEOUS NATION

Individual and Collective Christianity America's Great Need, Lenten Speaker Says

Appeals to live a life of righteonsness of godliness, individually, in business of in politics, were made by the liev Dr. pairs C. Washburn at the noonday Leuten Christ Church, Second street ove Market

above Market.

"We are meeting indeed in critical times." the speaker said. "Our time is precious and what we need is results. This country needs a generation of men question naturally arises. What is to come of the soul of America these days? mendous change in the national life of both France and England? It is that a great enthusiann and grim determination have arisen to save the nation, or to die for the nation if necessary. It is the spirit of the men who have volunteered which

of the men who have volunteered which has brought this change about. 'The same results are needed in America. We must make Jesus Christ the dominant figure of our lives. We must show the figure of our lives. We must show the same grim determination to live righteously. We need it individually, we need it politically. We must do away with pettiness and graft. The city needs it, the nation needs it. This is the season in which to make the start.

"TIME TO RENEW OUR FAITH"

Rev. Francis S. Sheehan, in Lenten Ser-

mon, Admonishes Humility Lent is the season to renew our faith hope and love for God, said the Rev Francis SaSheehan, who spoke at the noon Evangelist. Thirteenth street

above Chestnut. Father Sheehan told the congregation of to think too much of worldly things, but a look forward to the promise of salvation. Thust you are, and to dust you must re-urn." he said. "You are put on this earth ucn." he said. to serve God, and His real message is some-thing higher than earthly things. Each day you should train yourself by some act of elf-denial and penance to observe the season

Lent."
The speaker admonished the people to ive a life of sobriety.

BISHOP GIVES LENTEN TALK Older Men Should Set Example Younger, Dr. Talbot Says

A heart-to-heart talk or a talk without text is the way the Right Rev. Ethelbert Tallot, Episcopal Bishop of Bethlehem, to-day described his sermon at the noonday Leuton services held at Old St. Paul's burch on Third street, below Walnut

The older men should furnish gos a ples for the younger neal," said the Bishon. "This season of the year, or the Lenton season, is the time when all mankind should look over his religious stock and take accounts of his assets. He shall find that he has failed in many instances

turing the last year."

The Bishop spoke for a period of ten min-ites. The service was largely attended.

SUSPECT POISON PLOT

One Dead, Three Seriously Ill, After Partaking of Meal

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 21. - Mrs. Probocevos Lanzarotta, twenty-seven years old, of Chicago, died in the Allegheny General Hospital yesterday afternoon the victim of a supposed poison plot. Her husband, Joseph Lanzarotta, Josephine Spagnola, eighteen years old, and Anna Spagnola, eleven years old, are seriously ill. All were stricken following a meal in the home of Joseph Spagnola, of Ambridge, father of Josephine Physicians at the hospital were baffled

regarding the nature of the poison, None McAdoo to Marry Slav Diplomat WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Mrs. McAdoo, daughter of the President, this afternoon announced the engagement of Mr. McAdoo's daughter. Nona Hazlehurst McAdoo, to Ferdinand De Mohrenschildt, second sec-retary of the Imperial Russian Embassy

National Enameling Will Pay More NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The National Enameling and Stamping Company has declared a dividend of 4 per cent for the year on its common stock. 2 per cent being payable May 15 to holders of record April 26 and 2 per cent November 15 to holders of record October 27. The last disburgages

HERE AS SWINDLER

Many Witnesses Testify Prisoner Mulcted Them of Money and Jewelry

Giovannil Cucinotta, twenty years old, of Chicago, Baltimore, Cleveland, New York, Boston and also Madrid, Spain, who

York, Boston and also Madrid, Spain, who the police say becomes an heir to a large Spanish estate every twenty-four hours, today was held in \$5000 bail by Magistrate Yates, at the Front and Master streets station, after ten men and several women had testified against him.

After being held by Magistrate Yates, the prisoner was taken before Magistrate Benton, at the central station, who held him in \$500 bail on a similar charge pre-tried by Frank Ehrenberg, of \$13 Spring larden street, who swore that the defendant had fleeced him out of \$120.

Detectives Agnew and Hayne testified that within the past two weeks Cucimotia had swindled the complainants out of \$2111 in cash, many wedding rings, earnings and

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in cash, many wedding rings, carrings and other jewelry.

Every once in a while, the police say cucinotta bobs up in some city and approaches a foreigner and relates how he has fallen as heir to an optate consisting of thousands of acres of land in Spain. He also tells his prespective victim that his deceased relative had left him \$3000 in Spanish money which he claims to have on his person. He asks his victim where he can be a change the Spanish coin into can go to change the Spanish coin into American noney. The victim leads him to a steamship office. On the way to the steamship office Cucinotta complains of art trouble. "I can't walk any further and give me \$200 in cash and I'll be satis-

Many of the complainants testified that Many of the complainants testified that they went to their bank and drew out \$200 or more which they gave their Spanish friend. Cucinotta would go away. The victim on opening the package would find that it contained old paper and dirty rags. The police say that in many cases where the prisoner couldn't get cash from his victims be would take their jewelry.

U. S. SUES TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR MARINE CORPS

Begins Proceeding for Condemnation of Tracts Needed to Enlarge Quartermaster's Department

Condemnation proceedings by the Gov eriment to acquire two pieces of land in the rear of the Quartermaster's depot. of the United States Marine Corps. outhwest corner of Broad and Washington evenue, for the purpose of enlarging the marters, were instituted in the Federal

Court today by Assistant United States Dis-triet Attorney Edwin S. Kremp. Inability of the Navy Department to agree with the owners of the land over the purchase price necessitated the court pro-ceedings by the Government to acquire the land to make the much-needed physical ex-

tension of the quartermaster's depot.

Congress on August 29, 1916, appropriated \$175,000 as the maximum cost for the acquisition of the land and the erection of a large new building, but recently Con-pression J. Hampton Moore introduced a bill to increase the appropriation for this improvement to \$375,000. No action has yet been taken by Congress on Mr. Moore's oposed amendment.
The quartermaster's depot extends west

from Broad street on both Washington aveme and Alter street. The two strips of is owned by Mary E. Haunt and her hus band, Harry, and the premises are now eccupied by Field & Co, who also have a place at 721-22 Arch street, and A. M. Finkbeiner, agent for Pabst Brewing Company, holding a second five-year lease which has about two and a half years to The other property, which adjoin the Haupt premises, and which fronts or Alter street, is owned by Miss Sarah Fair-ley and is occupied by Fairley Brothers.

BIGGEST NAVAL BILL REPORTED IN SENATE

House Adds \$128,000,000 to Original Estimates for Program

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21. \$128,000,000 as it passed the House the Administration's mayal bill—the biggest in the history of the country—was reported to the Semale today by Senator Tillman.

chairman of the payal committee. The bill as revised carries a total of nearly a balf billion dollars and authorizes the President to communiteer private ship the President to communacer private sup-yards and munitions plants in time of war. The \$128,000,000 increase—a giant ap-propriation in itself—was added after greatest pressure from the Navy Depart-ment. President Wilson, as well as Sec-retary of the Navy Daniels, appeared in person at the Capitol while the bill was

The biggest item, of increase is \$115,-006,000 for the immediate completion of war vessels now under construction. This of \$35.000,000 from that asked is a reduction of \$55.009,000 from that asked by the Navy Department. It is stipulated that \$35,000,000 be ex-pended for completion of submarines. Limit of cost of seagoing submarines is placed at \$1,200,000 each, and of coast sub-marines at \$1,200,000 each.

GRADS FROM FAR AND WIDE AT U. OF P. ALUMNI DAY

Veteran Sons of Old Penn and Undergraduates Take Part in * Exercises

Graduates and former students at the niversity of Pennsylvania returned today to their alma mater, where they participate/
with the undergraduates in the exercises
of Alumei Day. From all parts of the
country the veteran sons of Old Penn came
at the lure of the annual pligrimage to the
shrine of their student boyhood. Others braved the dangers of the mined and sub-marine-infested ocean to mingle with their former schoolfellows and renew the ac-

former schoolellows and renew the ac-quaintances of their youth.

They strolled over the campus and, under escort of undergraduate guides, were con-ducted through the University buildings, while, as a feature of this year's observance. the alumni were taken into classes and laboratories during the lectures. Franklin Field attracted many former stars of track and field,
Alumni and students assembled in the chapel at 12:30 o'clock, where brief exer-cises, addressed by several alumni, were held. Luncheon at Houston Hall followed.

The alumni meeting, held in Houston Hall this afternoon, is being devoted largely to discussion of the medical merger. Pro-vost Smith and Dr. William E. Ashton are the principal speakers. The alumni dinner at 6:30 o'clock closes the exercises. orrow alumni and students will par ticipate in University Day.

REPUBLICANS DEFEAT TREATY WITH COLOMBIA Opposition Members of Senate Foreign

Relations Committee Beat Plan to Help Guard Canal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—President Wilson's efforts to revive the Colombian treaty as a step toward guaranteeing the safety of the Panama Canal in case of war with Germany failed today when Republi-can members of the Senate Foreign Rela-tions Committee declined to withdraw their

DARBY 'L' HEARING SET FOR TUESDAY

Public Service Commission Announces It Will Sit at Harrisburg

NO REPLY BY TWINING

Director Refuses to Answer Taylor's Declaration That Lease Terms Are Good

The Public Service Commission amounced at Harrisburg today that, next Tuesday public hearing would be held there upon the city's application for a certificate of public convenience for the construction of the elevated line to Darby. The commision announced that only the Darby "L" could be considered and indicated that the tire board might att.

entire board might sit.

The application for the Darby line was
filed several weeks after the blanket application covering all the other lines. This
may be remon for the commission's desire
to take up this line for further consideration. Since this spur of the high-spead
system, however, was considered last week
at the hearing in this city with all the system, however, was considered last week at the hearing in this city with all the-other lines, there is considerable specula-tion as to the purpose of the hearing. Transit Director Twining refused today

to answer or to comment upon the state, ment issued by ex-Transit Director A. Mer-ritt Taylor, in Florida, urging the citizens to stand by the proposed lease to the Phila-delphia Rapid Transit Company and ask that it be patified without delay.

NO ANSWER TO TAYLOR

I refuse how, as I did a year ago," said he Director, "to enter into any personal outroversy with Mr. Taylor, I am interested now solely in the analysis of the posed lease, and until I have made my report to the Mayor complete I will not disas the matter publicly.

"After my report goes to Mayor Smith, and to Councils then if will be time to take steps to work out of the present proposal-some form of a lease which will be fair and "What I am doing in my report is to point out what terms the city cannot accept in the P. R. T. proposal. I propose also, to offer modifications and amendments ust to all parties."

which will, I hope, straighten out the situ-"I do not have a counterdraft of a lease to offer. In fact, I do not think that any one person should draw up a lease. TWINING'S EXPLANATION

The Director said there was another phase. of the company's proposal to which be was likely to object. He said that, as he saw it, the city, under the present terms, should it take over the company's property at the t take over the company's property at the expiration of the fifty-year lease, would have to pay twice for the equipment which has Mr. Twining said the lease provides that

Mr. Twining said the lease provides that to cover the cost of equipment and to liquidate this cost at the end of the term of the lease a staking fund shall be established. The payments to the sinking fund shall, the lease provided, according to the Twining analysis, constitute one of the fixed charges the payment of which the city must guarantee. Therefore, the Director holds, the city would have to guarantee the payments to liquidate the first salter the payments to liquidate the first antee the payments to liquidate the first cost of equipment and at the termination of the lease would have to pay again for this same equipment should it decide to take The first cost for equipment, it has been disasted, will range anywhere from \$14,-10,600 to \$12,000,000. In addition to this,

of the expiration of the lease the equipment tow which the city must pay double or may amount to \$50,000,000. It is expected that former Director Taylor will make a detailed answer to Director Twining's various criticisms as soon as these have been made public in the Director's report to the Mayor and Councils. This report

ill be ready for the Mayor when he return

owever, new equipment will have to be

rem Florida the last of this month, the francit Department head has announced. Frank R. Ford, of Ford, Bacon & Davis, lew York experts employed by the Mayor o analyze the lease, had a conference with the final details of the experts' report.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the Director will go over the provisions of the lease to which he objects with the law and transportation committees of the United Busihave delayed their report to the United Association upon the lease until they can

hear the Director's views. Bishop McDevitt Announces Changes HARRISBURG, Feb. 21.—The Right Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, Catholic Bishop of the Harrisburg diocese, today made pub-tic the following changes in the clergy of the diocese: The Right Rev. M. M. Hassett, from St. Patrick's Cathedrai, 1981, Pa.; to St. Edward's Church, Shamokin, Pa.; the Rev. D. J. Carey, St. Francis, Harris-

burg, to Cathedral, Harrisburg. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

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