chably the case will be held in abeyance if after the war to avoid damaging elathos which might help the enemy, it has been learned from a member of papal entourage that the Pope has accessed his gratitude to the Italian Government for withholding information conning the espionage scandal in which the ing the explanate the reactive dismissed the plant of the reactive dismissed the plant of the reactive dismissed dismisse

anti-derical agitation and sparing the Pope from unjust suspicion. The Austro-German press is conducting a campaign to restore temporal power to the Pope, hoping to restrain the Pope from condenning submarine excesses. The actual effect is declared to be an increased as-gurance that the Pope vigorously condemns submarine ruthlessness.

CHILDREN CAN'T STEAL RIDES; COPS ON WATCH

Drastic Step Necessary to Reduce Accidents-Jail for the Offenders

Drastic supervision by the police to stop accidents resulting from children stealing rides will henceforth be enforced. Director of Public Safety Wilson said today. Such a step is deemed necessary to reduce casualto a minimum.

The general order reads:

The numerous fatal accidents on the city

The numerous Islai accidents on the city streets of late, resulting from children stealing rides on the sides of and the reas of passenger railway cars, automobiles, trucked other vehicles, are such as to demand the attention of every member of the beautof Police.

great the offenders, charged with trespass and send the children, if under sixteen years of age, to the House of Detention. If over sixteen years of age, send the prisoners to the station house."

Married Twenty-seven Years

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Antrim have been married twenty-seven years and will observe the anniversary with a quiet fam-ily dinner tonight. Mr. Antrim expects to mend the day at his office. He has long been known to the public through his en-thishetic fight in reform political circles in the Thirty-second Ward. He has served in Select Council. Mr. Antrim and Mrs. An-tim are both church workers and promi-ment in the affairs of the Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

Police Court Chronicle A black cat is a bundle of bad luck. It pells trouble and carries gloom wherever

R goes. At least that's how Howard Johns Whenever such a feline crossed the path of Johns gloom of some kind usually followed. The last time Howard went to a hospital he remembered that a dark-complexioned feline had jumped in front of him just before the trip.

If Johns encountered such an animal on his way to work he always returned home rather than take any chances of trouble. Things were looking rosy for Howard, who

is a rather sincere negro, as he walked and whistled along Haverford avenue. But as be neared Thirty-ninth street he felt some-thing brush against his legs. He looked down. It was a black cat. Johns grabbed it by the tail and swung it around through the air. The cat was one of those mid-night contraites. It emitted a number of listressing notes in almost human voice Policeman Ferguse A heard the commotion and, drawing his revolver, hurried in the direction of the excitement. Johns was swinging the cat in Indian club

"Ah nebbah lets a black cat kum across ma paff," said Johns when arraigned before "Ten dollars fine." replied the Judge



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Joan of Arc of War Awarded Croix de Guerre and Legion d'Honneur

Floods Canal Against Germans, Holding Foe Back 24 Hours-Rescues Many

By HENRY BAZIN Special correspondent in France of the Evening Ledger

PARIS, Jan. 25.

PARIS is the unwritten story of Marcelle A Semmer, a young woman of twenty-one years, and how it came to pass that among all the devoted, courageous members of her sex she is the only one to have been jointly decorated with the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre. She is, as well, the only woman in France to wear the latter and the youngest to wear the former. It was my privilege to shake her band the other day in a Paris hospital, where she is at present acting as a nurse or "infirmiere."

Marcelle Semmer is the shaughter of an Alsatian who, in common with many of his countrymen, elected to emerate to the years, and how it came to pass that among all the devoted, courageous members of her

his countrymen, elected to emigrate to the land of his forefathers ere military age forced him to service in the German army-He became duly naturalized as a French subject, settled in the village of on the Somme, where he met and married his wife, a native of Valenciennes. In this village Marcelle and her three brothers were born, and here they lived together after their parents death as before. They were simple people without great productions.

after their parents' death as before. They were simple people, without great instruction. living a clean, sans life, after the
manner of the great number of French
provincials. One brother has given he
ife for France, another is in convalescence
from a wound received isfore Yerdon, and
the third is in the army at Salonica.
Furing the German invasion of 1914 the
French endeavored to stop the enemy at
Marcelle Semmer's native village on the
Somme, but being in greatly inferior number retreated across the river and an adjoining canal under heavy fire. Most of
the inhabitants went with them; but Marcelle Semmer refused, because she had
taken it upon herself to look after two
aged women who were physically unable to

aged women who were physically unable to leave their native hearths.

After the French had crossed the canal, she opened wide the gates connecting it with the river, flooded the lowiand between, locked the gates in position, and threw the keys into the canal. She did this under



When after the delay imposed upon them by the courage of a single peasant woman if France, the Germans entered the village of they arrested the Mayor and several aged citizens as hostages after requisitioning all the food and supplies available. But Marcelle Senmer, who had taken able. But Marcele Semmer, who had taken refuge in a ceilar with her two aged charges and nine other enfechled people, knew where among the hones of her neighbors smoked and preserved food was to be found. All day she lay with her little company in hiding; but at night she salined forth to enfer other ceilars and tust her hand in the dark mon cellars and put her band in the dark upon supplies with which to sustain her panions. During these perilous jou she found and excepted to her cellar

MARCELLE SEMMER

heavy fire from German batteries to the rear. Her herole act retarded for full twen-ty-four hours the advance of a full Ger-man army corps, the time necessary to construct a ponton bridge over the wide space scupied by the river, the canal and the donded land between

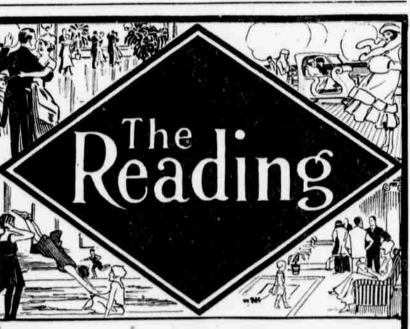
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wounds such care as she could with the means at her command. And in addition, she aided sixteen individual soldiers to pass the German pickets and escape to their own lines, a few kilometers away.

Upon the ninth night, as she was carrying food to a soldier who lay in a thicket with a broken leg, she was surprised by a Ger-man patrol, her wounded protege hayoneted and she was taken before the German commander, where after a short interrogation she was condemned to death. Refere sen-tonce was passed, and as she was asked to say whatever she would, she answered:

"This man you have killed is not the first of my countrymen I have aided and tried to save. I have helped sixteen out of your clutches, and each is sound and bearing arms against you. And you can do with me as you will. I am an orphan and have no other mother but France. It will not be hard to die for her. And I will not tell you where I have been hiding. Also, it was I who locked the gates and threw the keys in the canal." threw the keys in the canal."

threw the keys in the canal."

The next morning as she was being led to a wall against which she was to be shot a salvo of shells killed four of her would-be executioners, and the rest fled out of range, abandoning her. She immediately went, under fire from the guns of her France, in search of food for her charges, "who were hungry, as they had not received their simple cold dinner." Shortly afterward the French retook the village, how in ruins.

But there she stayed, aiding where she could, cooking and helping, doing all in her power for her charges, one of whom died in her aims from old age amid the sound of shell and shrapnel. One day while succoring a wounded soldier she received a slight wound in the shoulder. For many months she continued her devotion, long after. December 14, 1914, when she was decorated by General——with the Cross of the Legion and the Cross of War.

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Sorome her village passed from a French
to an English "secteur." She stayed on
nevertheless, doing for the English that

which she had done for the French. After noticing her devotion and hearing her his-tory of heroism, the English commander rendered her public homage in an order of the day forbidding that she be spoken to unless she first addressed, and commanding she be given an officer's salute by whosever in uniform that crossed her daily path

Six months ago she came to Paris, where she entered upon her present hospital work. This brave young French woman is mod-est and pleasing in appearance, of regular features, with luxurious brown hair and dark-brown eyes. She would not talk about herself, although she blushingly confirmed this story, which I obtained from others.

"That which I have done is nothing." she aid. "I am French, and it was in my blood to do. Thousands and thousands of my countrywomen would have gladly done the same 'pour la Patrie."

No doubt. It is constant evidence, this courage of the women of France. Nevertheless, in Marcelle Semmer, who wears the red ribboned Cross of the Legion upon her breast and the bronze of the Cross of War at her throat, I give homage.

WAR EXPERT CALLS FOR UNIVERSAL DRILL

E. Alexander Powell Scores Congressmen Who Fear Constituents' Views

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 -- At the request WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—At the request of the advisory commission of the Council for National Infense, E. Alexander Powell, author and war correspondent, spoke at Continental Memorial Hall on the military lessons of the great war and advocated universal military service for the United States. The fecture was delivered in connection with the exhibition of Tana feet of flims taken by military photographers, under the direction of the General State for the French Army and loaned by the French Goterment. The audience was

"A member of the House of Representa-tives told me yesterday." said Mr. Powell, "that he would commit political suicide were he to vote for universal service at this time. "To vote for it may be political sui-cide; to vote against it will be wholesale murder the first time you have to send your untrained boys out to defend you from the trained and schooled invader.' I replied. "Then perhaps you will regret that you did not risk political suicide in order to avoid murder." to avoid murder.

changes in the three Methodist Episcopa churches here at the conference, which meets in Atlantic City in two weeks. The Rev. J. W. Nickelson, of the Wesley Church, will be appointed paster of the First Church, Gloucester City The Rev. John R. Price, of Bethany Church, has asked for a change and probably will be appointed to a circuit. The Rev. Wright Eckersley, of Salem Church, will retire.

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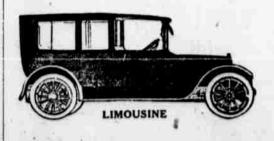
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