Prayers for strength and heavenly guid-Prayers for strength and neaventy guid-ance for President Wilson were offered this noon in Old Christ Church, where Presi-dent Washington used to worship, by the rector of the church, the Rev. C. L. Washburn, during the Lenten services.

"Help and strength is asked for the rulers of all nations, but especially for the President of the United States," prayed the Rev. M. Washburn, "in maintaining the right and seeking peace." A silken flag was unfurled beside the pulpit.

The sermon this noon was given by the Rev. Glies Knight, of the Emmanual Church, who took as his text the words of Christ. "I am the way, the truth and

"It matters little what the ancients said, that the philosophers say," said the Rev. Mr. Knight. "Our Master said these words in language that any one could understand. He speaks with an authority which no man can gainsay. He spake with such truth that after thousands of years His words the and millions of people believe in Him." e and millions of people believe in Him.'

BISHOP URGES PROPER USE OF GOD-GIVEN TALENTS

trying than to give up before we start and not put to good use the ability we have was the message of the Right Rev. Theodore Payne Thurston, Episcopal missionary bishop of Oklahoma, who spoke at the noonday Lenten service at St. Stephen's Epis-

Doctor Thurston used Christ's parableof the talents to prove his point.

"No one is ever blamed in the Bible," said Doctor Thurston, because he has little, but always because he does not put to good use what little he has. If we do not ese what we have it will soon come to be seless when we do want to use it, as in the case of the ancient Egyptian who stood on one leg on the top of a high pillar in order to keep himself aloof from the sins of the orld. When he did attempt to use his leg he found that he could not. Let us use whatever talents we have, no matter how small, and a crown of glory awaits us."

CHRIST FRIEND OF MAN, RATHER THAN HIS JUDGE

It was a day just like today, dark, dismal and dreary, that Christ was crucified, according to the Rev. George Herbert Toop, at the noon Lenten service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Third street below Wal-He said that Christ gave his life to show his friendship for mankind, a frieffd-ship which we can hardly attain.

He said that Christ is our friend, but we mostly take Him as a judge, a king and as comforter, but seldom do we take him as friend. He is our best friend, and can ow us a better friendship, an even great-friendship than that of Damon for Pythias. Therefore we should confide in

The way for us to be on good friendly terms with God is to lead a righteous Christian life, and His friendship will be

CHRIST'S SAVING GRACE, LENTEN SERMON THEME

It is entirely possible for any one to It is entirely possible for any one to live a life free from sin, to conquer every temptation, according to the Rev. Dr. Charles S. Hutchinson, pastor of St. Clem-ent's Episcopal Church, who spoke at the noonday Lenten service today at Old St. Peter's Church, Third and Pine streets. "Christ came to be the perfect son of God," said Doctor Hutchinson. "He is the

Second Adam, bringing a victory where the first Adam suffered a defeat. His victory has given us the strength to win a victory. No one who uses the grace of God can sin. We are not alone in the battle of tempta-We are not alone in the battle of tempta-tion as He was, for we have His will in addition to our own. Our wills need not bend nor need they break, but we must realize that we are in need of the help of His will and ask Him for it. With it we can withstand any difficulty, bear any cross and win any victory over the devil."

Great Bapaume Battle Now Raging

Continued from Page One by saving scores of thousands of German lives for use elsewhere in a last desperate attempt to force a decision this summer.

ANCRE RETREAT MAY PRECEDE TEUTON BLOW

LONDON, March 1.—"The British believe the German retreat plan is a strength-saving manieuver preceding a great German blow," declared H. W. Forster, financial sceretary to the War Office, in the House of Commons this afternoon.

"As a result of the Ancre pressure," Forster said, "the enemy retired on a twelve-mile front and the British have advanced to a depth of two miles, gaining ten villages and other important positions.

"The retreat is bound unfavorably to affect the German troops and the German people." LONDON, March 1 .- "The British believe

"EVACUATION" OF GROUND REPORTED BY BERLIN

BERLIN, March 1.
Evacution of German positions on both banks of the Ancre was admitted in an official statement issued by the War Office today. The statement follows:

"On both banks of the Ancre several days "On both banks of the Ancre several days ago, for special reasons, part of our advanced positions has been voluntarily and systematically evacuated and the defense has been placed into another prepared line. Our movement remained concealed from the enemy. Carefully acting rearguard posts hindered his troops, which groped forward only with hesitation, from occupying without fighting the strip of land which was abandoned by us and which was lying in ruins.

"Yielding in the face of numerically superior attack, as had been ordered, these minor detachments inflicted considerable sangulnary losses to the enemy and captured eleven officers, 174 of the ranks, as prisoners, and four machine guns, and still today dominate the forefield of our positions.

BRITISH PUSH PURSUIT OF TURKS NEAR KUT

LONDON, March 1. Cavalry and gunbeats are continuing the pursuit of beaten Turkish troops retreating from Kut el Amara, the official statement from the Mesopotamian front today said. Six guns, three mortars, eight mine throwers and thirty pontoons, in addition to a largo river vessel, were captured in Tuesday's fighting. Much bridge and other material also has fallen into the hands of the British troops.

RUSSIANS REGAIN GROUND ON KIMPOLUNG LINE

PETROGRAD, March 1. th of the high road between inpolung was recaptured by a night attack, the official

DIVORCED PERSONS GET LICENSES TO MARRY

Two of Today's Applicants for Permits to Wed Recently Freed From Prior Contracts

Two applicants who were recently granted divorces were among those who btained licenses this afternoon to wed.

Harry E. Seaman, of 208 North Thirty-second street—whose former wife, Ella Seaman, was granted a divorce from him last Monday, obtained a license to wed last Monday, obtained a lives at the Thirty-ware A. Foley, who lives at the Thirty-second street address. The couple will be married by Magistrate Tracy.

Sadie M. Butler, of 1546 North Alder treet, who was granted a divorce from ter former husband, Melvin Lemp, on the grounds of desertion, obtained a license to wed William B. Rose, of 1014 Crease street. After getting the divorce from her husband, the prospective bride resumed her maiden name. her maiden name

Other licenses granted follow:

her maiden name.

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Richard Pehninston. \$25 N. Burns st., and Metvina Flamer. \$12 Watts st.
Florindo Nocito. 1028 Emily st., and Concetta Di Glacomo. 632 Rainbridge st.
Charles T. Frieke. 2528 N. Philly st., and Anna Landon St. Pricke. 2528 N. Philly st., and Anna Landon St. Pricke. 2528 N. Philly st., and Anna Landon St. Pricke. 2528 N. Philly st., and Anna Landon St. Pricke. 2528 N. Philly st., and Anna Landon St. Pricke. 2528 N. Philly st., and Anna Landon Guerri. 2521 Chestnut st., and Landon Guerri. 2521 Chestnut st., and Raile Costelo. 903 Daly st.
Louis Savrin. 978 N. 6th st., and Beckie Heller. 820 N. Marshall st.
Samuel Chikin. 704 N. Frankin st., and Sarah Wolinsky. 600 Popilar st.
Morris Lando. 460 N. 4th st., and Dora Ogenzert. 473 N. 4th st.
Charles Laurence. 3d. Rordentown. N. J., and Florence A. Gable. 2433 W. Huntingdon st.
Basil Kenner. 3231 Aspen st., and Alberta Hall. 4231 Aspen st.
Harry J. Burwell. 5411 Pine st., and Martha Lloyd. 5821 Chestnut st.
Joseph Petrask. 2018 N. Lawrence st., and Margaret Naser. 717 N. Frankin st.,
Harry Koplin. 1714 N. Wilton st., and Ross. Rossiman. 1910 N. 7th st.
Wilson Betts. 4031 Ludlow st., and Eva Buffin. 1935 Websata South st., and Lessie. Wilson Holmers. 1800 Mt. Vernon st. and Grace W. Hughes. 1800 Mt. Vernon st. and Grace W. Hughes. 1800 Mt. Vernon st. and Grace W. Hughes. 1800 Mt. Vernon st. and Lessie. Thomas. 3933 Mt. Vernon st., and Lessie. Heath. 410 Freeland st.
Leward Maddox. La Mott. Pa.
Warren L. Ellis. Baltimoze, Md., and Lillian Cahn. 211 Dudley st.
Harry Turner. 3513 Allegheny ave., and Amanda E. Heath. 410 Freeland st.
Leward Holmer. 3932 Nice st., and Helen J. Harry L. Hughes. 1908 Spring st. and Gertrude F. Keiley. Supplier of the St. School St. and Louisa M. Gribin.

Elkton Marriage Licenses

ELKTON. Md., March 1.—The following couples procured marriage licenses here to-day as follows: Edward L. Lankford and Lena A. Smith. Leroy B. Jacobs and Anna Madden, Joseph A. Hurley and Elva I. Smith. Charles Hinke and Frances Matres, all of Philadelphia: Langes Leving and Philadelphia; James Irvine and Isabelle MacGaw, Chester; John E. Gebhart and Alice R. Clark, Wilmington; Roy Whitney and Neilie Strong, Havre de Grace, Md.; Isaac W. Hammond, Port Deposit, and Grace O. Cook, Laurel, Md.

Silk Mill to Double Capacity BEAVER MEADOW, Pa., March 1 .- The

McGowan slik mill, recently established here, and the first local industry outside of the anthracite mines, is to be enlarged to double its capacity. Heretofore girls and boys from Beaver Meadow went to Hazleton every day to work, but most of them are now engaged in the plant in their

\$300 REGENT (Blasius)

Mahogany, full

\$350 WAGNER

Walnut, large size, good

\$275 BELMONT Full size, mahogany case, \$165

Medium size. Mahogany \$180

\$400 ALBRECHT \$195

\$250 WESER BROS. \$125

\$300 BELLAK Large size, mahogany, good \$175

\$250 GILBERT State and \$125 on the state and the state and

Mahogany, large size, good \$150

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\$500 CHICKERING \$175

Medium size, mahogany \$150

City News in Brief

OVERDOSE OF A MINOR POISON, according to Deputy Coroner Schultz, was responsible for the death of Pauline Di Chino, fourteen days old, 1219 Catharine street. The child died today in the Howard Hospital. Dr. T. A. Greko, of the hospital staff, has been asked by the Coroner to appear at the inquest tomorrow.

the organization.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN GUERIN, of 2215 South Broad street, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary by a re-ception at App's Academy Broad and Por-ter streets. L. W. Pilot, chief ranger of the Pennsylvania Foresters, presented Mr. and Mrs. Guerin with a chest of silver on behalf of the order.

SUNSHINE HOME has purchased the three-story hotel, saloon and hall at the southeast corner of Fourth and Lehigh avenue, and will remodel the entire building for its own use. A campaign will soon be started to raise money to cover the cost of the building and its renova-The Sunshine Home located at 2609-11 North Sixth street, is a refuge for poor working girls, widows and deserted

was given at the residence of Mrs. Chari-ton Yarnall, at Seventeenth and Locust streets. German music made up the pro-gram given by the children, who come from families active in support of the Phila delphia Orchestra and other kindred move

noon at 3 o'clock in City Hall.

AID TO THE Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomp-kins, rector of Holy Trinity Church, has been given in the appointment of the Rev. Edgar Van Wright Edwards as assistant rector. Mr. Edwards was formerly in charge of the Epiphany Mission at Roy-

CLARENCE K. BAWDEN, noted mu-sician, has received the prize of \$100 of-fered by the Matinee Musical Club for a cantata for a female chorus and solo voices Mr. Bawden chose for his setting "The

TRAIL-HITTERS of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Broad and Venango streets, wel-comed Charles M. Alexander, evangelist, with a meeting at the church last night, at which more than 400 members of the church were present.

DR. EDWARD B. DEWHURST, tennis expert, has been operated on for appendi-citis. The operation was performed last night at the Medico-Chi Hospital, where

dent Wilson and will enlist in the event of war. Assurance to this effect was given today by the Rev. J. A. Godryczerector of St. Stanislaus, Third and Fitzwater streets.

PTOMAINE POISONING from esting canned fish caused the death of two-and-a-half-year-old Mary Schofield in her home at Thirty-third and Clearfield streets today. The cause of her death was given by Dr. Dorothy Donnelly, 213 Green lane, who was treating the child. treating the child.

THE CHORAL UNION of Philadelphia will start a campaign for 1000 new asso-ciate members. It has been decided to issue books containing ten coupons, each to disposed of for \$1 to new members. The next concert of the Choral Union will he held in the Academy of Music, April 23. It will mark the tenth anniversary of

RECITAL OF THE Junior Music Club

ABOLITION OF CAPITAL punishment will be discussed at a meeting of the sub-committee of the Judiciary General Committee of the Legislature tomorrow after-

River of Stars," by Alfred Noyes.

physicians said this morning he was resting POLISH CLERGYMEN stand by Presi

UNDERGRADUATES at the University

GOAT CLUB members made merry last GOAT CLUB members made merry last night with a banquet at the Bellevue-Strat-ford. There were forty Goats present and recital of the tales of their tribulations at the Admen's Convention here last June, where they were heads of the various com-mittees, brought back memories of work. All the Goats are members of the Poor Richard Club.

THE CONDITION of Dr. A. F. Schreiber, chief inspector of meat and cattle for the Bureau of Health, was said to be precarious at St. Mary's Hospital today.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY held its quarterly dinner at the Believue-Stratford. The motion that the custom of singing "God Save the King" at the meetings be alean-

tee to appeal to the University authorities for a place to drill and store arms. Efforts on the part of Major Kelly, director of the course on inilitary tactics and science, to get the Commercial Museum have been futile.

doned met with disapproval Speeches were made hy Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, former major in the Medical Research Corps of the British army; Hilson White and Dr. F. E. Stewart. Caleb J. Milne, Jr., president dent of the society, presided,

CAMDEN

BATTERY B, NEW Jersey Field Ar-tillery, will leave Camden Sunday after-noon for Washington to participate in the naugural exercises on Monday. The Battery will be commanded by Captain S. G. Barnard, and will carry its entire equipment, with the exception of the supply

search for John Kirby, sixty years old, of 552 Bailey street. Camden, who has been missing from his home since February 8.

THE BOARD OF LADY MANAGERS, THE BOARD OF LADY MANAGERS, Camden County Workers for the Blind, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Sarah J. Taybr; vice president, Mrs. Joshna C. Haines; recording secretary. Miss Florence Barton: corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. A. Schuck; treasurer Mrs. Samuel D. Price.

ANTHONY KOBUS, founder of the largest retail store business in Camden, has been elected president of the Broadway Trust Company to succeed John J. Burleigh, who died two weeks ago. Mr. Kobus was one of the founders of the

After Mes. Frances A took lodging in the Rescue Kaighn avenue, and last night, to the police, she stole a won pocketbook containing several dollar was rearrested and was today senter two months in the county prison corder Stackhouse.

Francis Wilson's Motior Burl Francis Wilson, the actor. this afternoon when funeral held for his mother, Mrs. Emily Wilson, at 4018 Girard avenue gram sent him apprising him of his after he had sailed for Honolulu

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