#### LA BATTAGLIA E' VICINA

Ripetuti Violenti Attacchi Austriaci Respinti sulla Costabella dagli Italiani

ROMA, 22 Marzo.

Gli avvenimenti precipitano sulla fronte
Francese e possibilmente nelle prossime
ventiquattro ore dovrebbe essere chiarita
l'intenzione del maresciallo von Hindenburg.

El dovrebbe sapere cioe' se egli intende di
offrire resistenza seria sulla famosa sua
linea di difesa che da Lens va a Cambral,

81. Quentin, a La Fere ed a Laon. linea di difesa che da Lens va a Cambral, a St. Quentin, a La Fere ed a Laon. I francesi hanno quasi raggiunto questa linea, in modo che i tedeschi dovranno pur rivelare i loro piani. Le due posizioni tedesche formidabilmente—almeno cosi' si credefortificate di St. Quentin e La Fere sono strette da vicino dalle forze del generale Nivelle, ed il rapporto francese pubblicato a Parizi ieri sera lancia credere che il te-Parigi ieri sera lascia credere che il te-deschi non abbiamo intenzione di difendere St. Quentin. Infatti esso dice che i villaggi attorno a questa piazza sono stati incendi-ati dalle truppe del kaiser. Telegrammi da Amsterdam dicono che probabilmente i tedeschi hanno intenzione di abbandonare anche il territorio a nord di Arras, forse per ritirrarsi sulla linea Lilla-St. Quentin.

Ieri sera le forze francesi erano a cinque vano ancora verso questi due obiettivi. Nella occupato altri 51 villaggi sostituendo con una linea retta il saliente di Arras e quello di Noyon.

I tedeschi hanno pero' rafforzato in certo modo le loro retroguardie e tentano di arrestare la marcia degli alleati implegando artiglierle piu' pesanti di quelle che non abblano impiegato finora nelle azioni di retroguardia. Tra Ham e La Fere, per esempio, i tedeschi hanno fatto un tentativo serio di opporsi all'avanzata dei francesi ma non vi sono riusciti, ed i reparti che furono impiegati a fermare la marea francese rimasero presso che annientati.

L'interesse maggiore ogg! si accentra sulle operazioni che si vanno svolgendo attorno a Laon, sulla destra della presente fronte di battaglia, dove sembra che tedeschi siano stati presi di sorpresa e che I generale Nivelle abbia aperto una breccia attraverso la quale potra' operare o minac-ciare l'accerchiamento delle forze tedesche della Champagne. Su questo tratto della fronte il generale Nivelle ha ammassato una quantita' immensa di artiglierie di grosso calibro. Intanto i francesi fortificano ogni tratto di territorio conquistato cosi da poterio difendere contro un possibile ritorno offensivo del nemico, che e' da at-

Dall'Aja telegrafano che da fonte tedesca si apprende che una grande offensiva tedesca mra' iniziata il 5 del prossimo mese di Aprile e che dietro la fronte di battaglia si fanno grandi preparativi per questa offen-

Ieri il nuovo presidente del Consiglio rancese, Alessandro Ribot, ha dichiarato alla Camera del Deputati che il governo e' deciso a continuare la guerra fino al con-seguimento della vittoria completa. Egli aggiunse: "Not la combatteremo non come fanno i nostri nemici, per spirito di con-quista e di dominazione, ma con la ferma risoluzione di riconquistare le provincie che el furono tolte altra volta e di ottenere riparazione e garanzie per una pace dureole basata sul rispetto dei diritti e della berta' dei popoli."

SULLA FRONTE ITALIANA Ieri sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione alla fronte Malo-austriaca:

Nella giornata di leri si sono avute nel Trentino considerevoli azioni di artiglieria. Sui massiccio della Contabella, dopo un violento bombardamento con projettili a gas asfissiante, il nemico attacco' ripetutamente le nostre sizioni avanzate, ma fu respinto Sulla fronte Giulia si sono avute

solite azioni di artiglieria e scontri di piccoli reparti. Due dei nostri reparti di ricognizione penetrarono nelle linee nemiche ad est di Gorizia e le distrus-

Un aeropiano nemico e' stato abbattuto, mentre si incendiava, dal fuoco delle nostre batterie antiaeree nelle vicinanze di Loquizza. Gli aviatori rimasero uccisi.

RIVOLTA IN GERMANIA?

Telegrammi da Amsterdam dicono che scioperi e disordini sono scopiati in Ger-mania, specialmente nel sud, a causa della carsezza dei viveri e delle perdite subite dall'esercito nella guerra. E' probabile che la rivoluzione russa abbia avuto influenza sulla situazione in Germania, ma ancora nulla vi e' di serio sebbene si senta che vi e' nell'aria qualche cosa di grave.

#### ALEX M'DERMOTT, "COP" FRIEND OF "KIDS," DEAD

Alex McDermott, a big policeman who stood for years at Broad and Spring Gar-den streets, guarded little children den streets, guarded little children from the perils of traffic and smiled at them until they smiled back and called him their friend. they smiled back and called him their friend, died last night at the German Hospital after six months' suffering from Bright's disease. Alex was forty-five years old and lived at \$126 North Woodstock street.

In 1902 McDermott, at that time fresh from Ireland, where he was born, entered the police department. Shortly after that, because of his size and because he had a lot of tact and Irish wit, he was put on the reserves. He stood at Broad and Spring Carden streets and watched the volume of Garden streets and watched the volume of traffic expand until his guardian work as-sumed the proportions of one of the most important trusts in the department.

He took a great interest in the children and often they stopped to talk to him at his post in the middle of the street between traffic channels. Six months ago Alex became ill and went to the hospital. His little friends wondered where he had gone. Some of them found out and used to come up to the hospital and ask how he was.

# ALLEGES BREACH OF PROMISE

Girl of 21 Sues Man 20 Years Her Senior for \$5000 Damages

station, hospital and Red Cross station in Breach of promise was the basis of a \$5000 suit started today by Marjorie Harris, twenty-one years old, against Edgar W. the city, and, in addition, will carry a firstaid kit. This equipment, he said, would make their work invaluable in case of rs, a man twenty-two years her senior riots or disorders were employes in a Market stree

trained in citizenship means a lot to Phila-delphia," said Mr. Cowing. "The Boy Scout movement has been wrongly construed as a 'kid's game.' It is not, but it is a 'game for kids.'" Bowers, the plaintiff alleged, paid ardent ove to her and then, after he had induced ar to accompany him to Atlantic City, he rew cold and frankly announced his renew cold and frankly announced the use it is to be claim that Bowers intended to leave the claim that Bowers intended to leave the leave the claim that the by lesued a capias, with bail at \$1000, for Bowers's arrest.

#### MORE MEASLES IN LANCASTER

second Child in Fortnight Victim of

The members of the Jovian Electrical League enrolled in the southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross upon motion by H. W. Metcalf, chairman of the entertainment committee and president of the Business Science Club. Albert Holstrom, president of the league, appointed Washington Devereaux chairman of a committee to frame a practical training course, following an address by Prof. W. C. Ash, of the Philadelphia Trades School, who spoke on the need for practical training. LANCASTER, Pa., March 22.—The death at morning of Glendolyn Aument, of Drusare township, was the second in a fortist resulting from the worst epidemic measies that ever swept Lancaster by. Three townships, East and West come and Coleraine, are spread with the and schools have been closed.

The L. Mowery, county medities, said the apidemic undoubties, said the apidemic undoubties, said the apidemic undoubties. ST. LOUIS LIKES HORSE MEAT ST. LOUIS LIKES HORSE MEAT
ST. LOUIS, March 22. — Such phenomenal success attended the first exclusive horse-meat market opened in St. Louis two weeks ago and so great has the demand for the cheap cuts become that another is to be started at once to supply the residents of the East Side.

All the meat sold is inspected under State laws and city ordinances. St. Louis housewives who tried the horse meat have returned again and again, dealers say.

### CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

ACQUITTED ON THE CHARGE of man-slaughter, Walter B. Clemdaniel, of 251 East Stella street, a motorman, was dis-charged in court today. It was testified that George W. Myers, of 3410 North Water street, who was killed by the car, was in-toxicated and walked into it. The accident occurred on December 28 at A street and Allegheny avenue.

AN AUTO TRIEF, who has a number of aliases, according to the police, was today sentenced to from one year to thirteen months in the Eastern Penitentiary by Substitute Judge Terry. According to testimony at the trial Harry Burns, tarry years, attempted to steal the automobile belonging to Harry Hildreth, 2039 North Eighteenth last month, but was caught in the act.

RUSSIAN CONSUL in this city, W. R. Fucker, has received through the Russian Embassy announcement of the abdication of Nicholas II and the organization of a Provisional Government in Russia

FIRE EARLY TODAY on the third floor of a rooming house at 1923 South Second street caused injury to the porter, Louis Velensky. He was burned about the face and hands when he smothered the blaze which was in a hallway. The family of John Gustas was carried out by policemen. but later returned to their

GAS FROM A FAULTY GAS JET Is said by the police to be the cause of the death of Frank Rosler, fifty-four years old, of 2234 North Hope street. He was found dead by his landlady, Mrs. Pauline Mc-Farland, this morning when she called him to go to work.

A FUND for D. Clarence Gibboney, will enable him to travel over the country and debate the liquor question with the Rev. Dr. Clarence True Wilson, was suggested today by Judge Gorman, of the Municipal Court, who will contribute \$100.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF Society of Philadelphia will enter-with several musical selections at the installation of the officers of the society tonight. The affair will be held in Grand Fraternity Hall, 1626 Arch street.

THE AMERICAN AMBULANCE HOSpital in France will be the beneficiary of the funds from an entertainment to be staged in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford tonight by the members of the Poor Richard Club. A lecture will be de-livered by John H. McFadden, of the American Hospital Corps, and a motion picture of a German assault on Verdun will be shown. The entertainment will be followed by supper and a dance.

LAMBERT FUND purchases from the LAMBERT FUND purchases from the 112th annual exhibition at the Academy of the Fine Arts have been announced by the special jury. They are: "Landscape," by Helen Seyffert; "Fishing Village," by Frances McCreery, of Pittsburgh; "Portrait of a Young Man," by Benjamin D. Kopman, of New York; "Horinquena," by Frederick W. Harer, of this city; "The Seine: Paris," by Samuel W. Halpert, of New York; "A Provincetown Street," by Ross E. Moffett, of Provincetown, Mass.; "Shadows," by Phil Froelich, one of the students ows," by Phil Froelich, one of the students Swain, in the Academy schools, and "The Con-Church

valescent," by George Biddle, a former

LOSS OF \$200 in a hotel in this city sent Charles Waterstraat, aged eighty-three years, to the almshouse in Pittsford, N. Y. Waterstraat draw the \$200, all the money he had, from a Rochester bank to visit people in this city. The first night here he registered in a hotel and left the next morning without his satchel. When he returned the next day the bag and money had disappeared. He lost \$1400 in the same way before.

WALTER LIPPINCOTT, of 2101 Walnut walter Lippincott, of 2101 Walnut street, socially prominent, and a director of the J. B. Lippincott Company, has set forth the needs of his neighborhood for better police protection. He said that conditions in the vicinity of the intersection of Walnut and Twenty-first streets had become deplorable and some action must be taken. Children's lives are daily endangered by speeding motorists, he said.

CHESTER CARS will be run every fifteen minutes from the City Hall subway station, beginning Sunday, March 25. These cars will run through to Third and Market streets, Chester, without change. On the same date a new night schedule will be started and cars will leave here for Chester very forty-five minutes.

PENNSYLVANIA PROGRESSIVES WIII old a conference in Harrisburg next Saturday as a preliminary to the organization of a State body. The call was sent out by Henry A. Bomberger, of this city, Pennsylvania representative in the "Department of the Northeast." The new organization is to take the place of the Washington

BODY OF HARRY E. TERRY, o Latham Park, who died suddenly at Miami, Fla., last Saturday, has been brought back to his home, York road and Willow avenue. Funeral services will be held Sunday. was one of the founders of the firm of Bush & Terry, rug manufacturers, Ontario and

CAPTAIN A. F. BROWN was elected president of the Vessel Owners' and Cap-tains' Association at a meeting of the board of directors. Other officers elected were vice president, W. E. Bernard; treasurer, Theodore B. Palmer; secretary, Morris Gerhard; solicitor, Howard M. Long. The association owns and operates craft repre-senting an investment of more than \$8,000,

FRANCIS R. STRAWBRIDGE has purchased for \$50,000 the Edward F. Steele estate, on the northwest side of School House lane, southwest from Wissahlekon avenue, from the Fidelity Trust Company. The property, known as Woodside, includes mansion house, a coach house, house and a tract of 8 71-100 acres.

MUTUAL INTEREST in social work led to the marriage of George E. Scott, a coal perator, and Miss Hanna M. Jansson, of 528 Regent street. The bride was engaged n occupational work in the Philadelphia Hospital and while there met Mr. Scott, who was a large contributor to the work. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. R. Swain, pastor of the Woodland Presbyterian

appearance. Another ship that broke the monotony of interment by venturing into

twenty days of lying idle, sailed for Santos,

where she never arrived. One month later

the Edenberg returned calmly to Rio, dropped her anchor and landed the crew

and passengers of the Indian Prince, which

had been sunk by the German cruiser Kron-

enture the Edenberg was ordered under

Outside of the Prussia and the Edenberg

any of the interned German ships have

RAIDER DAMAGES CRUISER

aged in fighting a German sea raider. De-tailed information, however, was refused.

as to a sea engagement of some magni-

ude, however, was the formal request made

by the commander of the British converted

cruiser Edinburgh Castle for permission

of the Brazilian authorities to make repairs. It was expected this would be granted.

tony Seenk were notified today that the

Liverpool, carrying food and also laden with

She may be an additional victim of

castaways from the steamship Huntsman The fate of the latter vessel was not speci

Agents at Para of the steamship

ressel was en route from the Amazon

Officers of the British cruiser Amethyst

the open was the Edenberg, which,

guard by the Brazilian Government

#### GERMAN SHIPS IN SOUTH AMERICAN WATERS MAY RAID U.S. COMMERCE

Twenty-eight Merchantmen in Rio Janeiro and Other Brazilian Ports-Some Have Executed Mysterious Missions at Sea

By D. B. ROBERTSON

Special South American Cable Service Evening Ledger and United Press

RIO DE JANIERO, March 22.

There are twenty-eight German merchantmen interned in this and other Brazilian ports today which, rumor has it would become raiders of American shipping case of war betwen the United States and Germany. These ships total about 110,-000 tons and are valued at \$4,000,000. Half of them are in this port and the others scattered about other Brazilian ports.

With two exceptions all these ships are at liberty to put to sea at any time. Ever since Brazil's protest to Germany over the submarine blockade attention has been prinz Wilhelm, which itself interned later in focused on the German ships by persistent a North American port. For this adstories that several of the interned vessels were waiting a favorable moment to make their escape.

Anchored in an open part of the bay, well under the surveillance of the harbor's forts and the Brazilian fleet, these fourteen ships the right to leave the harbor at will. form a listless and desolate group.

LIST OF SHIPS

Of the ships interned there the Sierra Salvada is the largest, with 4951 tons net reg-ister. The others are the Edenberg, 2782 Cap Roca, 3690 tons; Coburg, 4200 Hohenstaufen, 4086 tons; Roland, 4255 tons; Henriette, 1921 tons; Alrich 4265 tons; Carl Woermann, 3490 tons; Po-en, 4094 tons; Gertrude Woermann, 3969 tons: Arnold Ansinck, 2896 tons: Etruria, 2885 ton, and the Franklin, 3228 tons. Besides these there were the Muansa, 3733 tons, which, entered on August 19, 1914, but sailed a few days later for Buenos Aires and is at present interned at Chili, and th which entered August 20, sailed for Santos five days later and did not arrive at that port for a month, in spite of the fact that it is but a day's trip.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE An inquiry undertaken by port authori-ties for the purpose of finding the cause of this mysterious month's disappearance did not establish any definite results. It

Scout Executive Walter S. Cowing Tells

Jovian League of

Readiness

The 4500 Boy Scouts of Philadelphia and

their 1000 scoutmasters and instructors are

prepared for any crisis, according to Walter S. Cowing, scout executive of the Phila-

delphia Council of Boy Scouts, who spoke

at a luncheon of the Jovian Electrical

Each boy, he said, will be furnished with

a card bearing the name of every police

"The fact that these boys are being rained in citizenship means a lot to Phila-

The members of the Jovian Electrical

League at the Hotel Adelphia today.

PREPRED FOR CRISIS

4500 BOY SCOUTS HERE

### Lloyds. The Huntsman is given as a steel screw vessel of 7460 tons, property of the Charente Steamship Company, of Liverpool. HERMIT WAR VETERAN FOUND DEAD IN HOUSE

The Shantony Seenk is not listed in

Camden Recluse's Body Discovered by Man Who Wanted to Hire His Boat

Thomas J. Haus, a seventy-year-old Civil War veteran, who lived virtually as a recluse, was found dead of pneumonia in a boathouse today at the foot of Jackson street, Camden. A neighbor, who called to see Haus re-

garding the hire of a boat, discovered the body. He had evidently been dead for several hours. The old soldier was separated from his wife, the police say, and went to Camden twenty years ago to make his home. He earned a living as a painter and by being carned a living as a painter and by being

frugal managed to lay enough aside to purchase several small houses and a num-ber of boats. A bankbook found in his pocket showed that he had \$200 in a Cam-When Haus went to Camden it appears

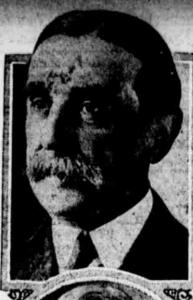
When Haus went to Camden it appears his wife made no attempt to compel him to return. Mrs. Haus, who lives at 2350 Jefferson street, was informed this afternoon of her husband's death.

When word of his death was received there was a general scramble among the neighbors to get his property. Many of those living near Haus said they owned the boats at his establishment. Some were attempting to carry away the best below.

boats at his establishment. Some were attempting to carry away the boats belonging to Haus when Policeman Guthrie arrived. He stood guard and would not permit the removal of any of the contents.

The veteran is also survived by two sons, who, it is said, live in Philadelphia.

Held for Resisting Arrest George Spatori, 1627 Christian street, who is alleged to have flourished a revolver at Acting Detectives Freund and Beckman, after they took him to the Central station yesterday on a charge of having stolen \$100 from a woman in Hasleton, was held in \$1000 bail for a further hearing by Magistrate Mecleary in the Central police court today.





THEIR BIRTHDAYS TODAY Robert R. Dearden (above), president of the United States Review Publishing Company, is seventy-one years old. General James Stewart, real estate assessor and head of the Bureau of Police from 1884 to 1888, is celebrating his seventy-seventh birthday.

## MEXICAN PARROTS MAY ACCOUNT FOR MALADY

State Health Authorities Join Wilkes-Barre's in Seeking Source of Strange Disease

WILKES-BARRE, March 22. Two deaths have resulted from the outbreak of the peculiar fever that has stricken scores of clerks and a number of the officials in the Boston Store, the city's biggest department store. One hundred and thirty of the 400 clerks have been stricken with the disease and the condition of many o them is still serious.
Dr. Thomas W. Jackson and Dr. Howard

Dr. Thomas W. Jackson and Dr. Howard L. Hull, of the State Department of Health, started their investigation today to learn the nature of the disease and its source if possible. Physicians of this city are unable to name the peculiar aliment that has stricken the clerks and the State officials admitted today that it is puzzling and The State officials are investigating the

theory that the fever was carried by Mexi-can parrots offered for sale at the store three weeks ago. They declare that there is only one epidemic on record that was caused by these birds, but they are overlooking the possibility that this is the cause of the fever outbreak here.

The disease is spreading to those outside

the stores. There have been a few cases reported in which the victims are purhasers of parrots that were sold in the There were about fifty parrots sold and it has been learned that a majority of them have died.

The State and city health authorities are o-operating to learn the nature and source of the disease. A number of patients were examined and blood tests were made. So far the State doctors are not ready to con-

#### NEWLY ARRIVED NEGROES LACK SUFFICIENT SHELTER

Poor Housing Conditions Responsible for Increase in Number of Pneumonia Cases

Lack of proper housing conditions, as well as an insufficient supply of clothing suited to this climate, are causing a conwhich completed repairs here today and left for patrol duty, admitted before their departure that the cruiser had been damsiderable increase in cases of pneumonia among negroes coming to Philadelphia from the South, according to James F. Mc-Crudden, of the Division of Housing and Sanitation, in a report made before the Evidencing the truth of persistent reports negro migration committee of the Phila-

elphia Housing Association.

The number of arrivals increased fifty per cent during February, the report showed, and the figures for the first part of March indicate the rate is still growing with prospects of a big jump as soon as the veather gets warmer. However, the report said there is not any actual destitution mong the negroes, as the demand for both the men and the women in industry and doservice exceeds the supply.

The 'Travelers' Aid Society, whose agents neet the trains and boats from the South, report it that many of the negroes are engaged before their arrival, and many also to to New Jersey to work on farms. problem of temporary shelter for the new arrivals is acute, many of them being compelled to spend their first night in the rail-Appeals have been made to the real estate agents and to negro churches and other organizations for co-operation in finding suitable and sufficient accommodations for the immigrants.

GRAIN PRESSURE WRECKS MILL CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., March 22.—The entire northwest corner of the large con-

crete storage building atached to the Lake-view Milling Company mill broke and fell out today because of the weight of wheat stored behind it. There were two bins of wheat poured out upon the ground, more than 3000 The wheat can be saved if rain does not fall upon it and workingmen are now shoveling it up and trying to clean it. Two men narrowly escaped being caught by the walls

Elkton Marriage Licenses ELKTON, Md., March 22.-Elkton's matmonial market was very dull today, as only four couples visited the town to obtain permits to marry. The four couples were Joseph Frazer and Florence Fischer, Phila-Joseph Frager and Florence Fischer, Phila-delphia; Herbert Rittenhouse, Wilkes-Barre, and Ida F. Dougherty, Philadelphia; Arthur C. Harmen, Jr., and Beatrice Lawson, Rich-mond, Va., and James W. Hornberger and Cordelia M. Chamberlain, Perryville, Md.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

David W. Dailas. 3741 N. 18th at. and Francesca Engelman. 2510 N. Fairhill et.

Louis Wilson. 201 Zeraida st., and Addie Smith.

261 Zeraida st.

Bennie Rosner. 522 N. Lawrence st., and Minnie

Biller. 5947 Market st.

William A. Wise. Jr., 4628 Sansom st., and

Jennie E. Brice. 1837 Dickinson st.

Margolis. 242 S. 3d st.

Benjamin Freedman. 1635 S. 6th st., and Lena

Margolis. 242 S. 3d st.

Charles F. Krauss. 2037 N. Hope st., and Anna

Stewart. 3446 Frankford ave.

Obert-Thorn. 441 W. Dauphin st., and Theresa

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Benjamin Abrams. 2235 S. 5th st., and Dorothy

Feinstein, 703 S. 5th st.

Gorge Ennis. 1929 Annin st.

Walls. 1929 Annin st., and Priscilla

Walls. 1929 Annin st., and Ida Hersher,

1917 N. 7th st.

Frank S. Kinsley, 1940 Welf st., and Mary O.

Griffenberg. 522 Lycoming st.

Charles Spina. 611 Alter st., and Mary Aliseo.

Archer C. Cole. 1518 Ritner st., and Esther

Petarson, 1518 Ritner st., and Florence

Johnson. 2124 Jefferson st. TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

# WIDOW MARRIES AGAIN; LOSES COMPENSATION

Workmen's Board Rejects Her \$2700 Claim for First Husband's Death

It cost Mrs. Mary Werrick \$2700 to get another husband to take the place of the first one, killed while working in a quarry upstate last autumn.

Mrs. Merrick, who lives at 1221 Dickinson street, received an award of \$2766 from the Workmen's Compensation Board and had received a little in weekly payand had received a little in weekly pay-ments when she made application for pay-ment of the entire amount. When she was questioned today before the board, it was learned that she married again March This automatically cut off claims for Matrimony also figured in another case before the board. Irvin Youngken, of Hel-

before the board. Irvin Youngken, of Her-lertown, in Bucks County, was struck while working in a mill and his eye was gouged out. He had previously asked for compen-sation on the plea that he wanted to be married. He told members of the board today that he had stolen a march on time and was already married. They gave him \$159 he had spent for furniture. Two Philadelphia women were allowed with provisions lump payments of sums

awarded in order to purchase stores. They were Mrs. Hanna Shapiro, of 2050 South Sixth street, and Mrs. Marie Ferri, of 209 Mayfield street. Both had four chil-dren and appeared with them at the hear-With the hearings today the board hi

approved 17,631 cases so far this year. Last year 54,500 cases were heard.

WAR ON SALOON PART OF

#### PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM General Counselor of League Hopes to

Press for Prohibition at Extra Session of Congress COLUMBUS, O., March 22 .- "If war by

declared the resolution for country-wide prohibition will be urged as a part of the national preparedness plan." said Wayne B. Wheeler, general counselor of the Anti-Saloon League of America, today "It is becoming clearer each day," Mr.

"It is becoming clearer each whole said, "that a nation cannot be a prepared nation unless it is a sober nation. If and unless it is a saloonless nation. If the legislative program of the special Congress is opened for the consideration general legislation several prohibition measures may be pressed for passage. The last Congress reached a high water mark in the matter of temperance legislation, but we know that the next Congress will be still drier."

#### ESSAYS WIN PRIZES AT FRIENDS' CENTRAL

The Old Pupils' Association of the Friends' Central School today awarded six prizes for essays written by the pupils of the school. The students were divided into two groups, the first group consisting of students of the three upper classes and the second of those of the two lower classes

The prizes awarded were: First, to Ed ward Engeman, 5020 Larchwood avenue, for his essay, "The Soul of a Nation"; sec-ond, to Miss Josephine Zartman, 1815 West Oxford street, "One Word"; third, to Eliza-beth P. Eaton, 119 Sumac street,

In the second group the first prize went to Edith Roberts, 181 Maple avenue, who write "The Smuggler"; second, to Doris A Hawkins, 35 Sellers avenue, Millbourne, Pa. "The Legend of the Fringed Gentlan"; third, to Ruth C. Kirschbaum, 2029 Spring Garden street, "My Little Friend, My

The presentation of the prizes was made by Arthur H. Miller and those on the committee with him were Anna Roberts and Anna Dudley Cloud.

#### SEVERAL SHOTS CHASE SLEEPERS FROM BEDS

Several shots awakened the neighborhood of Fifty-first and Thompson streets early today. With war uppermost in their minds, residents ran to windows haif expecting to

residents ran to windows hair expecting to see a Zeppelin floating in the sky. But it was not as bad as that. A man in civilian clothes was standing in the middle of the street with a glistening revolver. He defied the neighborhood gen-erally and announced that it would be just as well to start the war right away.

Mrs. Marie Steinbaum, of 5127 Thompson street, telephoned for the police, who

quickly responded.
"What's the big idea?" one of the bluecoats asked. "Am jis makin' soshibil call," sald the

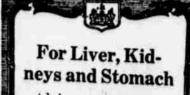
s.ranger. At the Sixty-first and Thompson streets station the prisoner said he was John Donaghy, of New York. The revolver which he used was filled with blank cart-He will have a hearing today before Magistrate Stevenson. HEART DISEASE KILLS PHYSICIAN

CHESTER, Pa., March 22.-Stricken with heart disease, Dr. Isaac Crowther, rominent and widely known physician of this city, died suddenly at his home last night. He had just closed his office when he suffered the fatal attack: A wife and four children survive him.

Doctor Crowther was born at Rockdale.

He was a graduate of the Hahnemann College, Philadelphia. He was sixty years of age and had practiced for thirty-sever years. He was secretary of the Chest Montgomery and Delaware Counties Medi-Montgomery and Delaware Counties Medi-cal Society; director of the Y. M. C. A.; dean of the Nurses' Training School of the J. Lewis Crozer Hospital; member of the medical staff of the same institution and was prominent in religious work. a past master of L. H. Scott Lodge, No. 352, F. and A. M., of this city.

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# AGAINST PENDING BILLS PAMILIES OF

Measures in Legislature Increasing Pilotage Charges and Regulating Electrical Licensure Opposed

The Chamber of Commerce has recorded its opposition to a bill before the Legislature which proposed an increase in the pilotage charges for the port of Philadelphia. The Chamber has also protested against the passage of a bill which provides for the examination, license and registration of persons, copartnerships, associations or corporations engaged in the business of electrical construction in cities of the sec

The protest against the pilotage charge bili points out that the ten per cent increase proposed is discriminatory against the port of Philadelphia in that it makes the rates for pilotage higher than those charge similar service at all other ports along the Atlantic Coast.

One reason for objecting to the measure

for the licensure of electrical contractors is that there is no provision in it for electrical work being installed by Philadelphians outside of the city of Philadelphia. In other words, this bill would prohibit an electrical contractor in a city of the first class from doing work in a city of the second or third class, because there is no provision in the bill for licensing the Philadelphia contrac-

## "DRYS" SCORE VICTORY ON WILMINGTON "WETS"

Time Limit for Reconsideration of Bill Expires Without Motion Securing Necessary Votes

DOVER, Del., March 22.—The victory of the "drys" is now assured, all efforts of the "wets" to have reconsidered the bill providing for a resubmission of the liquor license question in Wilmington and rural New Castle County, which was passed on Tuesday of this week, having failed, on account of their failure to secure the neces sary number of votes to carry a motion for reconsideration. The time limit expired today.

By unanimous vote the Senate passed the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce bill pro-viding for the establishment and regulation of curbstone or street markets in Wilming ton and placing the jurisdiction over such markets with the Street and Sewer Department. The bill had been approved by all parties interested, including the farmers. Among the other bills passed by the Sen-

ate today were the following: To increase the salary of the State Treasurer from \$3000 to \$3500 a year; to in-crease the contingent fund of the Attorney General from \$2500 to \$3500; providing for the establishment of definite lines of diision between Federal and State taxes.

Prof. Henry Hamby Kay was extended the privilege of the floor in the Senate early this afternoon and read a patriotic poem, written by himself, on the State of Delaware. By a vote of twenty-three nays to eleven yeas the House today killed Representa-

tive Connelly's eight-hour bill, making eight ours a legal working day in Delaware for all occupations. The Senate Workmen's Compensation bill, which passed the Senate on Tuesday, was reported favorably in the House, and the House bill of a similar na-ture was stricken from the calendar. The House passed the bills to increase the salaries of the deputies in the county offices of New Castle County.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO COMPENSATION LAW

HARRISBURG, March 22 .- More than a score of labor leaders representing the mine districts of the State, railroad organizations and building trades bodies, headed by Representative Maurer, of Berks, and Fowler, of Lackawanna, called on Governor Brumbaugh this morning to acquaint him with the proposed amendments to the workmen's compensation bill which will be

presented to the Legislature next week. The amendments if passed will increase compensation from fifty to sixty-six and two-thirds per cent of the weekly earnings, make compensation payable one week instead of two weeks after the injury is sustained, increase the compensation for de-pendent parents and abolish the limit of compensation for mutilation.

#### PLAN TO CHANGE CITY RULE

State Senate Bill Would End Commission Form of Government

HARRISBURG, March 22. - Senator Beldeman, of Dauphin, introduced in the Senate a bill abolishing commission Senate a bill abolishing commission form of government in third class cities. It does away with non-partisan elections and provides for one councilmanic body, each ward to be represented by one member. The number of wards is limited to twenty-five.

The Mayor, controller, treasurer and assessor are to be elected by the people at large. The bill is voluminous and makes many other changes in the existing laws governing third class cities.

The House Municipal Corporation Com-

mittee has arranged to hold a general hearing on all third class city bills next Tues-day. It is probable that the Senate graded tax bill for third class cities will also be taken up on that day.

# MAY NOW SIT IN HOUS

Legislative Bodies Bow to De mand of Feminism-Short Session

HARRISBURG, March 22. Feminism won its first victory of the legislative session here today when the House amended its rules so as to permit the presence of the families of memb

Monday, Speaker Baldwin cleared the chamber of every one not officially entitled to the privileges of the floor. Wives of members, who are here to watch proceedings, objected to a ruling that sent then to the gallery.

The House capitulated today. It held only a short session, adjourning before the third reading calendar was finished. The Sarig bill that increases the terms of registry assessors from two to four years also passed the House finally. Assemblyman Stofflet, of Northampton, introduced the cat license bill, which permits municipalities to fix a license fee for

A resolution introduced by Assemblyman Campbell, of Butler, fixing April 10 as the last day for introducing bills was referred to the Committee on Rules. Representative Beyer introduced a but resoluting that any appointing offers

providing that any appointive officer or employe of the State, county or municipality having a wife, children or parents dependent on him may retain his position in the event of enlistment in the army or navy in time of war or contemplated war. The bill provides that half the salary shall go to the family and the other half to the substitute on the job.



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