CANS HELD IN TURKEY

State Department Expected to Make Peremptory Demand for Their Release

CERMANY'S HAND SEEN

Believed Responsible for Detention of U. S. Citizens Who Wish to Come Home

WASHINGTON, March 23. A peremptory demand that some 7000 ican citizens now in serious straits Beirut and Jerusalem be rescued may rtly be made by the State Department. weeks negotiations to permit their res-by American naval vessels have been n progress, but without result. Turkish have made promises, but each time when the rescue work was about to start some obstacle has been raised.

The latest Turkish excuse was that Ger-nany and Austria-Hungary had refused afe passage to the American warships. As result State Department officials today and that they were very gravely concerned over getting these Americans safely to neu-tral territory if the present methods are

Officials said that an effort is to be made now to find some way of getting out all Americans who want to leave Turkey. How this will be accomplished is one of the lems that the Near-Eastern bureau of the State Department is endeavoring to work out. There is not the elightest doubt in the minds of officials here that German influence in Turkey is being utilized in overy possible manner to embarrass the United States. So far as reports that Am-bassador Penfield and the embassy staff in Vienna have "their trunks packed waiting orders to leave" are concerned, officials today stated that there has been "no change" in the Austrian situation.

MYSTERY'OF MALADY **DEFIES SOLUTION**

Wilkes-Barre Doctors and State Health Authorities Baffled in Search for Source

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 23. State Board of Health doctors and city-medical authorlies who are co-operating with them have failed so far to ascertain the source of the peculiar fever that has stricken clerks of the Boston Store. They have also failed to determine just what the disease is. They are, however, thoroughly investigating the theory that the disease was brought here by parrots that were sold at the store a few weeks back. The doctors have been visiting all tr. patients, making blocd tests and causing city health officers to report the condition of all families known traced the parrots to other cities, learned whether there has been any sickness that has followed, but so far have failed to

One theory advanced today was that the fever, which may be the old-fashioned influenza in violent form, got its start at the annual spring opening of the store, when there were hundreds of patrons present. It has been discovered that the epidemic fates from a time soon after the opening

There have been no new cases reported or no more deaths. Fifty of the store clerks are still ill, several of them very

MEMORIAL FIELD MASS . AT LEAGUE ISLAND PARK

Navy Yard, Closed to Visitors on War Work, Not Available

The annual military memorial field mass may be held in League Island Park in-stead of at the Philadelphia Navy Yard this year owing to the fact that the yard is closed to visitors on account of war preparations. The necessity for some change in plans was revealed in a letter from Commandant Russell to Colonel Joseph W. Breen, commander, Department of Pennsylvania. Army and Navy Union, in response to the latter's request for information regarding the annual service.

The letter from Commandant Russell to Colonel Breen follows in part:

"I would state that in accordance with instructions from the Navy Department this navy yard at the present time is closed to all but officers, officials, enlisted of civilian personnels of the naval establish-If at the time it is contemplated to hold the field mass this condition still exists, and this now seems probable, it will not be practicable to permit visitors to enter this navy yard, and while special permit might be granted to the priests to perform the religious service, it would not be possible to admit the large crowds such took part last year and who would un-

doubtedly desire to take part this year.

"Therefore, I would suggest for your consideration that you obtain permission from the city authorities to hold the field mass in the League Island Park as close to the navy yard gate as practicable. If this arrangement be made, it would be possible for the officers and men of the ships then at this navy yard and those attached to the narine barracks to convenlently join with your organization and people of Philadelphia in attending this very worthy celebration in commemoration of the officers and men who have given their lives in the service of our country."

HARRIS E. SPROAT DIES; PHILADELPHIA FARMER

Member of Many Patriotic and Historical Societies Victim of Heart Disease

WEST CHESTER, Pa., March 23.— Harris Elric Sproat, sixty-four years old, a wealthy farmer, of Thornbury township, born in Philadelphia, died today after a

born in Philadelphia, died today after a short lilness with heart trouble. He was the father of former District Attorney Harris L. Sproat and was well known in Philadelphia, although he had followed the occupation of a farmer all his life.

He was a member of the Order of The Cincinnati, the Pennsylvania Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America and the Society of Sons of the Revolution.

a director of the Musical Fund Society of Philadelphia and of the Pennsylvania Society of the War of 1812, and a member of the Pennsylvania Historical Society and the Chester County Historical Society.

The ancestors of the family came to this country from Denmark.

THREE TRAINMEN KILLED IN LEHIGH VALLEY WRECK

Conductor, Flagman and Fireman Victims of Rear-End Collision

ENEVA, N. Y., March 23.—Three men re killed in a rear-end collision on the aigh Valley Ralfroad near Yale station

HORSE LOVERS OF COUNTRY HAIL PLANS FOR ANNUAL INDOOR SHOW

R. Penn Smith, Noted in America and Abroad, to Be in Charge of Event April 12-14 at Third Regiment Armory.

Director Tells of Competition in London When King Edward Directed Award of Two "Blues" to U. S.

Preparations are going forward rapidly or the Indoor Horsz Show, which will be held April 12, 13 and 14 at the Third Regiment Armory. This annual event is given for the benefit of charity and has been under the direction of Mrs. Walter C. Hancock, the management devolving largely on R. Penn Smith, the noted horseman, whose wide experience with such affairs both in this country and abroad has alded greatly in the success of the enterprise. Prospects for this year's show are

Mr. Smith is greatly impressed with the interest taken by the Philadelphia public in the horse, and compares it with the en-thusiasm shown by the English, whose love for horseflesh has made, England, he real home of the "sport of kings."

Discussing his experiences in England.

Mr. Smith related an incident of the great Olympia show in London just prior to the death of King Edward, the sessions of which

were attended by the King and Queen.
C. W. Watson, who at that time had one of the greatest stables of show horses in America, asked Mr. Smith to go to London to assist in showing his string. In one of the classes, known as "the pace and action" class, Mr. Smith was to drive the celebrated American horse then so widely known as

There were seventeen entries in this class, representing the flower of horseflesh not only of England, but of many countries. Competition was extremely keen The best drivers and the best horses in the world extended themselves to win the coveted "blue" under the eyes of the occupants of the royal box. Cheer after cheer rang out as the equine bluebloods and their eager drivers circled the spacious tan oval. The tense moment of the final try-outs arrived and Mr. Smith and his My Macyland were sent out to compete with Walter Winans's Little Toby. Mr. Winans was a native American, who had taken up permanent residence in London, and he, towas driving an American horse, Little Toby having originally come from Philadelphia

The judges, after calling the contestant in, held prolonged discussions in a perfect din of cheers and enthusiasm of the same sort that make the rafters of the Third Regiment Armory vibrate at almost every session of the Philadelphia Indoor Horse Show, and finally decided that Little Toby had fairly won the blue, and that

My Maryland was entitled to second honors But enthusiasm was equally divided not only in the royal box, but among the crowds as well. Cheers turned to discusions more or less vehement, if not angry The speciators were divided as to who should have won the blue ribbon, as well themselves, and the former, exercising his royal prerogative, requested the manage-ment and the judicial officers of the show to permit Mr. Smith and My Maryland and Mr. Winans and Little Toby to be sent into the ring the following day to compete alone for a final adjudication of the honors about which there was so much discus-

The contestants accordingly appeared in the ring the next day. Mr. Smith, who agrees with Michael Angelo that while de-



R. PENN SMITH

tail, drove into the ring with appointments perfect, a detail that was overlooked by air. Winans, his able opponent. Mr. Smith was properly turned out to a Brewster gig and in his dress had not omitted the regulation in his dress had not only his bow to the "topper." After making his bow to the royal box, upon the first circle of the ring. Smith settled down to the drive of life. With every encirclement of the ring he action of the horses seemed to grow better. Again and again they rounded the tan oval and with each turn the judges found themselves in a quandary.

Finally the competitors were called into the Judges' stand and the Jurists of the day requested that King Edward, than horse in all Enlgand, decide the event

He directed that Little Tony and My Maryland be given equal honors and a blue ribbon was conferred upon each, but show his appreciation of the good taste of our own R. Penn Smith, his Majesty sent his imperial command to his personal band of twenty-seven pieces to play "Maryland. My Maryland," as a gallant acknowledgment of the fact that appointments considered. Mr. Smith deserved the greater

MEDICO-CHI STUDENTS FLY NATIONAL BANNER

Doctors and Porto Rican Undergraduate Speak at Bacteriology Classes' Exercises

One hundred and sixty students of the Medico-Chirurgical College expressed their patriotism today by unfurling a "six-by-eight" American flag from the center win-dow of the fourth floor of the college building.

Doctor J. Hamilton Small, associate professor of bacteriology, officiated at the cere-monies and raised the Stars and Stripes into position. Dector Earnest La Piace, professor of surgery; Doctor George H. Meeker, professor of chemistry, and Doctor Small made short addresses on what the

The student body was represented by W Jerrick, a Porto Rican student, who carried the flag from the chemical laboratory where the students assembled, to the scene of the unfurling, Mr. Jerrick is a graduate of Lincoln University, the "black man's college at Oxford, Pa., and has so dis-tinguished himself in oratory that he was called upon to speak. The exercises ter-minated with enthusiastic singing of "America" and "The Star Spangled

Sanner."
The flag was presented by the classes of tails make perfection perfection is no de- 1 1919 and 1920 in bacteriology.

GERMANY DENIES REVOLT REPORTS

Official Dispatch Declares People and Rulers Are Wholly Satisfied

CHARGES ENTENTE TRICK

BERLIN, March 23.

There is no "revolution" in Germany, anden, Holland and New York rumors that trouble has been browing in Germany are merely the result of the Entente's wish being father to the thought.

Germany is united confident and with no signs of any "revolution"

Officials today were amused at the cir-rulation in Entente channels of such a report. They attributed it first to nervous iess felt by Germany's enemies over the tussian revolution. And the Russian revoution itself they attributed to failure of the Allies to make any gain which might be construed as advancing their cause to ward victory.

Not only German officials but the Clasman people are entirely satisfied with the results of the submarine warfare. They are satisfied with the progress of the war They are satisfied to make sacrifices be-cause they are satisfied of victory. The German people are entirely content with present conditions

Wills Admitted to Probate

Wills probated today included those of John Graham 924 North Second street, which in private bequests disposes of prop-erty valued at \$16 ion; William Rateliffe, erty valued at \$16 100; William Rateliffe, Eighteenth street and City Line, \$10,000; Mary Berens, 2755 Orthodax street, \$7500; Katharine F. Brenner, 1912 Mount Vernon street, \$5700; Antonio Mirra, 1028 Federal street, \$5000; Sophia 10 Sousa, 671 North Thirteenth street, \$5500; Albert G. Hammer, 2571 Freeland street, \$3100, and Joseph Lumley, 1312 Erie avenue, \$2600.

LENTEN PASTOR URGES WAR AGAINST U-BOATS

This Is No Time to Talk of Peace, Says the Rev. Carl M. Block

When the weak are trodden on hy ruth-less men and discriminating acts are being committed it is no time to cry for peace is the theory of the Rev. Cari M. Block, who spoke at Old St. Paul's Episcopal Church at noon today.

He said: "It looks as though we are in the war, we who may be classed as an innocent bystander; but if we go into this war we will have had learned many lessons from the countries of Europe. One is that we will have he was Christianlike, and if we have to be more Christianlike, and if we are right Christ will be on our side."

He deplored the way the people of the inited States have been content to stand by and coin money from the manufactur of ammunition and then send such small amounts to the suffering peoples of the war-stricken nations. "It was the double-tongued diplomats of

He concluded his sermon by quoting What doth it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

MAN NEEDS WILL POWER IN RELIGION, BISHOP SAYS

Suffragan of the Episconal Diocese of Ken-tucky, today at the Lenten services in the Garrick Theatre said man must have the

'Man needs the happiness and comfort of Christ in religion, he said, "and he siso needs the will to fight and assist himself. He needs the will in war and religion to win. Any man can beat you if you have a soft and flabby will. I'ke lard. You can't carrye men out of lard. To win, men must be bear of the said. hard as nuils.

His will must be the will to fight ever

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when the feet would lag. A man can't be a Christian if he has not courage. There is no hope for the man who surrenders his will because it is easier than fighting. Man has to pay the price of manhood."

Bishop Woodcock disagreed with the doctrine that "when in Rome one should do as the Romans do." He said many persons "go to Rome" for that privilege. He cited the "wickedness" of Paris before the war and said that Americans went there chiefly to enjoy it.

SEVEN MAIL BAGS RUN OVER BY FREIGHT TRAIN

Letters Torn to Shreds After Packages Are Left on Tracks-Parcel Post Bundle Hit

NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 23.-Seven parcel post bags and one mail bag thrown from a mail train at DeKalb street station, Reading Rallway, at midnight last night, were run over by a freight train before they were removed from the rails, and the emplayes of the Norristown postoffice have been all morning trying to decipher to whom

The parcel post bags were badly cut up by the car wheels and the address on the parcels rendered unrecognizable. The mail bag was cut, too, but none of the letters

Ends Free Service to Railroad Men HAZLETON, Pa., March 23.-What has en known as "railroad service" on the high Valley system was officially susnded yesterdaq. Employes have been per-tited to ship goods free on trains stopping their towns. Hereafter they must pay charges. It is said that express companies

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