Recruiting stations:

1409 Arch street.

Blasted Hull

The new Chester-built Norwegian tank steamship Malmanger, destruction of which was reported to the State Department by

ter, the only American on board, who not-fied his wife, Mrs. Mary I. Stead, that he

at noon, the vessel sinking about five hours later, giving the crew ample time to lower lifeboats and get away. Assistance was given by warships which were convoying

mouth by the Standard Oil Company. The crew was made up in New York.

The Maimanger was the first ship contracted for and built by the Chester Ship-liding Company, which revived the industry at Chester on the site of the Roach shipyard at the foot of Kerlin street. The vessel, representing the last word in tank steamship construction, was launched successfully Saturday. August 26 last the event cessfully Saturday, August 26 last, the event marking the beginning of a new area of industrial prosperity in Chester, being wit-

The tanker, whose tonnage was 3819, was built at a cost in excess of \$1,000,000 for Larsen, of Bergen, Norway. Sh was 401 feet long, 54 feet beam. She had a speed of 1012 knots per hour, 32 feet deep and a draft of 26 feet, and was designed by Charles P. M. Jack, president of the Chester Shipbuilding Company. The vessel was equipped with a 3000-horse power Westinghouse turbine engine and three Scotch marine boilers.

The tanks, cylindrical in shape, had capacity of \$800 tons.

invitations were extended to the Central Pennsylvania Conference for next year's meeting. The Rev. James E. Skillington Allies Pound Cambrai and St. Quentin Hazieton, Pa., claiming promises of two years ago; Dr. Horace L. Jacobs, district

> who led the pursuit of the re treating British and French at Mons. The French have drawn close to St Quentin, and it is reported in today's dis-

> atches that Cambrai and St. Quentin are both under the fire of the Allies' artillery. Prince Rupprecht's new headquarters of Armentieres are to be removed to Le Chal-

> advance between St. Quentin and La Fere and northeast of Tergnier told their cap-tors today that the plans of the German general staff were so well guarded that the army is in ignorance of its next day's

> hold out till death against the advancing foemen," say the captives. "We do not know where we are retreating to nor how long it will last. We never knew one day what would happen the next. although we were always expecting fighting. Only the highest officers know what is planned

RETIREMENT RESEMBLED which the contributor had given to his PEACE-TIME MANEUVERS

Immediately after the break in relations the German authorities in Brus-sels withdrew from Mr. Whitlock the BERLIN, March 24. liplomatic privileges and immuniti which he had until that time enjoyed. His courier service to The Hague was ary 4 and has been carried out "like a stopped; he was denied the privilege communicating with the Department of State in cipher and later even in plain language. The members of the relief commission were placed under great restrictions of movements and communication, which hampered the efficier performance of their task. In spite of all these difficulties the Government that much destruction was wrought and

and commission were determined to the work going till the last posdoned French town of Noyon were left behind, it was said. Now, therefore, a more serious diffi-culty has arisen. In the course of the past ten days several of the commis-

sion's ships have been attacked without warning by German submarines in flagrant violation of the solemn engagements of the German Government. Protests addressed by this Government Berlin through the intermediary of the Spanish Government have not bee answered. The German Government's disregard of its written undertakings causes grave concern as to the futur the relief work. In any event it is felt that the American staff of the commission can no longer serve with advan-tage in Belgium. Although a verbal promise has been made that the members of the commission would be per-mitted to leave if they so desire, the German Government's observance of its other undertakings has not been such that the department would feel warranted in accepting responsibility for leaving these American citizens in Ger-

an-occupied territory.

This Government has approved the proposal of the Netherlands Government to send into Belgium a certain carry on the work thus far performed by the American staff.

PROTEST NOT PUBLISHED

The fact that the protest has been made to Germany since the several recent torde-doings came to light only when the state-ment was issued. The department has been struggling for a long time to adjust the troubles over the relief work, and only bout two weeks ago dispatched Chairman Hoover, of the commis to talk over the future of this neficent institution

Spain, it is understood, and perhaps a Scandinavian country, will assist Holland

BELGIAN RELIEF WORK NOT TO DISCONTINUE

NEW YORK, March 24 Hampered, but not discouraged, by the rithdrawal of Minister Brand Whitlock

Hampered, but not discouraged, by the withdrawal of Minister Brand Whitlock and American agents from Belgium and France, the Commission for Relief in Belgium will fight to continue its work through Dutch agents.

"I am very anxlous that no mistaken impression be derived from the news given out at Washington," George Barr Baker, of the commission, said today, "The work of the commission must and will continue. The need of the Belgium people is just as great as before and must be met.

"The commission will retain its offices in Rotterdam, London and New York, Our labor will be greater than before. The American people are on trial now. It is up to them to raise the millions necessary to keep the Belgian people from starving teath."

FOR DOWNTOWN FAGIN

Mrs. Ann Eliza Hastings Gives Four Young Poles, Caught After Raid on Freight Car, Confess

Four young Polish girls, fourteen and DR. GREEN, 99, A CALLER fifteen years old, today admitted to the police of the Pennsylvania Railroad that they had been going about in masks during the night and early morning hours during the last few months robbing freight cars and giving the proceeds of their raids to a man whom they speak of as "Bob" and say, "He had us where he wanted us." One of the girls has both parents, one has only a mother, while the other two are

> Captain Blackenburg, of the Pennsyl vania Railroad police, was tapping at boxcar doors around Front and Reed streets to see that they were locked. Out of one car there came a little scream and the de-tective rolled the door open and leaped in-side. "Don't shoot!" cried a girl's voice. "I have nothing in my hand!"

> He found Mary Sherotofsky, fifteen years old, 12 Reed street, crouched in one corner of the car with some men's clothing held up before her as if for protection. She was arrested and straggled along beside her captor, crying out her story. He went to the address she gave on Reed street and found the girl lived alone in a garret.

"Your father and mother?" he asked. "No," sobbed the girl, sinking down or

Acting on information Blackenburg went to the home of Mary Zanbowitz, years old, 103 Greenwich street. He ar-rested the girl. In her room he found men's union suits, shoes and clothing to the value of \$150. Next door to Mary Zanbowitz, at 14 Reed street, lived Annie Varennan, four teen years old, both of whose parents are dead. In her room was found \$100 worth of loot, say the police. Annie Rensher, also fourteen years old, who lives with her parents at 1615 South Front street, was ther Three of the girls are able to speak Eng-

lish only slightly and these sat looking blankly at the walls and weeping by turns as the other girl told the story "Bob got most of it," she said colorlessly as if she were telling a matter-of-course thing. "He told us where to go and what

o do and we went and did all of it at night Yes, the masks are ours! us and we just had to do what he said. The girls appeared rather dazed as they were taken away to the House of Detention.

WILL PASS ON TRANSIT PLEA AT EARLY DATE

would admit feeling the weight of years, were Dr. Jesse Cope Green, who celebrated his ninety-ninth birthday in January, is still Luncheon, Explains Board's Delay

ably the oldest West Chester man who is active in business, and Enoch Worrall, ninety-two years old, who for years kept Action by the State Public Service Commission on the city's application for cer-tificates of public convenience for the vaious units of the high-speed system wa publicly promised by Chairman William D as "young" by Mrs. Hastings and Doctor B. Ainey today as promptly as is con-sistent with the commission's conscientious performance of its duties. Mr. Ainey gave this assurance at a luncheon of the City Club, where he was the speaker. Chairman Ainey had concluded his Whitlock's Recall

pared address upon the work of the commission when George B. Wells, a director in the Market Street Business Association, inquired when the public might expect some definite word from the commission upon the pending certificates.

"I can assure you," replied the commis-sioner, "and I know I voice the sentimen of every member of the commission, that action will be taken at the earliest mo possible consistent with the conscientious performance of our duty."

Mr. Ainey then went on to explain that although the applications had been before the Commission since the last of 1916, the final statistical information they desired was not submitted to them until the early part of the present week. This information was an estimate by Director Twining of the cost for an independent operator to ip the high-speed system and tables showing the Director's estimates of the financial results of the operation of the

The delay by the Commission has held up the awarding of the three contracts for the subway delivery loop, bids for which were opened February 1, and it is likely to delay also the awarding of contracts for three sections of the Broad street subway, bids for which are to be opened next weel The cost to the city in interest and sinking fund charges on transit bonds as the result f this inaction is estimated at approxi-

Mr. Ainey in the course of his addres recommended action by the State Legisla-ture which would make it possible for per-sons to have valuations made of public for rate-making purposes at the cost of the State instead of having the con painants bear the burden, as is now the case. In this connection, he called attenion to the fact that former Director of Public Works Morris L. Cooke expended out of his own pocket \$40,000 in the case against the Philadelphia Electric Company.

HINDU SINGER'S RECITAL

Mme, Ratan Devi to Give Concert at U. of P. Today

Mme. Ratan Devi, a musician of India, will give a recital of classical Indian Ragas and Kashmiri folk songs this afternoon in Weightman Hall, University of Pennsylvania. She will be assisted by her husband, Dr. Ananda Coomaraswamy.

Clad in Indian costume and seated on the floor, with incense burning in an urn at her feet, Mme. Ratan Devi, will reproduce an "Indian Night." Her scale comprise twenty-two notes, and as no occidental in

erself on a tamboura, a long cobra-shaped Doctor Coomaraswamy will precede the recital with a talk on the Indian conception

ARMY BEATS NAVY DEATH ANTS IN CALLS FOR MEN

IN TORNA

\$2,000,000 Preparty

Loss

New Albany Chief Sufferer-Aid

Rushed From Louis-

ville

Thirty-nine persons known to be dead,

nearly 150 injured and property loss of

\$2,000,000 was today the toll of the tor-

nade which swept across southern Indiana

The storm spent its fury at New Albany,

where thirty-four bodies have been recov-

ered. In that town alone an additional 100

were injured and \$1,500,000 damage done

to property.

Before striking New Albany the storm came down on the city from the northwest. Reports today showed many deaths and heavy damage over a wide territory, as fol-

Holmon-One dead, two injured; prop-erty loss of \$10,000.

Jeffersonville-One dead, three injured:

Sullivan County-Two dead, fifteen hurt; wenty homes in ruins and \$500,000 prop-

Hendricks County-One injured, twenty

omes destroyed and \$50,000 damage.

District north of Decatur—Five injured.

\$75,000 damage to farm buildings, Delaware County — One injured, \$5000

Howard County-Two injured, \$1000

property loss.

Corydon County—Twenty injured, twenty

nomes damaged and loss of \$10,000.
Flat Rock, Ill.—One killed, three injured

300 HOMES WRECKED

Three hundred homes in New Albany were destroyed and about 1000 persons

were without shelter. The devastated dis-trict, including about one-third of the city.

s a half-mile wide and two miles long.

Martial law was in effect today. Two

ompanies of the National Guard ordered

out by the Governor arrived there this

out by the Governor arrived there this morning. They had orders to shoot on sight in case of looting. One other company was on the way. Practically all of the homeless were cared for during the

Hospitals were crowded to overflowing with the injured, who were being cared for by nurses and physicians from Louisville.

Many of the injured were in a serious con-

dition, and physicians stated that the death toll from those in the hospitals would

reach fifteen.

Many bodies may still be buried in the

debris. No thorough search could be made of the district during the night. Estimates

were that from ten to thirty bodies were

On account of the limited hospital facili-

ties, it was planned to transfer many of

RELIEF WORK UNDER WAY.

Relief work was well under way today

The Indianapolis Red Cross has taken over the details. J. J. O'Connor, director

arrived here to make a survey of the situ-

ation and arrange to raise the needed funds. Many cities have already offered

aid and relief funds were being started.

The tornado followed an afternoon of light showers. The district of the city

struck was where the working men lived.

Within a few seconds the entire district

Wild scenes followed the sweeping of the

storm. Women and children ran through the streets searching for lost members of

the family, while men attempted to put out

The body of Martha Stella Ehringer,

two-year-old baby, was found in a creek with her arms clasped around the body of a dog. The baby and her pet went to death

Tom Caldwell, watchman at the Monor

railway crossing, was one of the heroes of the tornado that swept New Albany. Peering from his high tower, Caldwell

saw the inky-black cloud rushing down of

him with the speed of an express train. There was time for him to escape, but a

train was approaching; he uttered a praye

tower was flattened to earth as if by a blow from some great projectile. Caldwell was injured and probably will

DELAWARE SESSION ENDS

Legislature Adjourns With Calendars

Virtually Cleared

DOVER, Del., March 24.-The 1917 ses-

sion of the Delaware Legislature ended to-day. Nearly all the bills on the two cal-endars were cleared up. The bill provid-

ing a paid fire department for Wilmington

abutting paving bills were passed by the

was lost in the closing hours, but the

The next instant the

central division of the Red Cross,

night. Fires broke out frequently,

destroying three houses.

still to be found

gether

train swept by.

the injured to Louisville.

late yesterday.

everal homes razed.

and loss of \$6000.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 24,

16,867 More Needed to Bring 39 Known Dead, Sea Strength Up to Standard

BEST RESPONSE IN EAST SWEEPS INDIANA TOWNS

8700 Enlisted in Land Forces Since February 1-Steady Gains in New York

WASHINGTON, March 24. While the number of recruits which have enlisted at army and navy recruiting stations during the last week has increased, indications are that the country is not yet fully aroused to the imminence of war.

The total strength of the navy today is 61,089 men. To bring this fighting arm up to its authorized strength, 16,867 men are needed. The net gain in the first four days of this week was 467. The navy has gained an average of 117 men each day since the recruiting campaign was started.

Statistics indicate that the heaviest enlistments are in the east. While great stress has been laid on the need of men the navy, the army has drawn the greater number.

During the period from February 1 to March 20 a total of 8700 men had been enisted throughout the country for the regular army. The general national average including Sundays and holidays, has been well over 200 each day from February 1 to March 20, as against 168 during Janu-

Army recruiting has showed a steady in-crease since November when the recruiting ystem was organized, but no noticeable crease has been shown as a result of the

In New York alone 912 men have enagainst ninety-three for the week The navy has drawn only 211 recruits

A fifty per cent increase in army recruiting is reported at Chicago. There were thirty-one enlistments in the marine corps

Baltimore reports no noticeable increase

Boston-Naval enlistments since Febru-

Albany, N. Y .- Navy, since February 1, 65; army, same period, 50.
Schenectady, N. Y.—Navy, since break

Richmond, Va.—Navy, since February 4, 55; army, same period, 67.

Six Performances on Schedule of Dramatic Society-Prelates to Attend

the management to draw a number of spec-tators fully equal to the 30,000 who attended the performances last year

p Prendergast, Bishop McCort Bishop McDevitt and others.

Men's Christian Association S Industrial School of the Immaculate Con-ception. Catholic Guild, Victrix Club and Gesu Holy Name Society

Fathers, with members of the congregations of the Holy Ghost and of the Society of

DYING OF BIRD'S DISEASE

That Killed His Parrot

transmitted the disease to more than a hundred, employes of the Wilkes-Barre store where they were for sale. The parrot bought by Bridge died several days after being purchased.

lay, and she fell to the pavement below. Concussion of the brain and a possible fracture of the skull was the result. Her mother, who was house cleaning, called an ambulance, which took the child to the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital.



For the invalid as well as those in perfect health Baker's Cocoa

is an ideal food beverage, pure, delicious and wholesome.

Walter Baker & Co. Ltd.



THIN MENACE J. S. OF RUSSIA'

ar Office Issues Warning That Petrograd Is Threatened

ERMAN DRIVE FORECAST

stonic Blow Planned Along Dvina Front, Officials Hear

PETROGRAD, March 24. erting that Russia's enemy was tening Petrograd and concentrating ements and munitions along the ethern front," Minister of War Gutchat, in a proclamation issued today, exrted the people to stand firm and guard ofth all care against danger. The warn-

fested with spies of all classes of so-dety, of all professions and trades, uni-formed and disguised. They are sowing discord and frightening those who are timid. We must fight them. Soldiers and citizens, beware of great danger. Do not mistake police engaged in counter-espionage for the old regime's secret police. Be prudent. Sentinels, to vigilant.

Information has reached the War Office t is said, that the Germans were preparing or a big offensive along the Dvina River. ssian military men believe that the Germans will make an effort to break through and advance upon Petrograd.

THE "U. S. OF RUSSIA" New Russia is likely to bear the name "The United States of Russia" if the temper of the people in Petrograd is an index. At least the form of government will be

Republican.

Whether the unmistakable feeling on this point noticeable today in the capital is hared throughout the country is yet diffi-

The central committee and the parliaentary representatives of the Constitu-onal Democratic Party have voted for a publican form of government for Russia he leader of the party is Prof. Paul Milu-off, the Foreign Minister, who favors a spublican form of government as best

republican form of government. The Russian peasant's mind is principally and on the land question; the breaking up of great estates and equal opportunities to all. This question solved satisfactorily, the Duma delegates today vere scattering me of explaining to people in distant parts of Russia exactly what has happened in the last two weeks. Doubtless they will bring back to Petrograd an accurate re-view of the sentiment of the people on the

form of government. meantime, the Council of Work-Soldiers and Deputies, numbering continues its administration as i Demands of various factions, how ever, are moderating. The assembly has effected a compromise with the new Cabinet in which the cabinet agreed to await deby a constituent assembly and not

to attempt precipitate action. NEW ERA DAWNING

Organization of a Social Democratic party throughout Russia in the hope of strong representation of that element in the nstituent assembly is already under way This one additional example of the day of a new era in Russia was seen today—the men waiting in line at the tram stations coluntarily ruled "women, and children first" in the crowds to save them from the terrific crush due to insufficiency of street

"Today Russia is no longer a dead weight in the coalition of the Entente Allies," de-clared Foreign Minister Miliukoff in a statepent to the press expressing gratification over formal recognition accorded the new Russian Government.

"The Allies," he said, "came into touch with the new regime without delay, appre-ciating that the old regime constituted a serious hindrance.

"Organization of the Russian people was necessary to a final triumph. Today Russia is no longer a dead weight in the coalition of the Entente Allies; she is a productive "Henceforth all rumors of a separate because it was anti-national for a freed Russia to come to an understanding with seactionary Germany."

OCEAN CITY ENJOYS SPRING BUILDING BOOM

Large Operations Under Way in Preparation for Busy Season-Many Cottages Rented

OCEAN CITY, N. J., March 24.—Spring-to weather of the last few days has put we life into building operations and buildare rushed with work. There is a de-tand for carpenters, all local mechanica and many from out of town being fully

Among the big improvements on the coardwalk is an \$5000 bathhouse, for the caside Baths, Inc., whose owners are philadelphians. William F. Shriver's new syllion on the Boardwalk at Ninth street supply the needs of many as a rest provement that will make a particu to Philadelphians who spend season here is the prop

argement of the city's music pavillon on Boardwalk at Moorlyn terrace. Bids will be awarded within a short time. cost is roughly estimated at about

say. A number have already been and inquiries are pouring in every botels are prepared to take care of ore during Holy Week and at the av holidays. The houses now open in-the Idlawiid, Imperial, Wyoming and

ROOSEVELY ON VACATION

tarts for Florida to Watch Friend Hunt Sharks and Devilfish

TORK, March 24.—Colonel Theo-Rocesvelt left here systerday for set vacation in Florida. He declined by what part of the State he would

im going with Russell J. Coles, a planter of Danville, Va., to see him collected and sharks," said the Coloa going away because at the mo-bere is nothing here I can do. All of comments which, without govern-belles. I can make as regards my beat as organisation work are pro-less organisation work are pro-less organisation work are pro-

Where You Can Enlist

Frankford avenue and Orthodox

Chelten and Germantown avenues Eighth and Christian streets.

United States Navy

U. S. Marine Corps

Pennsylvania National Guard

Recruits taken at all armories.

Naval Coast Defense Reserve

Mayor's office, City Hall. United States Naval Home, Fitz-water street and Gray's Ferry road.

Pennsylvania Women's Division for

National Preparedness and of

American Red Cross

Military Training Camps'

Association

Philadelphia Military Training Corps

quarters, 1917 Mt. Vernon street.

Boy Scouts of America

Girl Scouts of America

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

Headquarters, 36 South Seven-

METHODIST CONFERENCE

Accepts Invitation of Newberry, Ly-

coming County, to Hold Fiftieth

Annual Session There

LEWISTOWN, Pa., March 24.—Only two

xtended an invitation on the part

superintendent Williamsport district, made

an earnest claim for Newberry as one of the few adequate churches at which to hold

the fiftieth anniversary of the conference.

The Rev. Mr. Skillington heartily indorsed

this and withdrew his invitation. New-

berry was then decided upon as the place

Bishop W. F. McDowell, Washington.

D. C., announced appointments to the

xamining board as follows: The Revs. J.

H. Morgan, R. H. Mosser, J. E. A. Bucke, R. C. Peters, J. B. Brenneman, J. E. Bell,

J. H. Price, W. P. Shriner, J. E. Skilling-

ton, C. F. Dunning, A. S. Williams, J. M.

Riely, J. M. Glover, M. E. Swartz, A. S. Fasick, B. C. Connor, S. S. Womer, D. N.

F. S. Artley, R. S. Cuddy, J. P. Hurlburt, H. C. Knox, D. M. Kerr, J. E. Le Page, A. L. Ritzman, J. A. Turner, A. B. Harper and G. E. Johnson, members of the second-

year class, were admitted into full con-nection with the conference and ordained

with degree of deacons.

Dr. C. M. Boswell, corresponding secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital,

Philadelphia, told the story of the first con-

tribution he had received in his official

capacity representing five \$1 gold pieces

sweetheart thirty-five years previous an

The telling of this story brought

Patriotic Rally Here

heartily applauded.

to the Central Conference.

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er, chairman.

onditions permit.

eft out.

held sacred until she died nine years ago.

another pledge of \$5000 for the same cause.

United States Court, Eastern District, was introduced by Bishop McDowell and was

port and Riverside from the Philadelphia

Smith was named to constitute the active

head of the committee's wishes until the meeting is held, merging it with his other duties as chairman of the Home Defense League. He named, however, a special committee of today's committeemen to

The committee consists of Thomas Rob

ns, Frederick Jones, Mrs. J. Willis Mar-

in, T. De Witt Cuyler, Frank H. Hustead,

M. D.; E. A. Wright, Jr., Dr. H. Evert Kendig, secretary; Walter Lee Rosenber-

Nothing will be left undone to make the

ndependence Square rally the most super-

lative expression of patriotism ever yet at-tempted. The orators will be of national

reputation and the crowd as big as physical

There is a fine spirit of all bodies to co-

Wide of First in S. S. White vs. Clear-

view Shoot, Then Cops Forty-

nine Straight

Gunners of the S. S. White Club led the Clearview marksmen this afternoon at Darby in a dual shoot, with Chief Bender, the Indian ex-baseball pitcher, doing some

of the fanciest gunwork of all the gather

ing. When the smoke cleared away from his efforts, he had laid forty-nine out of fifty targets on their backs. Bender missed the first target and then had a straight run

S. S. WHITE

CLEARVIEW

Rockport Trooper Dies in Texas

HAZLETON, Pa., March 24.—Frank Mc-Donald, of Rockport, a member of Battery A. Third Field Artillery, which command returned on Tuesday from the border, died from pneumonia in a hospital at Fort Bliss, Tex. His brother, George McDonald, who served with him, is at the same hospital, suffering from pneumonia.

Mrs. Samuel Biopham Bowen Mrs. Samuel Biopham Bowen, who last Emma Virginia Wright, of

49 Griffith 49 Hoffman 48 Ford 48 Fountain 47 Beirath

The first scores follow:

MISSES ONE TARGET

CHIEF BENDER ONLY

Judge Henry Wade Rodgers, of the

was adopted to transfer Smith-

Headquarters, 925 Walnut street.

Drexel Biddle Bible Class head-

Headquarters, 117 Commercial

Headquarters, 221 South Eight-

1310 Arch street. Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Trust Building.

teenth street.

of next meeting.

Mayor's office, City Hall. 1310 Arch street.

Philadelphia Navy!Yard.

1409 Arch street. Broad and Filbert streets.

Thirteenth and Arch streets.

WAS MINE VICTIM United States Army Recruiting stations: City Hall. Postoffice. 225 Market street. Sixtieth and Market streets. Thirty-second and Market streets.

CREW REPORTED SAFE

Five Hours After Explosion

Consul Wesley Frost, at Queenstown was sunk by a floating mine.

This information was received in a cable-gram from George Wilson Stead, of Ches-

fied his wife, Mrs. Mary I. Stead, that he was safe at Queenstown. No lives were lost in the sinking, which occurred off Fastnet, Ireland, Thursday.

Stead, who lives at 7 Parkway avenue, Chester, is an engineer of the Westinghouse Company, Pittsburgh. He was in charge of the ship's engines, which were installed by the company. He has a ten-year-old daughter, Isabelle.

First reports had it that the Malmanger.

First reports had it that the Malmanger was either sunk by a mine or torpedoed by a German submarine. The explosion blew a hole in the ship's side Thursday

The Malmanger sailed March 11 with oil loaded at Bayonne, N. J., for Avons-mouth by the Standard Oil Company. The

nessed by fully 10,000 persons.

The Malmanger was reported to be owned by the Anglo-American Oll Company.

Continued from Page One days of September, 1914, when all o northern France was overrun by these

German prisoners taken in the French

"We are told to retreat or to stay and

The German retirement began on Febru

peace-time maneuver," writes the military critic of the Overseas News Agency today. The writer says that the Germans suffered slight losses, but inflicted heavy casualties upon the Allies. It is admitted

Set for Next Saturday that Peronne was burned. A majority of the residents of the aban-

> The article in part follows: "By German operations on the western front the troops have been disengaged from positions in Picardy they held for about two and a half years. The cavalry o and thus a completely new war situation has been created. The beginning of our enterprise dates back to the evacuation of Grandecourt on February 4, which remained unnoticed by the English for several days The next step was to withdraw on both sides of the Ancre on the night of February 22. Great changes occurred during the early days of March. First the salient near Greyvillers and next Bapaume were aband oned without being noticed by the enemy The English bombarded and attacked this evacuated area with infantry, finding to

operate in making the meeting 100 per cent perfect, and nothing that can be thought of to make it ring around the world will be Peronne was evacuated and set on fire o three days March 14, but it was not until later that the British occupied it. "During this time," says the article, "the French entered Noyon, The inhabitants were not—as practiced by our enemies— dragged away, but all possible consider-ation was shown them and a majority of

their great surprise only empty trenches

them were left behind, while all establish-ments that could be useful to the British and French troops were destroyed." Various bursts of fighting in which the Allies were said to have sustained heavy losses were enumerated. The article con-

achievements of the war. They were car ried out like maneuvers in peace times Except for soldiers who are missing they lost their way, we suffered no losses. Considerable casualties were flicted on the Allies' advance guard."

PLAN TO AMUSE CHILDREN

Wards at Eaglesville Sanatorium to

"These complicated operations completely succeeded and belong to the most splendid

Be Entertained EAGLESVILLE. Pa. March 24.—The many wards of the Children's Sanatorium here, and in whose health and welfare so many prominent members of Jewish social many prominent members of Jewish social and charitable circles are interested, will on Sunday afternoon, be entertained by a little Philadelphia girl. She is Doris Einstein, daughter of Abe L. Einstein, under whose direction the affair will be given as a birthday celebration for his child, who will be seven years old that day.

Many well-known entertainers offered their services and other persons in Philadelphia gave the use of their automobiles to convey the former to the institution.

40 Rescued From Fire; Boy Missing WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 24,— recens rescued more than forty person than the Maloney building.

EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, MARCH 24. 1917 WEST CHESTER WOMAN **KEEPS 104TH BIRTHDAY**

Dinner Party to More Inti-

mate Friends

MRS. ANN ELIZA HASTINGS

WEST CHESTER, Pa., March 24.

At the home of her son-in-law, Maurice

Travilla, West Miner street, Mrs. Ann

Eliza Hastings, in celebration of the 104th

anniversary of her birth, is meeting a large

number of her friends with a happy smill

advanced age as most persons of half her years. She retains sight perfect, spends

much of her time sewing and knitting and is a daily reader of the newspapers, loving

to comment upon all topics of the day with callers, of whom she has many. Many of those who called today left re-

minders of their visits in the shape of pre-ents and they were all duly appreciated. Among the aged callers, none of whol

able to take long daily walks and will i

seen on his bicycle as usual during the good weather to come. Nathan Hayes, ninety-six years old, prob-

a grocery store in various sections of the county and only retired from business a

year ago, and a few other men are classed

civilians behind the German lines, and it was decided that the work of the

commission must be kept going, despite

all difficulties, until continued Ameri-

For over two years it has been the single-minded purpose of this Govern-

ment and the commission to see that

these 10,000,000 of civilians were fed,

and with this end in view, the Ameri-

cans concerned have submitted to re-

strictions imposed upon them by the German authorities which under ordi-

PRIVILEGES DENIED

conditions would never have been

can participation became imp

German Acts Force

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today and entertained a company of at dinner. She is hale and hearty a

MASKED GIRLS STEAL

nternational crisis. sted in the army since March 1. The increase in recruiting has been steady since that time, 408 enlisting so far this week

n New York this month.
In the Middle West some of the larger cities report more than normal enlistments fifty per cent increase is reported for the marines from St. Louis. City reports an increase of fifty-five per cent in naval enlistments. Army recruit ing at St. Paul is reported as showing increase of twenty-five per cent. Minneapolis five women have applied for enlistment in the navy.

there last week and twenty-five during the first four days of this week. For the navy Chairman Ainey, at City Club there were eighty applicants and twentyfive enlistments during the first four days

of this week.

Springfield, Mass., alone reported breaking all records with 125 recruits for the army during February and 108 in March. NO INCREASES

nce the latest international crisis arose This district include Maryland and the Dis-trict of Columbia. During January thirtyone army recruits were accepted and forty two in February.
Other points reported enlistments as fol-

ary 3, 175; week ending March 23, 42. Army, since February 3, 129; last ten

of relations, 9; army, since February

PASSION PLAY TO BE GIVEN BY ST. JOSEPH STUDENTS

The presentation of the Passion Play, which will be given in six performances next week by the Dramatic Society of St. Joseph's College, under the direction of the Rev. James A. Taafe, is expected by

Among the prominent churchmen who are expected to attend are the Most Rev. Archbishop John Bonzano, the Apostolic Dele-gate at Washington; Cardinal Gibbons,

Representatives will be present from the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, Catholic Alumni Sodality, Crimson and Gray Club, Roman Catholic High School for Boys, Catholic Girls' High School, West Philadelphia Catholic High School for Boys, Bryn Mawr College, Young Academy, Logan; Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, Vilia Maria Academy, Frazer; Academy of St. Aloysius, West Chester; Convent of the Holy Child, Sharon Hill; Villanova College, St. Leonard's Academy.

Among the patrons will be Augustinian. Dominican, Redemptorist and Vincentian

Pittston Man Suffering From Malady

SCRANTON, Pa., March 24.—James Bridge, sixty years old, is dying of a strange disease at his home in Pittston. He bought one of the parrots that are believed to have

two houses.

The members of the General Assembly will return to Dover next Wednesday to pass the regular appropriations and claims LURED TO FALL BY HAND ORGAN

Child Heeds Call of Spring and Plunges

From Window Spring and the music of spring—the grind organ—coaxed five-year-old Clara Fagen too near an open second-story window at her home, 2722 North Warnock street, to-