## EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1917

# UNING PERIOD NEARING ITS END; PREPAREDNESS MEANS BEST FRUIT

fety Line for Work Will Soon Be Over as Sap Mounts Branches-Timely Hints on Cutting Trees and Grape Vines-Queries Answered

#### By JOHN BARTRAM

Pruning time is nearing its end as the p begins its upward course to the furthest unches of the grapevines and fruit and

All trees, vines and shrubs should be gruned in the late winter or early spring, accept such shrubs as illacs, spireas, etc., that form their flowering wood immediately after blooming. Fruit trees and grape vince uned in late winter and early spring they are dormant.

Pruning is more likely to be underdone han overdone. There must, however, be a merciless slaughter of the wood unless special remedial reasons, and this id be done by an expert.

In general, the amateur is too tender marted in pruning his trees and vines. It may almost be stated as a theorem that the grape vine should never be allowed to be a vine, that is, it should not be allowed o run to long canes and a lot of weak rood. That means that the bunches will be full and the grapes will not have largest size and best flavor. Proper

GARDEN QUERIES ANSWERED BRING your problems of garden-ing to the EVENING LEDGER for **Grass Seed Varieties** C. B. L.-Tou can obtain special and effective mixtures of grass seeds for such purposes as shady places seashore, etc. We cannot list these here, but you will find them described and priced in the catalogues of any reliable dealer under trade names. Consult advertising columns for reliable dealers. solution. In addition to practical articles, timely to the season, the editor will answer, either out of his own experience as a small-scale Geraniums gardener or through consultation ISADORE.—It is too carly to put your scra-niams cut into the open. They are a somewhat tender "lant, which is blighted by frosts and retarded by cold. with authorities, questions of read-ers. Address John Bartram, Even-

ING LEDGER, Philadelphia. **Early Tomatoes** 

riminating in the case of peaches, plums and cherries.

PRUNING BERRIES In the case of currants, gooseberries and raspberries, cut out all the dead canes and REPUBLICANS WILL BACK also some of the central canes where th plant is crowded, in order to let in plent; of light and air. This will pay in better plents berries

The diagrams give the right idea in con-Against Democratic Rule of

In both systems of pruning tie with soft rags or coarse twine the new bearing wood left on the vine, distributing it as fan-like as possible to allow room for the leafing and fruiting, so that there may be a good properties of supplies and varilation.

and trutting, so that there may be a new proportion of sunshine and ventilation. Set busy this week with the pruning. Already the sap is mounting high under the influence of early spring sunshine. Very shortly cuts will be followed by detrimental

Next House

began the final line-up of their forces for

the fight to control organization of the House when Congress convenes in extraor-

1 expect to be nominated for the peakership. The Republicans will

caucus Saturday, when their final plans will be agreed upon. The steering com-

mittee will meet tomorrow night. It is expected that a plan will be adopted

whereby, if a Speaker has not been chosen after a reasonable amount of halloting the Republicans will propose

a continuance of the present organiza-

tion of the House provisionally. The Republicans are determined that they will not be responsible for any dead-

lock in the House organization which would defer President Wilson's appear-

ance to read his address on the German

**Preparing to Attack Zapatistas** 

Cotton in Store Damaged by Fire

is party's support today. He said :

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"bleeding" of the sap.

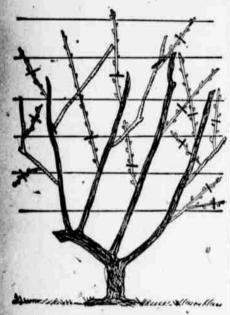
Vines trained thus are convenient to prune and spray and the fruit is of superior size and quality.

ning of grapes will reduce the number | nection with grape vines. Many suburban bunches, but enough will be formed or the vine to take care of to perfect places contain well-established grape vinea on the old-fashioned arbor system. This

#### PRUNING FRUIT TREES

The first thing to do in pruning trees is to cut out all the dead wood. A pair of ning shears with a good spring and a se saw will be all the tools necessary. Make clean cuts, leaving no stubs next to the main trunk or branches in wood that is cut off in this manner. If there are large cuts apply some paint in order to keep the air and moisture from starting rot in the good wood. Cut out the weaker or less de-sirable branches where two or more show a tendency to run across each other. Re-duce the tall growing main leaders so as to bring all the bearing growth within con-

venient range for spraying and picking. Cut off some of the branches containing fruit spurs so that the trees will not "throw" more blossoms than the trees can bring to maturity. Make these cuts slant-ing in toward the tree in order to avoid



means that the bearing wood is formed pretty well up at the top and there is a considerable growth of heavy nonbearing wood. The modern science in has decided that the spur system The modern science of viticulture as it produces prime grapes, instead of the weakling bunches often found forming over arbors, which frequently drop before reach-

ing maturity. The spur system is much easier to handle. The vines seldom run higher than a man's head and can be pruned quickly and unlaboriously. Grapes are borne on the unlaboriously. Grapes are borne on the new wood and under the spur system there is only this new wood and the permanent

wood of the main trunk and arms to care

for. Under the spur system cut out all dead or kinter-killed wood and any weak wood. The dead wood is the brittle, "crackly" sort and the new or bearing wood shows green when barked with the nail or cut with the shears. Reduce this to three or four buds from the spurs of dark almost black wood, which is the permanent basis for the vine's bearing. This system of pruning is illustrated as the vine looks before operations, and, by blotting out the shoots above the cuts shown by short black lines), as it should ook after pruning.

THE ARBOR SYSTEM

The arbor system pruning is more taxing, but done properly the results should be a good crop of luscious grapes. Here there will be the almost black permanent wood some dark brown, second or third year wood, of leaders and the light brown or tan-colored wood of the new growth, which is to bear the fruit. Here also all the dead wood should be cut out.

buds. The permanent or old wood is that shown nearly black. The two-year-old wood is that with the cross-bar effect. SEEN IN BERLIN PARLEY ce legislation. The six Representatives are McArthur Oregon: Greene, Vermont: Platt. New York: Gray, New Jersey: Gardner, Massa-chusetts, and McCormick, of Illinois.

would be granted to this end-after the Centinged from Page One sentiment for greater participation by the war. Since that time the Chancellor has German people in the management of Ger- been reported as deciding that these re-

CALLS CAMDEN COUNTY many. He then declared important reforms forms ought to be made at once, MAYORS TO CONFERENCE

### U. S. HEARS BRITISH SEA CAPTAIN IS TAKEN AS HOSTAGE BY U-BOAT

WASHINGTON, March 29. A mysterious message from Consul Frost at Queenstown today reported both that the captain of the British bark Neath had been taken hostage by a German submarine and that he had been landed the following day at Queenstown, Two Americans were aboard the Neath when she was torpodoed, but no lives were lost.

WAR TRAINING CAMPS FOR SUMMER ANNOUNCED BY WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, March 29. Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., June 30-July The War Department today announced the summer schedule of civilian training 29 and August 4-September 2; Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., July 7-August 5; Fort Des Moines, In., June 30-July 29 and August amps to be he'd on the Plattsburg plan. The schedule follows: -September

ber 15-October 14; Fort Snelling, July 7-August 5 and August 114 leptember But Representative Mann was confident of September 9 : Fort Sheridan, III., first camp, June 2.July 1; second camp, July 7-August 5; third camp, August 11-September 9; fourth camp, September 15-October 14, Central department, junior division-

PRESIDENT CONFERS

### ON LAND DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, March 29. Land defense problems and proposition held the President's chief attention today in his consideration of preparation of th nation for the state of war existing, formal announcement of which is expected by Tuesday.

Both Republican and Democratic leaders are agreed upon a plan by which passage of the four big appropriation bills which failed in the last Congress will be railroaded Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military committee of the upper body, called at the White House this afternoon to tell the President that he should embody in his coming message a flat recommendation for miversal military training.

Chamberlain explained the conference was beld "partly at the instance of the MEXICO CITY, March 29-Preparation or an offensive against the rebel troops in President" and partly at his own request. Morelos State is now in progress. General Just before Chamberlain called, Secretary f War Baker went to the White House to Pablo Gonzales will leave April 5 for Vera Cruz to become military commander there lay before the President details of all hi and direct the attack on the Zapatistas, who will be under the personal command of General Benjamin Hill. epartment had done in land defense work, "We discussed the general military situa-

tion." Chamberlain said. "Of course, I urged that the President signify his approval of some form of universal service. If the President would get behind universal NEW YORK, March 29 .- Between 500 and 600 bales of cotton were damaged by military service it could be passed. I believe are, water and smoke early this morning However, he has not manifested any chang a fire in dock store No. 29 of the Ameri-an Dock Company, at Tompkinsville, N. Y. in his opinion.

"Until some other bills better than my

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window, may do serious damage

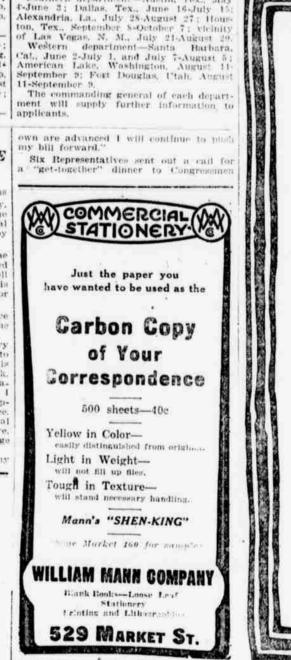
to the contents of your store

When you have Holmes protec-

tion, all windows and doors

must be properly closed every

May we tell you why?



Southern department-Austin, Tex., May

#### who favor universal military service. They plan to start at that time plans for action at this session on universal military serv-RAIDER MAY BE DROWNED Body Floating in Cswego Canal May

Plans for Home

Defense

Camden County to meet at the courthouse

smorrow afternoon and map out plans for

Among those who will altend are Director

John Prentice, of the County Board of Free-

holders; Sheriff Joshua P. Halnes and the

Mayors of Gioucester City, Haddonfield.

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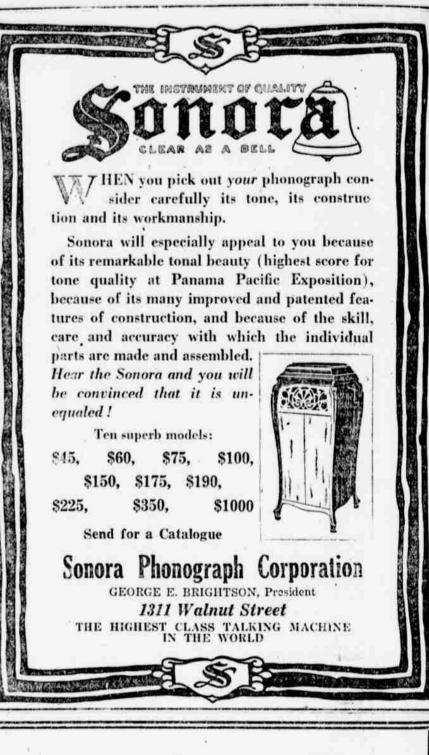
Be Escaped German Philadelphia Navy Yard officials ware

this afternoon communicated with by authorities at Syracuse, N. Y., in an endeavor o ascertain whether the body of an unidentified man found floating in the oswego Canal there this morning was that of an escaped German sailor from an in-Prosecutor Kraft Wants to Map Out terned vessel . The clue to this identity in a tattoo on the right arm of the man. The design is that of an second sur-William J. Kraft, Prosecutor of Camden county, today issued a call for the Mayors emblem in German script is the word and other town officials of the towns in

wegel." Patrolman discovered the body, The man displayed a large wallet in a Synaruse restaurant. He is believed to have been about forty-five years of aga, Weighed about 150 pounds; was eight inches tall; had dark brown hair and gandy mustache.

### indicted as Woman's Slayer NEW YORK, March 29 -An indictment

Haddon Heights, Audubon, Merchantville "Benny" Sternberg, young fur with murder in connection with harging Mr. Kraft says that Camden County is regarded by military men as being the first alesman. the death of Mrs. Elsie Lee Hilair was returned by the Grand Jury this afternoon Mrs. Hilair was found strangled to death in the State with redard to strategic aportance. Through Camden County comes such farm produce for the provisioning of in the Hotel Martinique on March 15, Sternberg will be arraigned tomorrow.



out warning \$:45 a. m. 27th, twenty-eight miles southeast of Fastnet. Sank n seven minutes. No losses or injuries. Captain taken hostage by submarine. Neath carried no gun or wireless; attempt to escape or resist. Weather fair. Boats picked up by Admiralty vessel three miles off Baltimore, Eng.

6:30 27th. All saved. Captain landed Queenstown 2 today (March 28). Two Americans, Clarence Bloom boatswain, 223 Stewart street, San Francisco, and Peter Webster, negro seaman, Pensacola, Fia

# Frost's message read; British bark Neath, with auxiliary steampower, 4699 tons, bound Mauritius to Havre with sugar, torpedoed with-S. M.-Good kinds of early croppers are thatk's Early Jowel. Earliana. Jack Rose and Detroit Early. Upright growing tomaters are Dwarf Glant and Dwarf Stone. They are for main crop, though.

MANN FOR SPEAKERSHIP Illinoisan Expects to Lead Fight WASHINGTON, March 29. Democrats and Republicans, returning to the capital in increasing numbers today

The schedule follows: Plattsburg—First camp. June 2-July 1; second camp, July 7-August 5; third camp. August 11-September 9; fourth camp. September 15-October 14. Central department, senior division-Fort Riley, Kan., August 11-September 9;

ood down lower, which can be accom-ished by careful pruning two or three ears in succession. Train good, stron anes of the new growth, that grow lo Train good, strong lown on the cross timbers of the arbor to make arms for the ensuing years.

wood if it has canes of new wood. This new wood, tan outside and green inside, should be cut back to three or four buds for the fruiting branches. All the mass of weak, thin shoots, even of green wood, should be cut out. A typical arbor-trained vine is illustrated and cuts shown. The green wood is that showing the lateral

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THE ARBOR SYSTEM Grapes trained on the old-fashioned arbor are more difficult to handle, but usually give more bunches.

letting water run into the pith and start

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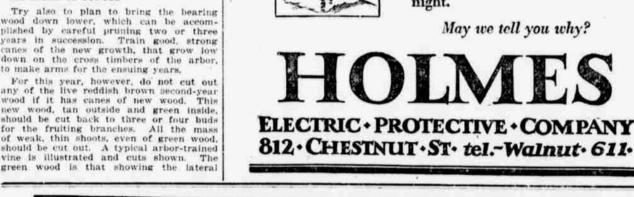




FTER Easter, town and country will be gay. First there are spring-weight suits to be thought of. Then the links are turning green, and already we are fitting our famous "Easy Reach" jackets for many of Philadelphia's most ardent golfers.

And before long the roads will be in condi-tion. That means rid-ing togs. We would suggest to our patrons that the season for wardrobe inspections is at hand.

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I INDER the wonderfully efficient management of Herbert Hoover, the American mining engineer, relief work in Belgium has meant the actual saving of thousands of lives. This work must go on! The departure of Americans who have so ably

carried it on simply means that the responsibilities are transferred to capable, trained Hollanders - volunteers, eager to serve without compensationknowing that ten million lives depend on their services.

# Over a Million Belgian Children Are **Dependent On Charity For Food**

America has undertaken to provide the much-needed extra daily ration for every one of these Belgian children. Philadelphia has pledged its share-

\$100,000 a month for six months-to give an extra meal every day to the 100,000 children in the province of Antwerp.

# Belgian Children's Week Starts Sunday

Philadelphia's entire contribution must be raised next week-Belgian Children's Week.

Every one with a heart is awake to the pitiful plight of these helpless children. And every Philadelphian will have a chance to contribute.

Churches, schools, business houses, newspapers, clubs and organizations of all kinds are co-operating heartily in\* this wonderful work.

"Ration Clubs" are being forall over the city to give extra mest the children of some Belgian town Many individual contributions have already been received.

Every one can help. Don't fail to do your part. Contribute personally-or assist in forming a "Ration Club." Do something.

# Belgian Children's Relief Committee of Pennsylvania 1524 Walnut Street, Philadelphia