ONE of the most significant events of the week will be the lecture which will be given by Mrs. Vernon Kellogg at the Garrick Theatre on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Kellogg is today one of the most widely known American women in Eu rope, and her work on behalf of the Beigian women and children will no doubt win her a place in history equal to that of Florence Nightingale. She is the only woman member of the American Commission for the Relief of Belgium, having been requested to accept that position by no less a personage than Herbert Hoover, who for years has been a personal friend of both Professor and Mrs. Kellogg.

Mrs. Kellogg was six months in Belgium behind the German lines and traveled all through the occupied parts of that nation. She had exceptional opportunities to see and participate in much of the relief work the commission is doing. A committee of prominent women have the affair in charge and there will be many patriotic features, and it will be open to

the public. The committee under which Mrs. Kellogg's lecture will be given is composed of Mrs. George H. Frazier, Mrs. J. Willis Martin, Mrs. Charles Stewart Wurts, Mrs. Edward D. Toland, Mrs. A. J. Cassatt, Mrs. Henry Middleton Fisher, Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury, Mrs. John Cadwalader, Mrs. Joseph Woolston, Mrs. William Ellis Scull, Mrs. Stanley G. Flagg, Mrs. William A. Law, Mrs. Edward Burton Robinette, Mrs. A. J. County, Mrs. Charles Gibbons David, Mrs. William H. Donner, Mrs. William A. Glasgow, Mrs. John Gribbel, Mrs. John H. Mason, Mrs. Arthur E. Newbold, Mrs. George Wharton Pepper, Mrs. George Woodward and Mrs. Bayard Henry, chair-

IT IS remarkable what noteworthy afthe "Inner Few" be cognizant of them. I was speaking about the luncheon given on Saturday for Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson by fourteen different important societies, and my friend had not heard of it. I suppose because of the "wars and rumors of war" there is not as much space in the news these days, but I realixed that it was more than a pity that this affair had not been heralded far and wide. In the first place, do you know of any other woman in civics, in charity and in the city's intellectual 'and social life as greatly loved? And in the second place, do you think there is another one in this city whose friends, to the number at that luncheon of more than three hundred, would rally about her to show their appreciation of all she had done for each and every organization represented, as well as numerous individuals in those societies who had been fired with an ambition to follow her example and become "citizens," for a citizen in the fullest sense

of the word is what Mrs. Stevenson is? The breakfast was given in the Rose Gardens, you know, and was attended, as one man remarked to me, "by the best people in the city," by which he did not mean the Smart Set, but the really representative people in all the works of the

DEAR old Doctor Keen, who certainly cannot be called old in spite of his eighty years, presided at the long table, with Mrs. Stevenson seated at his right and at her left hand was Dr. Talcott Williams, while on Doctor Keen's left Mrs. Fisher have Mrs. George Tucker was Professor Lanson, of the University of Paris, exchange professor in this country, you know, at Columbia University. Professor Lanson was named by Monsieur Jusserand, French Ambassador to the United States, to attend the breakfast and to speak in behalf of France's appreciation of the honcred guest, who was, by the way, born in France.

Such French, my dears! It was a joy to listen to him. His address was followed by a very short but much-to-the point one by Mrs. Willis Martin, who was succeeded by Dr. Talcott Williams, and Doctor Keen in introducing him, seeing a pile of clippings and manuscript which reached many inches high (it was all data on Mrs. Stevenson's life), laughingly prepared the guests to remain for the afternoon, as Doctor Williams evidently had much to say. There were many able and interesting addresses, until I began to feel, as Doctor Jastrow expressed it, "It seems that we are not here to honor one woman, but a sort of syndicate which goes by the name of Sara Yorke Stevenson. Doctor Jastrow, you know, is librarian of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. William H. Furness, 3d, was an other speaker. Doctor Furness was secretary of the Free Museum of Science and Art, now of the University of Pennsylvania, when Mrs. Stevenson was president and Mr. Samuel T. Bodine was vice president. Mr. Bodine was present also on Saturday, and presented the University Museum in the name of Mrs. Yorke Stevenson with the portrait of Mrs. Stevenson by Seyffert, which was shown at the recent Academy exhibition.

NOTHER very interesting thing was A the tablet which Dr. Albert T. Clay had fashioned of 4000-year-old clay for the onored guest, on which was written a regular ovation to "Sara, daughter of Yorke, wife of Stevenson," in some ancient language. Doctor Clay kindly translated it for us. Doctor Clay was formerly in the department of Semitics of the University of Pennsylvania. When a chair was bunded at Yale by the late J. Pierpont Morgan in memory of Mr. Laffan, of the New York Sun, known as the Laffan Chair of Semitic Archeology and Literature, Doctor Clay was appointed to fill it. and he came on from New Haven to atand the breakfast.

T WAS altogether a great tribute, and the presence of so many of her "boys," as she lovingly called them, was a great gratification to Mrs. Stevenson, who spoke f all her friends with the greatest affection and appreciation.

Doctor Keen closed the breakfast by equesting that all who attended would neet there again twenty years hence to brate Mrs. Stevenson's ninetieth birthand his own one hundredth.



MISS MABEL DE LONG The engagement of Miss De Long to Mr. Robert Brian Chew, Chestnut Ridge, N. J., was recently announced.

Division for National Preparedness, Public Ledger Company, American Philosophical Society, Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art, Archeological Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, Oriental Club of Philadelphia, American Oriental Society and Archeological Institute of America. All of these societies lay claim to Mrs. Stevenson as a most active worker therein. NANCY WYNNE.

Personals

Mrs. Edward D. Page will give two uncheons, followed by cards, A the Corinthian Yacht Club at Essington—one will take place Tuesday, May 1, and the second Wednesday, May 9.

Mrs. George W. C. Drexel entertained at linner last night at her country place at Bryn Mawr.

Miss Amelia Tower Putnam has issued invitations for a tea at her home, 1926 Spruce street, on Monday, April 30, from 5

Mrs. Charles B. Hart entertained at uncheon, followed by cards, at her country place at Deyon yesterday.

Mrs. Walter Blabon has returned to Bryn Mawr after a two weeks' visit in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Blabon will entertain this evening in honor of Miss Elizabeth Samuels and Doctor Poulieff, whose marringe takes place tomorrow.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Middletown Fisher and their daughter, Miss Mary Frances Fisher, have closed their town house, on Clinton street, and are occupying their country residence. Alverthorp, Meeting House Bispham, of Washington, D. C., as their guest for some time.

Mrs. William Coleman Freeman, of 234 South Twenty-second street, returned last night from New York, where she spent the week-end.

The first of the spring series of luncheon at the Sedgley Club, in Fairmount Park, will be given tomorrow. Mrs. William J. Willcox and Mrs. William Ellis Scull will be hostesses. The other luncheon days season will be May 3, May 10 and May 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Simonin, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Libby, of Portland, Me. who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have returned rom a motor trip to Atlantic City.

Mrs. J. Lawson Weatherly, of Minne apolis, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Ball, of Wayne. Mrs. Weatherly will be remembered as Miss Bertha Ball, whose wedding took place last

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Furbush Barker of Ardmore, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Sue Horton Barker, April 12. Mrs. Barker will be remembered as Miss Betty Burrows-Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernardo de H. Stokes, o 7430 Devon road, Mount Airy, will enter-tain at dinner tomorrow evening before the last meeting of the Cresheim dancing class. The guests will include Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brush, Mrs. Herbert Taden and Mr. W. Price Hull.

The annual meeting of the Germantown Cricket Club will be held in its clubhouse at Germantown on Saturday evening. The at Germantown on Saturday evening. The following have been placed in nomination for election: Officers: Mr. Edward Walter Clark, president; Mr. William B. Kurtz, first vice president; Mr. Joseph Wayne, Jr., second vice president; Mr. Percy H. Clark, third vice president; Mr. George Purvince, Jr., secondary: Mr. Levis Purviance, Jr., secretary ; Mr. Lewis W. Wister, freasurer. Governors: Mr. Henry Lewis, Mr. Charles Gibbons Davis, Mr. Louis C. Madeira, Mr. William H. Con-well, Mr. Ewing Stille. Admission commit-tee: Mr. Robert H. Newbern, Mr. J. Ross Pilling, Dr. William N. Johnson, Mr. Liv-ingston E. Jones, Mr. Charles R. Weiss, Nominating committee: Mr. George M. Nominating committee: Mr. George M. Newhall, Mr. Bayard Henry, Mr. Walter F. Hagar, Mr. Thomas Evans and Mr. Charles

Schwartz, Jr. Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Miriam Allen Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson Turner, of Hunt-ly, Va., to Mr. Paul R. Brown, of Chambersburg. Ps. The wedding took place on April 21 in St. Stephen's Protestant Epis-copal Church, this city. Dr. Carl E. Grammer performed the ceremony.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Leah Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Cole, and Mr. Stewart C. Barnett, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Barnett, both of this city. The wedding of Mr. Barnett and Miss Cole will take place on May 9. Announcement has been made of the en

Roxborough

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Rox-borough Presbyterian Church will give a borough Presbyterian Church will give a large reception tomorrow night in the church pariors, in honor of the pastor, the Rev. Zerah Montgomery Gibson, and his bride, who were married on April 10 and have just returned from their wedding journey. The bride was Mrs. Margaret E. Church daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth.

EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1917 vice president; Mrs. Samuet Miller, treas-urer; Mrs. J. Wesley Lare, secretary, and Mrs. William F. Steele, chairman of the flower committee, who will receive the guests, will be assisted by Mrs. George Wanklin, Miss Mary I. Patton, Mrs. G. W. Moyer, Mrs. Whalley Sauers, Mrs. Charies Moyer, Mrs. Herman McMaster, Mrs. John Ransford, Mrs. John Christensen, Mrs. John Lex, Mrs. John Christensen, Mrs. John Lex, Mrs. William Culp. Mrs. Newton Bovard, Mrs. Louis Flick, Mrs. Thomas Henninger, Mrs. Harry Wood, Mrs. E. P. Reed, Mrs. Emma Schofield, Mrs. George Miller, Mrs. Harry Dager, Mrs. Hack, Mrs. Edward Crease, Mrs. Thomas Johnson, Mrs. L. Carley, Mrs. L. Cariey, Mrs. G. Buck, Mrs. W. Wendail and Mrs. Laura Hansbury. The church will be attractively decorated with flags, ferns and spring blossoms.

Weddings

MATHIEU-JONES One of the most attractive of the early spring weddings will take place this evening at 7 o'clock, when Miss Eleanor Collins Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lukens Jones, of 200 Wyncote road, Jenkintown, will become the bride of Mr. Alfred E. Mathieu, of this city.

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The wedding will take place in the Church of Our Saviour, Old York road, Jenkintown, and the ceremony will be per-formed by the Rev. Charles Wesley Shreiner, of West Philadelphia, assisted by the rector. the Rev. John M. Groton.

A reception will follow the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents. The church will be artistically decorated with large paims, maiden-hair ferns and pink and white roses. The bride, who will be given in marriage by her father, will be attended by Miss Ruth Landis, of Jenkintown, as maid of honor, and the bridesmaids will be Miss Helen R. Mathieu and her sister Miss Fletch R. Mathieu and her sister, Miss Elizabeth B. Mathieu, Mrs. Herman Miller and Mrs. John O. Findeisen, of Frankford, Pa. The flower girls will be

Miss Edith Jones, sister of the bride, and Miss Katherine Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Mathieu will be attended by Mr. William King Allen, as best man, and the ushers will be Mr. Frederick Burke, Mr. Abram Ringold, Mr. William Buck, Mr. loseph L. Jones, Jr.

The bride will wear an exquisite gow of white ivery duchesse satin, trimmed with old family lace. Her tulle veil will hang in graceful folds over the long court train of satin, and, showered here and there, will be clusters of orange blossoms. The veil will be held in place by a band of narrow orange blossoms across the forehead and caught on either side by a large bunch of the blossoms. She will carry a bridal bouquet of white orchids and lilles of the valley.

The maid of honor and the bridesmaids ill be gowned alike in blue frocks of georgette crepe very becomingly made, with blue satin bodices and a skirt trimmed with many ruffles, and small bunches of pink and blue roses. They will be very quaint and made with a fichu of white and blue crepe; old-fashioned leghorn hats in the shape of a poke bonnet will be worn; they be faced with pink georgette crepe and trimmed with blue and pink roses. Silver slippers and stockings will be worn, and they will carry shower bouquets of pink and white snapdragons. The flower girls will be dressed in white organdie trimmed with ruffles; they also will have pink and blue rosebuds on their dresses They will wear poke bonnets trimmed with pink and blue ribbon, and will carry small baskets of sweetheart roses and sweet peas.

EBERBACH-ELWELL Miss Kathryn Cecelia Elwell, daughter of Mr. Joseph T. Elwell, and Mr. Robert

Boyd Eberbach were married last evening at the Rittenhouse by the Rev. Joseph Ratto. D. D. The bride was charmingly attired in handsomely embroidered net gown, made over white satin. She wore a trained vell, showered with orange blossoms, and car-

ried a bouquet of white roses and lilles of The bride was attended by Mr. John Eberbach and Mr. William D. Elwell, brothers of the bridegroom and bride respectively, as

A reception followed the ceren or the families and a few intimate friends. Upon returning from a honeymoon trip to Bermuda, Mr. and Mrs. Eberbach will be at home after June 1 at 6897 Chew street.

KANE-EVANS

The marriage of Miss Eleanor Irene Evans, daughter of Mrs. Frank D. Evans, of 766 North Forty-third street, to Mr. Arthur Garfield Kane will take place this evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the Helen Carson as bridesmaid and a ni the bridegroom, Miss Betty Fuller will be flower girl. Mr. Kane will have his brother. Mr. William Kane, as best man. The cereony will be performed by the Rev Charles Bronson, D. D.

WENTLING-APPLEGATE A choral wedding of much interest in musical circles will take place tonight in the First Presbyterian Church, Fifth and Penn streets, Camden, when Miss Char-lotte W. Applegate, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Applegate, of Wood-bury, N. J., will be married to Mr. George W. Wentling, musical director of the Cam-den Choral Society, the Roxborough Melody Club and the chorus of the Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal Church, Camden. The Rev. Dr. George Hemingway, pastor of the church, will perform the ceremony, and will be assisted by the Rev. John R. Mason. Mr. Henry S. Fry. of St. Clement's Protes-tan Episcopal Church, this city, will be the tan Episcopal Church, this city, will be the organist, and the soloists will be Mrs. Elsa Lyons Cook, soprano, and Mr. Henri Merri-

Mrs. Charles Shuster, as matron of honor and Miss Ella Moore Davis as bridesmaid.
Attending the bridegroom will be his son,
Mr. George Howard Wentling, best man,
and M. R. Bruce Wallace, Mr. T. Wilford
Schofield, of Roxborough; Mr. J. Malcolm Shelmire, of Asbury Park; Mr. Thomas Evans, Mr. Clarence A. Munger and Mr. Millard Davis, of Camden, Mr. Wentling and his bride will leave on a trip through the South and will be at nome after June at 326 East Irving avenue, Merchantville



MRS. I. WALTON HEISS Mrs. Heiss will be remembered as Miss Frances E. Lamborn, of 6035 North Eleventh street. Her mar-iage took place a fortnight age.

A PROBLEM IN ETHICS

If you had your choice, which would you take?

CONTRABAND

A Romance of the North Atlantic By RANDALL PARRISH

THE STORY THUS FAR CAPTAIN RICHARD HOLLIS, of the Alias Line, who retired from service when is father, owner of the company, died ind left him a small fortune, is one of a jumber of guess on board the sacht his father owner of the company, then and left him a small fortune is one of a number of guests on board the yacht. Esmeralda, owned by Carrington, copper king and millionaire, of New York.

VERA is a young woman of nineteen, who has bribed a netty officer of the yacht to secret her on board. The yachting party is atsolutely stag because Carrinston has a business scheme in mind. He wants to corner the copper market because of the Great War. Hollis discovers yers one night, but promises to keep secrecy until the craft is one day out to sea, when the girl is to disclose her pointing to Carring 100.

girl is to disclose her hamily to Carring ton.

FERGUS McCANN, a millionaire, slightly known to Hoilis, is another guest.

The second night out a trasm steamer wrecks the yacht. All but Hollis, Vera and McCann are saved and picked up by the boat. Hollis forces McCann to hely liberate the girl locked in a stateroom. The three men then escape in the bast docy trailing from the stern of the yacht.

The third night out they sight a craft, the Indian Chief, of Philadelphia, which takes them on board, when it is learned that Hollis can navigate the boat. The Indian Chief is in a pitiable countrion, having been wrecked in a storm. The vessel is loaded to the hatches with a valuable cargo, and the crew is on the point of mutiny.

CHAPTER X-(Continued) TT WAS far from my desire to assume com

mand of the Indian Chief and guide her destinies on a long outward voyage to whatever port her cargo had been consigned. What that port was made slight difference. What that port was made sight director, for my whole desire was to return as quickly as possible to New York. I would, how-ever, assume temporary command, and con-sent to navigate the vessel to the nearest American port, where a competent skipper might be procured and a new crew obtained. Indeed, under the laws of the sea, this duty war all that could be expected of me; all I had any right to do. In every essential this was a salvage job; I had found the freighter floating helplessly on the high seas, and my skill alone would bring her safely into harbor. To this end I possessed authority, and could compel the obedience of the crew, an obedience which, they would grant willingly enough in their eagerness to get safely ashore. But if I aftempted more than this and assumed command for the long voyage. I should be captain in name only, possessing no real authority on board, until after we reached the port of consignment and I had communicated with the owners and received their indorsement. The Indian Chief posessed no wireless outfit, and whatever did must be on my own judgment. These considerations flashed swiftly through my mind, and I attained decision before Masters again spoke. I would navigate the boat to the nearest port on the American coast. notify the owners and then leave them to do as they pleased with the vessel and crew. I cared nothing for the salvage; the presence of the disabled steamship in the presence of the disabled steamship in these waters had saved our lives, which was reward enough surely. All I cared for was to get myself and the young lady safely ashore. Why, even if further adventure appealed to me, I could never consent to drag that girl about with me to whatever foreign port awaited the Chief's cargo. My theoret, was interrupted by the sound of thought was interrupted by the

"It sorter seemed to me, Mr. Hollis," saying, "thet maybe it would be best me to explain these things before you went into the cabin. You'll naturally want to know just the condition before you decide

briefly. "There is only one thing I can do legally, and that is navigate the Indian Chief to the nearest American "I have decided. Masters," I answered surrender her to her owners. As a licensed captain of steam I have authority to assume command to this extent, but no more. It is a salvage job, and I would be within my legal rights, but if I continued the voyage, and later the owners should for any reason, choose to disown my act ould place me in a serious positi

"I reckoned you would look at it that way, sir. I'm no sea lawyer, but I sorter figured it out about as you do. But that situation exactly.

Why, this owner husiness, sir. You see the owner of the Indian Chief, an every pound o' cargo below hatches is on board The owner is on board!"

"That's the Gospel truth; that's why I took the trouble to keep you here and tell you what I have before you went down and It gives you a chance to think met him, sir. It gives you a chance to think out your best course."
"But if the man is aboard why did he not appear on deck to give us welcome. Surely our arrival must have been of in-

"Likely as not he hasn't even heard yet "Likely as not he hasn't even heard yet that you are aboard. You see, his cabin is on the starboard side astern, and he would see nothing from them ports. Besides, Mr. Hollis, he is lame, and it is a bit hard for him to get around on a ship without help. What do you say, sir? Shall we go down now an' talk it over below?"

"The sooner the better," I said, with a giance over the port rail. "The fog is thickening out yonder and we may have a rough night. The steamer would ride a heavy sea better with some more of that riffle overboard.

CHAPTER XI Contraband of War.

THE knowledge that the owner wa actually on board changed the entire situation. I would have to argue it out with him undoubtedly, for quite naturally with him undoubtedly, for quite naturally with him undoubtedly, for quite naturally he would object to any return to an American port. Well, I might be in for a disagreeable interview, but I had made up my mind, and it was not to be changed by any bluster or offer of high wages.

"Come on, then. Masters," I said brusquely. "Let's get this over with."

The after cabin extended from rail to

plainly furnished, a great contrast to the hardsome sea parlor of the Esmeralda, but familiar enough to me. A hare table ex-tended lengthwise, its wooden surface stained and disfigured. A lantern, its globe discolored with smoke, dangled from a blackened beam overhead, and a small coal stove, red with rust, occupied a prominent position in front of the mizzen mast, its ill-jointed pipe leading somewhere astern. The carpet was of rag, rather gay in coloring, and showing unmistakable signs of long use, and the paintwork, originally cream, had long ago faded into a dirty yellow. Stateroom doors opened along either side, so close together as to prove them mere closets, containing no other convenience than a sleeping berth or two.

The cabin, however, was well lighted much of its front being open to the deck and having also a dead-light above. Mas ters led the way around the butt of the mast, and I followed, having taken all this in at a glance. There were two cabins astern, occupying apparently the full width of the vessel, and the engineer rapped with his knuckles on the panel of the nearest door. There was no response, but a second attempt resulted in a voice bidding us

by two ports, but showing no attempt at decoration. There was a rug underfoot, two chest, and a desk littered with papers. Shelves held a fair collection of books, while two bunks occupied the far corner. A man arose from one of the chairs, and faced us. the light from the stern port shining full upon him. He was tall, delicate looking, his features bearing marks of pain, yet cer-tainly not more than thirty years of age. He was not at all like what I had expected to see, and I faced him in surprise had taken a step toward us, limping slightly, but at sight of a stranger paused "Whom have you here, Masters?" sked, his eyes on my face. "Is t another vessel near us?"

'No, sir," and the engineer stood, hat hand, awkwardly shifting his weight. "We have picked up some castaways. This man here is Captain Hollis, late of the Atlas

"Indeed," he held out his hand to me, his eyes looking direct into mine. "I regret your misfortune, sir, but your coming is a godsend to us. Your ship was wrecked?
"Sunk in collision." I answered. "But it was not my ship: I have not been to see mand. On this occasion I was a guest on board a steam yacht belonging to Gerald Carrington, of New York. The name of the vessel was the Esmeratda. ' need not the vessel was the Esmeraida. relate the details just at presers out three of us have been picked up by this ship."

"Three-all passengers?"

"Yes—one was a woman."
"Yet, if I understood Masters aright
you have been in the merchant service?" "In every capacity; when I retired I was aptain of the freighter Vulcan

He stood silent a moment, thoughtfully considering me, and I could not determine whether or not he was altogether pleased. Finally, having apparently reached some n, his gaze shifted to the face of the burly engineer.
"I will talk with Captain Hollis." he

said quietly, "and, perhaps, you had better return on deck, Masters, and keep an eye out; the fog thickens, and we are in the track of ships." "Very well, str."

As the door closed behind the engineer's bulky figure, the owner motioned me to a chair, while he took another himself. He eemed doubtful just how to begin, open ing a drawer in the desk, and bringing out

"You smoke, doubtless?"

have no desire for a berth."

"I thank you—yes."
"I hardly know how best to approach my subject," he said soberly. "If you were merely a shipwrecked merchant captain. I could make you a rather attractive offer; but, as you have retired from the sea, that would probably prove no special induce-The pay, you mean? Well, hardly; I

"So I supposed, or else you would scarce-ly have been one of Carrington's guests for a yachting cruise. I presume Masters told you the fix we are in?"

"Yes, as strange an accident as I ever heard of at sea. You have got to have a navigator, and I am perfectly willing to serve you so far as I can. I owe you this for picking us up from an open boat. With your permission, sir, and without mentionpay. I will agree to take command of Indian Chief and sail her to the nearest American port, where you can procure officers, and, if necessary, a new crew."

He sat slient, one white hand crumpling a paper on his deak, his forehead creased, the lines of his face showing clearly. He appeared to hesitate, uncertain how best to

answer me.

"I—I certainly appreciate your offer, Captain Holls. It is a most liberal one, because, if I know anything of maritime law, you would be justly entitled to high compensation for thus saving both ship and cargo. I had intended offering you—at least, that was my first thought—the sum of three hundred a month to take command, the contract to remain in force after the conclusion of the voyage, if you so dethe conclusion of the voyage, if you so desired. This you will not consider? The money argument has no weight?"

I smiled, but shook my head.

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"Then there is nothing left me, except to appeal to your humanity," he went on leaning forward, his eyes on mine. "If you were an ordinary, rough sea dog I should hesitate to make such an appeal, or revea to you the desperate position in which in myself. But you are not; while, unsufficient, you are a said sailor, you are

I hope I am worthy of such latter, answered, wonderingly, as he paused.
"I repose that faith in you, and ask you to face this situation from my standpoint. I am the sole owner of the Indian Chief and also of her cargo. Every dollar I possess on this earth is tied up on board this vessel. That is why I sailed as supercargo; it can not trust the venture to any one else. I dare not trust the venture to any one else. Under the hatches I have a cargo valued at nearly half a millon dollars. It was pur-chased and shipped on the strength of a contract signed by a high official of one of the European Governments, yet the responsibility of payment rests upon myself and a few intimate friends. If the Indian Chief safely discharges this cargo, within a designated time, at a certain port, or con-tingent thereto, I shall make a fortune and retain my honor as a merchant. If not then I am a ruined man, Mr. Hollis, and my

reputation is gone, also,"
"What port?"
"Hamburg." "Your contract then is with Germany? Who was the purchasing agent?" "The military attache at Washington."

"You have his signature?"
"Yes; but not with me here. I took pre-caution to forward that by-mail to an American banker in Berlin."

1 leaned forward, deeply interested by ow in his unusual story "Then I presume your cargo is largely munitions of war?"

"Of that nature-yes. "From what port did you sail?"
"Baltimore, July 26; we were held back ithin the capes for two days by a severe

Then you have not heard of the declara-

ons of war in Europe?" His eyes widened, his pale face grew whiter than ever. "War in Europe; already declared!" he exclaimed. 'Is that actually true? We carry no wireless, and have spoken with no

vessel since we left the Chesapcake. nations are at war?"
"The last message we received on the Esmeralda was that Germany and Austria were already pitted against France. Russia and England. The German troops have in-vaded Belgium in an effort to reach Paris. The night before our accident a great British battleship, racing toward New York, passed us. She was under orders to bottle up the German liners. May I see your

(CONTINUED TOMORROW)

'MARRIAGE SLACKERS' UNKNOWN BREED HERE

Clergymen of Various Denominations Deny Existence of Service Dodgers

CUPID'S ANNUAL DRIVE

After-Easter Nuptials More Frequent. Pastors Explain Many Licenses

Philadelphia ministers, as a rule, haven't Philadelphia ministers, as a rule, haven't any time for "petticeat slackers." that is, the mild young men who rush bravely into matrimony to avoid military duty. But, so far, the ministers haven't met any of the They say the creatures don't exist

n this city. Consultation with pastors of various denominations brings out the belief that the tales of the large companies of marriage slackers since the country's call for re-crui's are exaggerations. The extra num-ber of licenses issued recently is due to the usual spring drive of Cupid, the after-Lent rush and the big bankroll. The last twelvemonth has been so prosperous that

Jack has a big enough wad to persuade Jill to enlist as a housekeeper. At least, so the preachers say. The Rev. Dr. Frank P. Parkin, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, says he would give a severe talking to any young man who, he was convinced, came to him

to be married to escape military duty.

"Of course I could not refuse to marry
unless I was sure, and it is difficult to get
behind a man's motives," he said. "Many
recent marriages were arranged months ago. I have not had any experience with such 'slackers,' nor have I heard of any among my fellow ministers. I think the lists of marriage licenses recently will show a large number of foreign names. If there are any 'slackers' they are not Americans. Our native boys will not shirk their duty. The Rev. T. S. McCarty, rector of St. Ed-ward's Catholic Church, Eighth and York streets, does not know of a single instance

f a "slacker's marriage."
"There is always a large number of weddings after Easter, and the good times have made the number larger than usual for the past year," he said. "An examination of the recruiting lists will show a large percentage

Catholic young men."
The Rev. Dr. George D. Adams, paster o the Chestnut Street Baptist Church, said: "I do not know of a single case in which I could accuse the man of being married to I could accuse the man of being married to avoid military service. In fact, I know many have put off their wedding dates because of the uncertainty of the situation. They want to be ready for duty to the country. If I did suspect a 'slacker' case I should deal with it as I judged its merits."

The Rev. W. A. Ferguson, of the Simpson Memorial Methodist Church, Kensington, whose congregation is largely composed of mill workers, has had an unusual number of weddings recently, but only one which of weddings recently, but only one which he knows was not arranged some time ago. "In that once case." stranger to me, did look shamefaced, as hough he might possibly be a petticoa lacker, but the only attendant at the wed ing was the mother-in-law-to-be, so I must not misjudge the reason for the man's seeming shame. He may have been facing mething worse than trenches.

Chester Recruiting Office Closed CHESTER, Pa., April 25.—The recruiting Coast Reserve has been closed, following an order received by Lieutenant C. R. Norris, from League Island. During the twentythree days the station was in exister eighty-three men enrolled for service.

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Lecture, "Americanism and Zionie Julian W. Mack, LL. D., Young Me Hebrew Association, 1616 Master strik: 16 o'clock.
Lecture, Sir Ernest Shackleton, bef the Geographical Society, Academy Music, Broad and Locust streets, 8 o'clock. sion charge.

Baxter's Zouaves, Carpenters' Hall, 'hestnut street above Third. Members. Strawbridge & Clothier chorus gives "The folden Legend," Metropolitan Opera House. Golden Legend, Metropolitan Opera House Homeopathic Medical Society, Hahns mann College. Members. Letitia Radellife Miller recital at Wither spoon Hall. Admission charge.

Free Former German Cook

HAZLETON, Pa., April 25.-Arrested last week on a farm at Homestown, Hans Dies-senwetter, former cook of the Hamburg-American liner President Lincoln, interned in New York, has been released by order of United States District Attorney McCort. of Scranton. of Scranton. Nothing incriminating found against Diessenwetter.

Section 11:15 A. M.

Special Anniversary Week Program Topical Review.
Educational: "America Is Ready."
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