IN FRANCE AT AGE OF 15

The youngest Sammee is Norman Lomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid-

ney E. Lomas, of 504 East Johnson street, Germantown, who is

serving with the marine corps. He

was a freshman last term at the Germantown High School, where he

played tackle on the football team.

so. They have said so many lovely things

"Since he sailed I have been going over

re on his age, he intended to try else

'And he had the dentist go over his teeth, too, and never told us. He knew that he must be in perfect physical condition. I be-

lieve he had planned to enlist from the day

HAD RECORDS CORRECTED

talking, and I felt I would not be natisfied until his age was recorded correctly at Washington. We wrote General Barnett.

explaining the situation, but making it per-

fectly clear that we did not want Norman discharged. This is his letter of reply:

envelope:
"My dear Mrs. Lomas:

She opened her desk and took out an

"Replying to your letter of July 5, regarding the age of your son, Norman S.

Lomas, will say that upon receipt of papers authenticating same the records will be corrected to correspond

"I have received a number of letters in

which parents complained that their sons were under age, and upon proof of their

statements having been forwarded it has been necessary to discharge the young as undesirable, having fraudulently

listed by concealing their age.
"It is, therefore, a distinct pleasure to me to receive a letter from a parent, evincing

"I don't think we have done anything unusual." continued Mrs. Lomas. "Our boy had dedicated his life to his country. Why should we claim him? I feel better now that

Norman has a small brother, four years old, who confided that Norman has gone to shoot the Germans "with a gun bigger

than mine" and he produced a diminutive

popgun. There are four other children, all

War in the Confederate army. His father's two uncles were in the Royal Marines of

"So it's in the blood," smiled Norman's mother. Yet somehow one got the im-pression that all the heroes in the Lomat

England.

Norman's grandfather fought in the Civil

"GEORGE BARNETT,

"Major General Commandant."

as does yours, a truly patriotic spirit,
"With best personal wishes I am
"Very sincerely yours,

"After he had gone Mr. Lomas and I got

about Norman I know he is a fine boy, but

it's good to know that other people think so,

RTERMASTER CALLS OR MORE ARMY BAKERS

artment to Raise 40 Companies to Supply Bread for National Army

TEED 40,000 POUNDS A DAY

ers Will Be Commissioned From Men Already in Ranks Whenever Possible

philadelphia and surrounding towns were raise today to help the Quartermaster Sen-Department raise forty bakery com-nies that will make bread for the new clonal army. The forty companies are be organized with the whole United as the field. Recruits will be sent the army baking schools to learn the serk, and commissions in the forty new serk, and services will be given, as far as possible.

Leutenant Eugene Middleton is in charge the bakery companies' recruiting office as South Twenty-third street. The office anounced today that men who had en-celed for the quartermaster's reserve corps, service later, would be enrolled with oe of the forty new companies in the regular army, if the applicants desired. Bakery companies, each one of which supplies (0,000 pounds of bread a day for the soldiers, are made up of one first ileuant, a second lieutenant, one first-class seant, a second neutenant, one first-class expeant at \$51 a month, fifteen corporals at 15 a month, forty-five first-class privates at \$33 a month and fifteen privates at \$30 a month. There will also be two cooks with ach company, drawing \$38 a month. Fif-ben ovens, with equipment and personnel, make up a company. Thirty-one men, tw

Thirty-one meil, twenty within draft age, were accepted for the regular army today at the recruiting headquarters, 1229 Arch

One of the thirty-one recruits was a man who wanted to join his son, a noncommis-sened officer in the Fourth United States infantry. This was Thomas W. Cahill, a erdl engineer, of Pottstown, Pa. His wife dead, he told the recruiting officer, and he dead, he told the recruiting officer, and he ranted to join his boy in the Fourth. Ar-angements will be made so that he can do

Today's enlistments include: CANADIAN

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John Bouch. 43, 1715 N. 53d st.

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William McArthur. 28, 620 S. Washington sq.

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William Waddell Couper. 34. Wilmington, Del.

Jesch Rimmer. 26, 3458 Rosehill st.

Jert Rowley. 31, 217 N. 9th st., Camden. N. J.

Tancis Slavin. 37, 1640 Germantown ave.

James Camerol. 30, 245 N. 11th st., Camden.

William Thomas Sinclair. 22, 5618 Osage ave.

Jesch McMarting and McMartin. 34, 246 S. Alden st.

Larianid Hush Watts. 35, Woodbury, N. J.

Carmine Kitty, 33, General Delivery.

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flichael J. Bowling, Jr., 27, 2046 Emily st.

UNITED STATES NAVY Thomas Anthony Lee, 25, 1935 S. 13th st. UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

MAYOR TRYING TO BRING **BELGIAN MISSION HERE**

Baron Moncheur Wants to Visit Philadelphia While on Tour of the Country

Mayor Smith is making arrangements with Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk to have the Belgian Mission visit Philadelphia. The mission is now making a tour of the United States, and Philadelphia is not upon its present itinerary.

The movement to have the mission visit the Quaker City was instituted by Baron Ludovic Moncheur, head of the mission. In a letter to William Potter, of Chestnut Hill, former Ambassador to Italy, he asked that Mr. Potter do everything in his power to have Philadelphia placed upon the itinerary of the mission. Mr. Potter transmitted the request to the Mayor, and the latter laid the matter before the Department of State at Washington.

Aside from desiring to visit America's most important historical city, Baron Moncheur has other reasons for wanting to come to Philadelphia. His wife's brother was born in Delaware County, near Philadel-phia. Baroness Moncheur was Miss Char-lotte Clayton, a daughter of the late Gen-eral Powell Clayton, one time United States nator from Kansas, and later Ambassado

The other appeal that this city holds for the Belgian is the desire to renew old acquaintances with Mr. Potter, who, during his stay in Rome as American minister, be-came a close friend of the Belgian, who at that time was an attache to his govern-ment's legation.

HOME-MADE AND OTHER OUTFITS FOR CANNING WAR-GARDEN CROPS

Washboiler and Laths May Be Efficiently and Safely Used-How to Operate This and Other Cold-Pack Methods of Conserving Fruit and Vegetables

By JOHN BARTRAM

Save these articles for reference. THE cold-pack, one-period method is based an sterilization of the product in the processed continuously for varying periods, scording to fruit or vegetable. Five types doutfit are in general use, each having admatages for special uses. The home-nade outfit is efficient and safe. The other kinds are very satisfactory if one wishes buy equipment. Their main advantages are shorter time and less gas consumed and dis larger capacity.

THE HOME MADE OUTFIT Home-made hot-water bath outfits are cted of such utensils as wash boiland lard pails. Such canners should have well-fitting covers and false bottoms or liting platforms of metal or wood. The latter are to support jars or cans to prevent direct contact with heat and also to limit a free circulation of water and steam sound and under the containers.

The false bottom can be made of strips of lath or of very strong galvanized or copper wire. It should have handles of loops of wire for convenience in lifting jars or

of wire. It should have handles of loops of wire for convenience in lifting jars or cans out. In a pinch it is possible to use a hin layer of straw or a heavy cloth sev-cal times folded.

HOT-WATER-BATH COMMERCIAL

OUTFITS Hot-water-bath commercial outfits are constructed usually for outdoor work, and have a sterilizing vat, lifting trays, fire tox and smoke pipe, combined in one piece. They are light and convenient, and are planned as portable outfits. The products bould be sterilized in such outfits in comsould be sterilized in such outnits in com-pletely sealed tin cans or partly sealed glass. In immersed in boiling water. The ad-rantage of these outfits over the home-made devices is that they are more con-renient and have all the necessary equip-ment for operation.

WATER-SEAL OUTFITS

Water-seal outfits consist of a double-alled bath and cover, which projects down to the water between the outer and inner walls, thus making three tin or galvanized betal walls and two water jackets between tanner. A higher temperature may be main-tained more uniformly with such an outfit han with the hot-water outfits. The water-less outfit may prove more economical outfit may prove more economical of t, especially in the canning of vegetables and meats, where high temperatures are becasary for complete sterilization.

STEAM-PRESSURE OUTFITS am-pressure outfits are made to carry on five to thirty pounds of steam pressure, ad are equipped with a steam-tight steril-or, lifting crate, thermometer or pressure inge, safety valve and steam pet cock. The pressure canner may be regulated to mintain different temperatures. It is thus spiable for use in sterilizing various setables and food products.

ALUMINUM PRESSURE COOKERS Aluminum pressure cookers are combina-ca outfits for general cooking purposes lich are used also for home canning of uits, vegetables and mests. They may used for canning during the canning seaand as cookers during the entire a type, these pressure cookers are light construction and economical of heat.

They are made entirely of aluminum and all carry as high as thirty pounds steam

PERATION OF HOT-WATER BATH difficulties in the operation of hot-water h canning outfits may be avoided if the First. Support lars on rst. Support jars on a perforated or platform sufficiently to permit the cir-tion of water under and around the

d. Have water cover the tops of the at least one inch.

Begin counting the time as soon rater begins to boil vigorously.

Remove lars from water and covers as soon as time is up.

LET me suggest that every one who creates or cultivates a garden helps, and helps greatly, to solve the problem of the feeding of the nations .- President Wilson.

Bring your gardening problems to the Evening Ledger for practical, helpful solution. Address JOHN BARTRAM.

There is time yet to start a home garden. Spade the ground and start this week. Beans (both lima and string), onions, corn, beets, tomato plants, carrots, cucumbers, cabbage

plants can be put in.

Plan to can or dry what you are unable to use on the table, following instructions in this department.

canner does not cover the tops of the jars if the covers to the jars are adjusted too loosely, or if the platform in the bottom of the canner does not permit the water to circulate underneath. Towels, excelsior, newspapers, hay and the like should not be used regularly in the bottoms of the hot-water bath outfits. Use a slat or perforated

THE COST OF GAS

Cost of gas is sometimes urged as a reason why canning is not economical. The average gas stove burner consumes not more than five cents' worth per hour, and on this haif a dozen quart jars of product can be sterilized. For instance, two hours and a half, or twelve cents' worth of gas will be half, or twelve cents worth of gas will be sufficient to process five to ten jars of string beans, according to capacity of out-fit. Fruits and most vegetables take less than this total of gas. Costs per jar are thus very low. A quart of canned string beans or tomatoes sells at from thirty to

CONTAINERS

Canning here described does not require the use of a particular type of container. Glass jars, crockery jars (with air-tight tops) or tin cans of virtually any type may be used if they are carefully cleaned and properly handled and sealed. When properly handled and sealed. When products are canned for use in the home glass jars are perhaps preferable to tin cans. Jars may be scaled without the use of special apparatus and may be used over and over again if properly taken care of and if new rubbers are used each time.

Tin cans must be thrown away after being opened. Tin cans have certain advantages.
They exclude light and so prevent bleaching, and they may be handled, packed and transported more safely than glass jars.
When products are canned for sale, tin cans are preferable.

TESTING JARS AND RUBBERS As results of canning depend absolutely on having jars hermetically sealed care must be exercised in their selection to see that the lids and rubbers fit tightly.

First. Screw top on jar without rubber-ing. Examine carefully and if there is room for thumb nail between the top the glass, the top is probably defective and

Second. Put rubber ring on jar. Place can n position and screw down lightly. Pull-rubber from position and release. If rubber returns to position and recease. If rub-ber returns to position top is defective. Third. See that rubber ring is sound. It should bear considerable tension and return to original shape on stretching and not be affected by being subjected to steam

or boiling water. or boiling water.

Tin cans may be cooled by plunging in cold water. When packed containers are thus cooled, they should be stored in a cool, dry place not exposed to freezing temperature. Most products packed in glass jars will bleach or darken if exposed to light. It is well to wrap jars in paper, From time to time, especially during very, hot weather, jars and cans should be examined to make certain that there are no leaks, swellings or other slams of fer-

MOTHER OF YOUNGEST SAMMEE TELLS STORY OF HIS ENLISTMENT

Resented It at First, but Now She's Resigned to Giving Him Up

He's Only 15, but She Knew Instinctively He'd Become a Man

"There isn't a mother in this war. who has sent her son to the front, who hasn't asked herself: 'Why must it be my boy?' As she spoke, Mrs. Sydney Lomas smiled sadly. She had been sitting alone in the dusk, her thoughts very far away, for her boy is in France.

dusk, her thoughts very far away, for her boy is in France.

He is Norman Lomas, of 594 East Johnson street, Germantown, the youngest Sammee at the front. When he enlisted he was fifteen. He swore to eighteen, and because he was tall and physically perfect, he "got by" the recruiting officers.

"He came home one Monday afternoon," said his mother. "It was just after the first call to the colors. Usually he went to the Y. M. C. A. for a swim on Monday, and he would be late getting home, so I was surprised when he walked in about half

was surprised when he walked in about half

"He is so tall that I have to look up to him, and it struck me as I stood there in the hall, how grown up he was. Then I looked at his eyes; he has big, blue eyes"

—she stopped a minute.

"I knew then that he had made some big decision; that my little boy had gone forever. For he had the gaze of a man, and it frightened me. and it frightened me.
"I said to him: Norman, where have you been? What have you done? And he

hean? What have you done? And he never raised his voice as he answered me:
T've enlisted, mother.
"It stunned me for a minute. Then it came over me that there must be some way to get him back. Of course there was a He was under age, clung to this hope as I remonstrated

"Why you are only a boy. You can't enlist. You are under age. You never sald you were eighteen, Norman." "Yes, but I did. Don't try to change anything, mother. I have made up my mind," and as he spoke his eyes were like

"His father came in later, and we had it out. We argued most of the night. His father said it should not be. Norman just sat there with his jaw set. At last we went to bed, heart sick and worn out, but we his clothes. In one pocket of his coat I found a list of rescuiting stations in other parts of the country. If he was doubted

couldn't change the boy's mind.
"Of course there was one thing left to
do, we could go to the recruiting office and prove that he was under age; but that meant dishonorable discharge from the Marine Corps. I knew that it would break Norman's heart, and that he would never forgive me, so I decided that we had best let matters rest. He was only in the Marine Reserve, any way. And every one assured us that he wouldn't be sent to France for a year or longer.

"He was ordered to report at the navy yard the day after he enlisted. That was a week, and that was some comfort. I consoled myself with the thought that I would have him close by for a long time. Then came the call for volunteers to go to France, and he offered himself. "By that time I was resigned to any-

thing. I had gone through the torture of lying safe and warm in bed, hearing the rain coming down in torrents outside and knowing that my boy was out in it on guard duty. I had died a thousand times and I had imagined all that was awful and hope-

GLAD HER BOY HAD DONE IT "Then it came to me at last that I was one of about a million American mothers that had been called upon to give up their sons, and I began to understand why it was necessary for me to do it, and I exist to the place where I was glad my boy had

done what he did.
"He came home one Sunday and told u he expected to sail early that week—prob-ably Tuesday. He fooled around the kitchen a lot and raided the cakebox—he loves chocolate cake-and finally he started toward the door 'Norman.' I called, 'you're never going

"'Norman,' I cailed, 'you're never going off without telling us all good-by.' He just waved his hand and said:
"The coming out tomorrow night to say "The coming out tomorrow night to say story to fight for his country, I don't think story to fight for his country, I don't think to say the was down the steps and

The transport sailed the next morning instead of Tuesday. Of course, he didn't know that when he left me, but I think he was relieved to go without a real good-by. He might not have been so brave then, but believe he would have tried mighty hard. "He's a quiet boy. He never had anything to say to any one about his enlisting He hated to talk about it. He never felt that he was doing anything unusual. He

had just decided from the first that he had o go. That was all there was to it.
"All the boys from the high school come around to see me now. And their mothers, family were not men.

THE ability of the Jersey farmer to send his produce to the Philadelphia market by wagon and truck is proving a big help in this time of congested freight conditions.

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WHOLESALE FISH MARKET

REPORT

There are several very low-priced, good fish in abundance. Fish may now beb substituted for meat and considerable money saved.

 Croakers
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 .06½ @.07

 Butterfish (large)
 .06 @.07

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 .03 @.04

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 .24

 Boneto mackerel
 .12

 Steak sod
 .12

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Squash Green corn

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Pineapples

Grapefruit

Lima beans

Asparagus

Strawberries

Carrots

Rhubarb

Scallions

Potatoes

Lemons

Eggplant

Watermelons

Gooseberries

Huckleberries

Raspberries

Currants

Celery

Lettuce

Spinach Plums

Cherries

Bananas New harvest

apples Kale

in City's Produce Market

What to Buy, What Not,

LACK OF FUNDS MEANS RUIN FOR SHADE TREES

Park Commission Unable to Save Them From Pests Because Money Is Used Up

Because the Fairmount Park Commissioners are saddled with the responsibility of caring for trees along city streets, without a sufficient appropriation to employ them is labor, it is claimed that hundreds of trees situation.

all over the city are in danger of ruin from pests and neglect.

The \$20,000 appropriated to the commis-Moners for the care of the trees is only about one-fourth of the amount really needed, according to Thomas S. Martin. secretary of the commission. Councils having adjourned for the summer recess, there is no way in which more funds can be had and the force of laborers at work spraying trees and otherwise caring for is entirely unable to cope with the

BABY MALADY PATAL

Three-Year-Old Girl in New Holland Dies of Infantile Paralysis

LANCASTER, Pa., July 26. death from infantile paralysis has been re-ported, the victim being Ruth, the threeyear-old daughter of Leroy Groff, of New

So far five deaths have occurred out of eleven cases. The outbreak is confined to the eastern part of Lancaster County.

Mrs. Housewife:- Quality Counts

You Can't Have Good Meals

without the necessary good materials, and "cheap" groceries are dear at any price. If you economize unwisely in such things you do so at the expense of health and comfort; and you're missing something which should be yours, for

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Fancy Red Salmon 26 cm Table Sauce 8c bot. New Early June Peas 12c can | Lea & Perrin's Sauce 19c bot. Prepared Mustard8c jar

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HOSPITALS EXPERIMENT TO CUT DOWN FOOD COST Meatless Days, Eggless Cakes and Other Means Employed

to Reduce Expense The Association of Hospital Superintend-

ents, composed of representatives of about forty local and nearby hospitals, is conducting extensive experiments in an effort to cut the cost of feeding patients without interfering with their treatment. Miss Marion Smith, of the University Hospital, announces that three meatless

luncheons are being served weekly and there is one meatiess day each week at the The institution is saving 350 loaves of bread a week and also is now using only one-fourth the usual number of eggs. A cake, which the patients approve heartlly, is made without eggs, butter or milk. In spite of these savings the hos-pital is giving the patients food with as many calories as previously, and the pa-tients are well satisfied. Dr. Henry I. Klopp, of the State Hes-pital at Allentown, is having experiments conducted on making the cheaper foods more

intended to eliminate waste. The members of the association are kept informed of the progress of the various experiments. Silk Mill Strike at Sunbury SUNBURY, Pa., July 26-Six hundred employes of the Susquehanna Silk Milts here went on strike today, declaring for a 20 per cent increase in wages. The concern has as yet made no reply to their demands.

He is also making experiments



Quaturn strikes at the heart of faucet trouble and reduces repair bills to a mini-mum. All wearing parts are renewable, insuring service from the body of the faucet

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