By MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

TO FIRE BIG GUNS

First Piece of Heavy Artillery to Be Heard Tomorrow

USE FRENCH ORDNANCE

By HENRI BAZIN

Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledge with the American Army in France WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN THE FIELD, Dec. 31

At 9 o'clock Sunday marine and it and the United States Ceast Arthlers camp and watched the preparations that are enthusiastically and energetical; are enthusiastically and encretically under way by the Sammers is one the big guns. I saw the immilation of the first gun which will firs the first stort directed by American heavy artificity on New Year's Day. The callber of this weights 1400 pounds. The range is thir-ty-two kilometers cabout two ity unless. The camp is situated to ideal country, fairly near the actual front. Mounds constructed of heavy wood and steel plates are temporarily so in the ground sfirst the gun is tencied from the car-tings.

tinge. The gun is mounted on a sumicircular irack, thus giving the desired angle fange. All the big guns are of French make and are mostly coast defense and nance. There are also some English bewitzers and mortars. The general commanding is an old coast artillery of-ficer. He says the artiflerymen will be ready for offensive warfare in a fort-night, the men knowing how to handle tinge. need, for offensive warfare in a fort-night, the men knowing how to handle similar guns on the American coast. Target practice is virtually unnecessary, as the discharge is regulated by terres-trial observation, the gumers never see-ing the target miles away. The shell burrows thirty feet into the ground he-fore the explosion occurs and does its famage downward. In a similar way at the quarries of Montpatnasse, north of Malmaison, the French shelles burried the Germans' quarry shelters' eventy-right feet below the natural limestone, where the Boches were caught like rats in a trap.

in a trap. The life of these guns ranges from 100 to 300 rounds, while mortars have a life of 1000 rounds. Notwithstanding that this ordnance is so supremely powerful the great weights are moved

men are the finest physical bunch I have seen yet in the army, They are robust and healthy and a high percentage of intelligence is revealed by their faces. They hall form their faces. They hall from various parts of the United States. I found sixteen Philadelphians among

love to the folks at home through the Events of puncter Lipots. The camp oc-cupies barracks formerly used by the Russian contingent on the west front. They were indescribably filth, but now have been converted into a "spotless" Nine Delaware River shipyards.

general escorted your correspendent through many barrack kitchfound conditions better than 5 barrack kitch-ens. We were unannounced, but we found conditions better than 1 baye yet seen in this army. The health of the men is 100 per cent good. In my opinion, this outfit is the equal of the marines, who are reasonable.

DR. DUHRING, VETERAN

The Rev. Herman L. Dubring, more than fifty years a clergyman of the Pennsylvania diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and superintendent of the Episcopai City Mission for a quarter of a century, died yesterday at his home, 200 West Mermaid lane, St. Martins, Chestout Hill, He was seventy. Rev. Herman L. Dubring, mot



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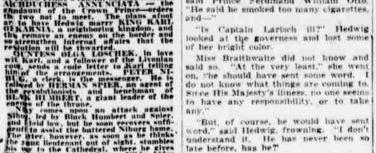
tion. Nine Delaware River shipyards, stretching along the waterway from Bristol to Wilmington, will be called upon to build about 2115 per cent of the number of steel vessels to be built in 1918 and about 2415 per cent of the deadweight tomage of the commerce carriers that the United States plans to launch in 1918. Of the total steel-sole program announced by the Ship-

The camp is to be the permanent proving and training scround of the heavy artillery for the duration of the war, and many new barracks are being creeted.

SIXTY-TWO VESSELS IN 1918

In ships and tons the demand made on the Delaware River yards next year will **CLERGYMAN, IS DEAD** rved Church More Than

Served Church More Than Fifty Years in Pennsyl-vania Diocese The Rey Herman L. Dubring more



BL-SK HILMERFT, a glant leader of the energy of the throne. Nay comes upon an attack arainst Sibar ted by Rinck Humbert and Spier, and Inid hold humbert and Spier. The disk humbers out of sight humbers, for the saisal the buttered Shire he energy of the saisal the buttered Shire he elves of the site humbers out of sight he between Otar between Cachedraw. Nikky hides in the automobile until the Karma Live-bit the standard of the same site of the strenge of the same site of the burders, the crassed and then attacks the charder, who, faced with dealt, de-cides to tell his secret. Here, in a battle of with with a sound student. Harekel one of Mettleh's spies. For webs Haerkel has been kept at the runse to divide any Information.

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at the point of death and his grand FERDINAND WILLIAM OTTO m Prince of Livonia, is only eight sold. The time is propilious for r-and the King and his Chancellor, the head H

LINT TENANT NINKY LARISCH.

round officer, is ordered to which over to Nicke is in love with MEDWIG Crown Prince's cousin, but her mother, CHDUCHESS ANNUNCIATA — the indount of the Crown, Prince-order

KING FERDINAND

but he byany reinard to mining here. Sentence. The "perhaps" was a griev-ous thought, nothing less than that Nikky and Hedwig were at that mo-ment riding in the ring together and had hoth forgotten. With the excep-tion of Miss Braithwalte, he was no-bed in the sentence of the sentence for

Biess us, I forgot the child, she would asy on these occasions. But until now Nikky had never for-gotten. He had been the soul of re-membering, indeed, and rate never than punctual. Prince Ferdinand William Otto consulted his watch. It was

Miss Braithwaite looked troubled, "No doubt something has detained him," she said, with unusual gentleness. "You might work at the frame for your cousin Hedwig. Then, if Captain Larisch you can still have a part of your

Prince Ferdinand William Otto brightened. The burnt - wood photo-Notes of the Cinend Its brightened. The burnt - wood photo-graph frame for Hedwig was his delight. And yesterday, as a punishment for the TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

NEW YEAR ASSURED OF MERRY WELCOME CAPTUREI A Human Story of Child-Desire, Court Intrigue and Love, the Latest Novel

Conversion 1917, by Mary Roberts Rinehard and the Public Lodger Company rather red. A palace is a most difficult

place to have a secret is "Well?" she repeated, with a rising inflection. It was clear that she had not noticed the landkershief incident. "Is there to be no riding lesson today?" 16 CLUBS .TO PARADE

"I don't know. Nikky has not come." Where is he?" Here the drop of nicotine got in its deadly work. "I'm afraid he is III," said Prince Ferdinand William Otto.

"He said he smoked too many cigarettes. "Is Captain Larisch ill?" Hedwig

"He has never been late at all." Prince With prosperity reigning everywhere all the big hotels are assured of the usual Ferdinand

sulckly. After a time Hedwig went away and the Crown Prince took off his riding clothes. He ate a very small luncheen, swallowing mostly a glass of milk and a lump in his throat. And afterward he worked at the frame for an hour, shading the hearts carefully. At three clobes he went for his deixe.

ing what distractions to lessons may take place in a public square, what pig-cons feeding in the sun, what bands with drums and drum majors, what children strange pass indeed, with revolution abroad in quiet places and a cabal

on her way to the Opera, which faced She also saw the carriage, the park and at first her eyes twinkled. It was he, of course. The daring of him! But, as the carriage draw nearer, she bent forward. He looked pale, and there course. The daring of him! But, carriage drew nearer, she bent of He looked pale, and there a wistful droop to his mouth have punished him for the little "she multered. That tight

(CONTINUED TOMORROW)

Licensed at Elkton to Wed ELKTON, Md., Dec. 31. - Marriage censes were issued today to Charles A. Eicenses were issued today to Charles A. Jones and Vera J. Browning and Wil-bert C. Drew and Helen Riedesel, Phila-delphia; Joel K. Vann. Chester, and course, elaborateness of costume will be Joel K. Vann, Chester, and Krider, Media; Eimer Davis and Irer.e Seibert, Bridgeton, N. J.; James M. Kelly, Wilkes-Barre, and Margaret E. Fitzgerald, Washington; Harry J. Nirceselzer and Edith Redcay, Cam-

den: Roy C. Omoliendro and Maud Wood. Chester: Lloyd G. Beer and Mayme C. Crouthamel, Perkasle, Pa., and Leonard Klee, Oxford, and Marion

Mummers Ready for Signal to Usher in 1918 With Fun and Motley

Tableaux and Costumes Will Portray Comedy Side of Life and **Topical Events**

Young Mr. 1918 will be given π g'or-rious welcome. The glad hand will be extended to him from all sections of Philadelphis and the United States as

Philadelphia and the United States as well. Optimism will resound with a mighty ring. Beginning with the last stroke of the midnight hour. There will be music in the air, mingling with the crash of revolvers the blowing of horns und the revolves of thousands of mighty

any." "But, of course, he would have sent word," sail Heiwig, frowning. "I doy' understand it. He has never been so late before, has he? "Its has never been so late before, has he? "Its has never been so late before, has he? "Its has never been so late before, has he? "Its hours after the dawn of the New Year the Mummers, in spec-to the New Year the Mummers, in spec-of the New Year the Mummers, in spec-advising Dr. Meyer that he was going to advising Dr. Meyer that he was going to to England to study the langu-had lived with a professor and being entered on the official list Dr. And just a few hours after the dawn wrist. He saw the commission without

all the big hotels are assured of the usual Never appeared. He was furious and New Year's Eve crush. The fellow who said that he wanted to treat Gray's arm objection I had to them was that or some time to come. This was just and again the professor and his on his test or dine at home, for there is not a vestige of seating capacity in the hostelries or popular cafes. While the wanted with the test or difference of the test.

while thousands will welcome the ad-ent of 1918 with feasts and fun to the built blue of eleases many thousands.

Twenty-five clubs have obtained per-nits to parade, and of these it is ex-precied that at least sixteen will be in the official pigcant on Broad street. Beneath this was the spot selected for demeath the grand stand was deadened by the cheering and stamptice extended by the other occupants of the room. The work progressed beautifully. There was plenty of space under the steps for storing surplus, earth, and the workers Prizes totaling nearly \$5100 have been offered by Councils. They afford no end of opportunities for the contesting clubs and the individual mummers who have only emerged for roll-call. originality. In addition to the prizes affored by Councils, there will be others One day just before the tunner was completed, orders were given that all efficients who had been refused by the commission were to be sent to other camps. Wilson had not been accepted, but was to be left helind, as he had to return to hospital. Most of the officers, including the three "moles," were on the list of those to leave. given by various neighborhood organi-nations in the southern part of the city. Special prizes will be offered by the merchants of Girard avenue to the club parading on Girard avenue from Broad

Our three friends entered their place work, taking with them three days ovisions. Those outside replaced the "They have punished him for the little prank." she muttered. "That tight-faced Englishwonan, of course. The English are a hard race." She, too, went on. "The official julges are Ben K. Raleigh, The official julges are Ben K. Raleigh, parted. Wi boards at the end of the steps, with the nails in their original holes, and de-parted. When the final roll was called,

he official juliges are Ben K. Roleigh, P. Garde, and Private Paul J. Mc-ahan, headquarters company 311th ield Artillery. Private McGahan was ars keenly interested in the Mummer of nows. He was granted special leave of nows. He was granted special leave of (lahan, headquarters company 311th Field Artillery. Private McGahan war formerly a newspaper man and was always keenly interested in the Mummers'

course, elaborateness of costume will be the strong point in the prize winning. Arthough the parade is scheduled to leave firead and Porter streets at \$:15 o'clock it is highly probable that it will be some little time after that before it sets under way. It gets under way. The munimers will be led by the Silver Crown, the oldest New Year club in ex-istence, with its veteran captain. Mich-clided to take a firm stand and demand ael J. Quigley, in his accustomed place.

(Conversit, 1917, by the Pa return their parole is gi them and they are free t escape if they wish BOUT this time the Swiss Commission Apald a visit to the hospital. It consisted of three Swiss doctors who visited

ENGLISH OATHS We explained the simp system to the inspector, to to investigate the matter i the English and the French in most of the hospitals and camps in Germany and seected men who were considered unfit rangements.

for service for a year, and who might tor service for a year, and who might be benefited by treatment in. Switzer-land. The men had to be recommended by the doctors in charge. Those accept-ed were sent to Constance or some other place near the Swiss frontier, where they were seen by another commission com-posed of half Swiss and half German doctors, and final judgment was passed The inspector's name his English, and particularly

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Dr. Reeve's Farewell Sermon Dr. John T. Reeve, formerly pastor the Fourth Presbyterian Church, For the Pourth Presbyterian Church, I seventh street and Kingseessing as preached his farewell sermon year preparatory to leaving for Lane Pa, where he will have charge of First Presbyterian Church. One day just before the tunnel was

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body's business, really. His aunt for-got him frequently. On Wednesdays @ was his privilege—or not, as you think of it—to take luncheon with the arch-duchess; and once in so often she would formed and once in so often she would forget and go out. Or be in and not expecting him, which was as had. "Bless us. I forgot the child," she

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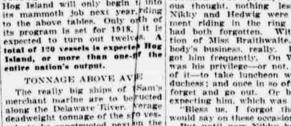
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Martins, Chestnut Hill. He was seventysix years old. Funeral services will be held Wedne

Functal services will be held Wednes-fay afternoon at old St. Paul's Church, South Third street. Interment will be in West Laurel Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers will be members of the City Mission council and the clergy of the diocese will attend in a body. Services will be ronducted by Bistop Rhinelander. Dr. Duhring, who raised more than \$2,000,000 for gospel mission work and charity, had been in poor health for more than a year. In February he suf-tered a nervous breakdown, from which he never fully recovered. He was most popularly known for his mission labors smong the poor. He was en aggres-tive churchman and a clergyman of wonderful resources.

wonderful resources. Dr. Duhring was ordained to the priest-hood in 1855. He began his career as curate in Holy Trinity Chapel, where he was assistant to the Rev. Dr. Phil-lips Brooks for five years. From there he was appointed rector of All Saints' Church, Twelfth street below Fitzwater

street. He began his mission work twenty-sight years ago in a small building on Ninth street, above Locust street. He resigned as superintendent several years ago. He was managing editor of the American Church Sunday School Mag-azine for many years, and secretary of the Joint Commission of the General, Convention on Sunday School sinstruc-tion.

A son, H. Louis Duhring, and two daughters survive him.

J. ST. GEORGE JOYCE JOURNALIST 50 YEARS

Bulletin Editor of Evening Public Ledger to Observe Anniversary. Irish Home Rule Pioneer

J. St. George Joyce, bulletin editor of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, tomorrow will celebrate the completion of fifty years' service as a newspaperman; and bright and early Wednesday morning he will be at his desk to begin the fifty-

The series of the series is known as an editor, for ireland. He began his newspaper is freiand to advant for ireland. He began his newspaper is freiand to advant for the large plants, the bound with the series at a reporter on the date in the beak will be perfected in the beak will be beek of the Boundard the Calavas press, the beak of the security of the Clare Journal in the beak will be beek of the beak of

Merchanis Shipbuilding C Pennsylvania Shipbuilding Pusey & Jones Sun Shipbuilding Co. 12,800 80,000 Several theatres will Totals for nine shipyards on 62 524,480 Delaware River of 62 524,480 Note for thirty-five yards else-where in the United States. 231 1,604,840 midnight performance to brate the new year of ty. An added attraction forrow at the Ridge Avenue The be "Over Here," showing how tonments was built in time. Grand totals for all yards it. 293 2.129.320 HOG ISLAND CONTRACTS

The Shipping Board's program, ac-cording to announced contracts for steel ships, which does not include the requi-Genuine photograp is a factor in the success of "Nearly Married." to h on Wed-nesday at the Blueb

WAR STAMP MAY GO WITH EVERY HAIRCUT Barber Shops Enlisted to Help

Promote Uncle Sam's Thrift Crusade

She is Marjorie 19 seen today at the day were organized as selling agencies for war savings and thrift stamps. Pa-Ruby.

trons may, by tomorrow night, obtain a shave, a haircut, a shine and a war saving or thrift stamp. Wallace Reid wwn in "Nan, of Music Mountais" stand. saving or thrift stamp.

Just what effect organization of the shops as saving institutions will have on ncuncement from the war savings

committee, but it is rumored that a barber's educational club will be formed for the purpose of discussing banking and finance.

and hashes. The work of organizing cigar stores as selling agencies is also being pushed, and with the barber shop and the cigar

An English ras staged for picturesque scord. White and Blue Blood." Francis X. Bushman and Bayne, which will be the stylic Fairmount Theatre tomordirector of the picture. Charpin, staged an and with the barber shop and the cigar store, selling stamps, officials declars virtually every nook and 'corner in the city will be reached. Many large industrial establishments are expected to apply for agencies fol-lowing announcement by the Farmers and Mechanics' National Bank that it is prepared to handle all details in se-curing the help of the large plants. The offer, made to the war savings com-mittee, provides that the bank will do the purchasing and settle with the agency. picture. Charpin, staged all the scenes wir of detail.

Emily Stev calured player today at the

Bill Harth New Year's

"Magda" Dara K. Young to the Emp

Olive Telin all day today at the Colise Unforeseen."

will bring Paul-the Arcadia's

inent part in the Deceiver" at the

Marguer II be seen today at the Eur Burglar."

Jack Plaiy looks like a

canade of the day before it had been finality. He had traced the design him-self, from a Christmas card, and it had originally consisted of a ring and small

Originally consisted of a ring and small Cupids, alternating with hearts. He liked it very much. The Cupids were engagingly fat. However, Miss Braith-waite had not approved of their state of nature, and it had been necessary to drape them with sashes tied in neat bows.

The pyrography putfit was produced, and for fifteen minutes Prince Ferdinand William Otto labored, his head on one at night side, his royal tongue slightly protruded. But, above the thin blue smoke of burning, his face remained wisiful. He was afraid, terribly afraid, that he had

wife of Sesakawa will in Wednesd is at the was afraid, terribly afraid, that he had been forgotten again. "I hope Nikky is not ill," he said ouce. "He smokes a great many cigar-ettes He says he knows they are bad for him." "Certainly they are bad for him." said Miss Braithwaite. "They contain nico-tine, which is violent poison. A drop of nicotine on the tongue of a dog will kill it." The reference was unfortunate.

Beautiful canal soin "Reach-ing for the Moon," rtoria. Fairbanks has adding lady the is Marjorie Tishe will be

The reference was unfortunate. "I wish I might have a dog." observed Prince Ferdinand William Otto.

Fortunately, at that moment. Hed-wig came in. She came in a triffe de-finity, although that passed unnoticed, and she also came unannounced, as was her cousinly privilege. And she stood inside the door and stared at the Prince. William Farnur's an oppor-tunity to show hiability at the Palace the first ps week. "Well !" she said.

"Well ?" she said. Prince Ferdinand William Otto was equal to the occasion. He hastily drew out his pocket handkerchief and spread it over the frame. But his face was Niagara Fallswn in "The loneymoon" at t today. Ruby De Remeautiful lead-ing lady in "In Block." to-day's attraction cat Northern.

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