BY MICE AND RABBITS. State have been received by Zoolo- Jenner stores. And for quite a period gist H. A. Surface. In numerous let- of years, he was manager of of the enemies of the mice, such as of Rockwood. He managed a store in hawks, Owls, skunks and foxes. He Pittsburg and for a time was a part

State authorizes, and even requires urer of the Quemahoning Coal Co. the killing of the enemies of the mice. Mr. Kooser was never married. He These carnivorous creatures are of was a brother of the following:—Exgreat value in the destruction of ro- Judge F. J. Kooser Herman B., Gendents, and I feel it is very wrong to eral manager of the American Repay a bounty for their destruction. frigerator Company of St. Louis; We shall continue to have such loss. Curtis O., Sec. of the County Trust es as this until the rodents decrease Co. Somerset; E. R., of the land or are held in check. I have scores of letters reporting tens of thousands of the following sisters: Mrs. John W. dollars of property destroyed in this State during the past winter by mice, moles and rabbits. Many of the tree Misses Revecta and Jessie at home.

Colonel Biddle of the engineering corps of the United States army has been named by Secretary of War Baker to succeed Colonel Townsley as superintendent of the West Point Military academy. owners are claiming that as these creatures are protected by law it is only proper for the State to compensate them for the loss they have susknown and popular lumberman coal A GENERAL SURVEY OF tained. The interests of the orchard- operator of Lower Turkeyfoot town ists and farmers are verygreat, and it sbip, died May 15 at his home in would not be unreasonable to give Ursina, aged about 60 years. He them better protection than they had been sick for only a day or two have at the present time.

"Your treatment of the trees in the garded as alarming. fall by removing the mulch from the Mr. Kutz was a native of Berks trunks and putting clay around was County, having been born at Kutzall right, but there was one thing town, the seat of one of the State you did that was wrong, and that was Normal school. He was elected to You should let it lie and instead of his native county, serving two of removing it you should put more or three terms. About 20 years ago on, if you made a mound of snow and he came to this region and ever packed it around each tree, the mice since was prominently identified would not have burrowed through it, with the lumber and coal interests. and the trees would not have been He has a wide circle of friends girdled. Also, if you had pruned off throughout the state. His wife and me of the branches and thrown several children survive him. them on the ground so that the mice and rabbits would have eaten them. they would have. been. kept. from starving to death and from being for- died at his home on May 8th of heart ced to eat the trunks of the trees

ground and tie it with the stake with home near the Harbaugh school a band of soft cloth, as ti is very like house. broken by the wind or cultivator during the first season."

LIME AND ITS USES

"In Northwestern many farmers are using lime on the soil and farm crop expert of the Pa. brothers, Daniel and Elijah, Dept. of Agriculture.

says lime has made no improvement on his crops. I have several times observed the same condition on farms died on Monday evening of last week that I am well acquainted with, and at her home in Berlin aged 68 years there is a reason for this and one Paralysis and other ailments caused reason is that lime will not drain land. Lime applied to soil that is primarily in need of drainage and Mrs. Ross F. Davis and Annie Pile of Mrs. Ross F. Davis and Mrs. Ross F. Davis which cannot be profitably farmed Somerset; Mrs. Lillian Roberts of till drained, is largely a waste of Pittsburg, John C. Pile of Somerset; till drained , is largely a waste of were thoroughly tile drained, and ton Pile, residence unknown. then the lime applied, the returns

for the lime would be the very best.
"Again I meet farmers who are using lime in an effort to overcome Township, died on May 2nd., at the the effects of poor farming and of de-home of her son, Theodore aged 8' structive methods of handling the years, 9 months, and 4 days. In additional, My experience is that the use of tion to one son she is survived by 12 methods in order to be profitably us- 1 great-great-grandchild. The funera

STATE AGRICULTURAL NOTES. Reports from all sections State show a decided gain in the prospete of a normal peach crop over indications of a month ago. In Adams county, the centre of peach belt the indications at the besinning of the present month were per cent of a normal crop a gainst 52 per cent on April 1.

Acording to reports from all sections of the state the livestock is in wheat and rye have been very little splendid condition. In 21 counties the damaged this spring by heaving and condition is reported above the average while in 26 counties the conditions are expected. ported and the livestock has spent from two to four weeks behind tim a splendid winter.

The Dairy and Food Bureau of the been found upon analysis that many in January and February. of the cherries contain sulphur dioxide which is prohibited by the pure 3 CANS LOMBARD PLUMS for 25:

W. PARK KOOSER.

As noted in our last issue, W. Park Kooser, a well known ber of one of the oldest families in Somerset County, died May 15 at his home in Somerset following two ma-Some Practical Suggestions Well jor operations with the past several Worth Knowing From the De- weeks, Mr. Kooser would have been 68 years old had he lived until the 24th of the present month. He was FACTS FOR DAILY USE son of Curtis and Emeline Kiernan Kooser who lived in Somerset in the 18th century, before Somerset was in Many reports of field mice doing corporated. Mr. Kooser was for damage in orchards throughout the number of years the manager of the ters written on the subject Prof. Mineral Point Railroad. Mineral rface makes a plea for the saving Point has since been given the name says in reply to one communication: ner in the store of W. B. Frease, of "We must expect this sort of Somerset. Two years ago, Mr. Kooser thing to continue as long as the retired, retaining his office of Treasuntil the rodents decrease Co. Somerset; E. K., of the Hahn

and at no time was his condition re

GEORGE STEYER.

A resident of Lower Turkeyfoot d to eat the trunks of the trees. failure. He was born in Fayette "It is scarcely advisiable to bridge county, Dec. 25, 1863, a son of Abgraft trees that have been girdled or salom Steyer. In 1858 he married openly exposed ten inches wide. I Miss Phoebe Imel, daughter of Henwould prefer to cut them off at the ry Imel, after which they lived Lower part of the girdle area and let for several years in Springfield them throw up a strong shoot. When township. Some years later they this gets to be about three feet high moved to the state of Illinois where top it, and make it branch and form they resided a short time. The bal a new head. Drive a stake in the ance of their lives was spent at the

A widow and the following children survive: Levi, Stephen, Hen ry, Grant and Mrs. Work-Amv man, all of Nebraska; Mrs. Delia FOR THE SOIL. Dainton of McPaul Iowa; Luther of Raymond, S. D.; George and Truman at home, Mrs. Clarence soil, some of them paying high pric-Nichols of Scullton and Mrs. Rob es for the lime," says J. T. Campbell ert Hostetler of Connellsville. Two "Occasionally I meet a man who Fayette county also survive.

MRS. MARY ATCHESON

money and effort. If this kind of land Jacob Piel of Jefferson and of Hamp-

A respected resident of Somerse st be accompanied by better grandchildren 19 great grandchildre service was conducted by the Rev

MRS. MARY SMITH.

Wife of Michael Smith, died a few days ago in the Johnstown City hos pital, her home being at Acosta. She was aged 29 years and was the moth er of 8 children, who besides he husband survive her

Reports from the crop correspond ents state that the clover meadows

Farm labor is reported very scare is normal. Little disease is rea and in many sections the farmers ar

Department of Agriculture has started crusade against maraschino cherthe State indicate that the Elberta roies used in cocktails and as trimpeaches have been greatly affected mings for ice cream sundaes. It has by the changing weather conditions

at BITTNER'S GROCERY.

IS NEW HEAD OF WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY



COLONEL JOHN BIDDLE.
Colonel Biddle of the engineering corps of the United States army has

THE WAR

The capture of several lines of Brit meters (1¼ miles) near Givenchy-en-Gohelle was announced by the Ger-Gohelle was ar man war office.

German troops stormed French tained them against repeated counter attacks, which are said to have cost the French great losses.

Reports from Kalmar, in Sweden, on the Baltic, state that a violent can-nonade was heard. It is believed a sea battle is in progress between Ger-

man and Russian warships.

A dispatch from Hull to Lloyds says
the motor fishing boat Osprey has the motor fishing boat Osprey has been sunk by the gunfire of a German submarine. The crew was picked up The new submarine campaign against German shipping in the Baltic is reported to have resulted in the destruction of four German merchant

None of the passengers or crew of the French coasting steamer Mina were saved when she sunk as a result of a torpedo attack in the Mediterranean on May 16.

The sinking of the Mira was and an anounced by Lloyds in London.

FOUR KILLED, ONE INJURED, WHEN TRAIN STRIKES AUTO

New Comerstown (O.) Party Out for Afternoon Stive.

Four persons were killed and an when a fact train street or railroad passenger train street automobile on a private root or two piles when a private root or two piles were the private root or two piles were the piles w

town, O. aged thirty-nine; Pauline Wilson, aged thirty-fine; Pauline Wilson, and daughter of Mrs. Wilson; Mrs. G. E. Purdy, thirty-five, and Laurine Purdy, seven, daughter of Mrs. Purdy, G. E. Purdy, aged forty, was bruised and probably internally injured. He is expected to recover.

The two families, both of New Com-

erstown, had intended to spend the afternoon in the country and were en route to the Tuscarawas river. Mr. route to the Tuscarawas river. Mr. Wilson is superintendent of the Rex File and Saw company in New Comerstown, and Mr. Purdy is assistant superintendent.

BABY KILLED, MOTHER IS HURT FATALLY IN RUNAWAY

Becomes Frightened and Crashes Into Iron Fence.

A runaway horse, taking fright when a bolt in the shaft of the buggy sened and struck it, crashed into an iron fence surround g the Smock cemetery, hear Uniontown, throwing the four occupants out of the buggy and causing the death of one, the seri ous injury of another and lesser in juries to the other two.

The horse was being driven by Mrs. Catherine Barrack, aged thirty, of Smock. With her were her three children, aged seven, five and two, re spectively. Mrs. Barrack was injured and is dying in the Unic Mrs. Barrack was fatally pospital. Joseph, her two-year-old son killed, his neck being broken, other children sustained serious cuts and bruises.

POLLY SAVES HOME

Parrot Suffocated In Cage After Arous

ing Family In House Afire. Crying cut "Goodbye, goodbye," a parrot in the house of Mrs. Jennie pet parrot in the house of Mrs. Jennie Lindley in Unien City, Ind., awak-ened members of the family in time to save their property from a fire which had gained much headway.

After the excitement was over the parrot was found dead of suffocation

HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR STRONG NAVY

Battle Cruisers Displace Dreadnoughts In Report

10 BUILD FIVE NEXT YEAR

Five-Year Program Discarded In Favor of Faster Building-Battle Cruisers to Carry Ten 14-Inch Guns.

The house naval committee disregarded the five-year building program of Secretary Daniels, recommending the construction of battle cruisers in lieu of dreadnoughts, and adopted a naval increase program to cost approximately \$160,000,000, and calling the following new vessels. Five bat tle cruisers, each with a speed of thirty-five knots; twenty submarines, of which three will be of the fleet type and seventeen for coast defense; ten torpedo boat destroyers, one hospital ship and one ammunition ship.

When it is reported to the house the mayal appropriation bill will carry approximately \$240,000,000. This is more than \$90,000,000 more than the total of last year's bill. The abandon-ment of the dreadnought as the vessel of the first line of the defense was the surprise of the committee's se

A minority report, which will arraign the majority for failing to provide a sufficient number of battleships, is expected to be submitted shortly and on this the Republicans will wage their fight when the bifl comes up for discussion on the floor. Republican leaders expressed the view that the minority of the naval committee would find strong support on the majority side of the chamber for their "bigger navy" contention.

The building program as authorized was that of Chairman Padgett of the naval committee and had the support of all Demonstrate the committee and had the support of the parval committee and had the support of the last the disposed to engage in such.

was that of Chairman Padgett of the naval committee and had the support of all Democrats on the committee.

Republican members of the committee made no attempt to get a larger number of each class of vessels authorized. When the balloting in committee reached a point where the Democrats were willing to authorize a specified number of vessels the Republicans voted against all Democrate motions and the bill as agreed to will be reported by party vote.

Zens who might be disposed to engage in such.

The German government, it is said, looks with great disfavor upon any shall not engage in any undertaking in any way outside the law.

It was not disclosed whether specific cases have been brought to the attention of the German government, but it was made clear that Berlin of-ficials want the United States and its people to understand that they have

There was a conference of Demo-cratic members prior to the committee meeting. A working agreement was reached among the "small navy" and "big navy" Democrats and this agreement called for the defeat of all sections wide for the heldfar of half motions made for the building of bat-tleships. Such "small navy" members of the committee as Representatives Calloway and Hensley, who have derided the battleship type of naval vessels, are understood finally to have agreed to vote for five battle cruisers and a limited number of submarines

and auxiliary vessels.

The five battle cruisers authorized coast defense submarines will cost \$12,325,000 and three feet submarines \$3,600,000 in addition. It is estimated that the four sceut cruisers provided will cost \$5,572,000 each the store the raid was made and they took advantage of the knowledge and hid the still, which is said to be one of the best equipped of any in the mountain regions of southern Wasters The ten destroyers will cost \$1,326,000 each. figures. The ten destroyers will cost \$1,325,000 each, the hospital ship \$2,500,000, the fuel ship, \$1,364,000 and the ammunition ship \$2,715,000.

Chairman Padgett said the construction would amount to about \$160,000, on with an additional \$10,000,000 for ammunition for the ships authorized. The figures given above are inclusive of armor and armament. The construction authorized in the naval appropriation of last year amounted to only \$50,000,000.

OKLAHOMA TOWN WIPED

Nine Dead, Thirty-eight Injured In Kemp City, Okla.

Nine persons were killed and thirty-eight injured and Kemp City, Okla. was wiped off the map by a tornado which swept a path three-quarters mile wide and five miles long in Kemp City section

small dwellings remain Only three

standing at Kemp City.

Twelve business houses, a two-story hotel and sixty residences were demo-ished in K mp City. This is the se ond time in recent years that the little town of 300 inhabitants has been vis ited by a tornado. Merchants said ited by a tornado. that the town probably would not be

MAYO TO HEAD FLEET

Admiral Fletcher Will Be Assigned to Shore Duty.

Plans for reorganization of the Atlantic fleet, which will be announced shortly by Secretary Daniels, include the retirement of Admiral Fletcher a nander-in-chief

Vice Admiral Henry T. Mayo, no commander of the first division of the deet, with his flag on the Arkanos, will succeed Admiral Fletcher as commander-in-chief. Admiral Fletcher automatically returns to his line rank rear admiral and probably will b assigned to important strategic work Admiral I otcher has completed his term as commander in chief.

WANTS VON IGLE TRIED BY GERMAN AUTHORITIES



COUNT VON BERNSTORFF,

GERMAN SYMPATHIZERS TOLD TO OBEY U. S. LAWS

Count Eernstorff Warns Teutons In

people to understand that they have not countenanced any illegal affairs with which German citizens or sym-

SOUR MASH CONFISCATED

Revenue Officers Fail to Locate Moon-

mbers shine Still in Mountain Raids, and a vession still in Mountain Raids, and in making whisky was confiscated by have fusiers ounty, W. Va. The raiders failed to find the still

which had been used by moonshiners and to make any arrests. The approach of the officers had been made

THOMPSON'S ASSETS HIGH

Uniontown Banker's Properties Valued at \$32,535,443 Over Liabilities.
Equities in the properties of J. V.
Thompson, former Uniontown (Pa.)
coal operator and president of the
First National bank of Uniontown, are placed at \$32,535,443.57 in a repor prepared by W. G. Laidley, John ennen and A. A. Thompson, receive ers appointed Jan. 19, 1915, when the doors of the First National bank were closed. The report dates to Jan. 19 OFF MAP BY TORNADO 1916, and covers seventy typewritter at \$65,714,305.99.

WHAT THE EDITORS SAY

There is something in the sunlight itself that science cannot cory. It the life, a principle that is a part the divine. * * * Take the app it is a concretion of sunlight, but al the elements of sunlight within the reach of chemistry couldn't make ever a Ben Davis or a bitter crab. There s a vitality in the real apple that omes from the source of all blessings—Ohio State Journal.

Conscientious comparison of conflicting war reports from souther: Europe compels the conclusion the across the Alps both Italy and Austr lie to some extent.—Pittsburgh Gazette

as named chaplains for the conven-on. But the presidential candidates to Johnstown for burial. will do most of the praying .- Wall Street Journal.

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JAMES KANE

James Patrick Kane of Somerset, County woodsman, died of pneumoma on Tuesday evening at the Mt. Pleas-It would be worth going miles to see ant Hospital, where he had been a the look on the faces of Penrose and patient for a fortnight or so. The desome of the other stalwart leaders it ceased took sick from pneumonia in the G. O. P. convention should be the the G. O. P. convention should be the woods in the vicinity of Bakers-stampeded for Ford.—Pittsburgh Post ville and was conveyed by automob-The Republican national committee lile from that place to the Mt. Pleas-

Some 20 years ago James P. Kane It seems that mines don't give married in Somerset by the Rev. Mr. warnings to peaceful ships or practice Schrock. Mrs. Kane's death occurred County. Eight children survive.

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