The disappearance recently of many young women of aristocratic families in Petrograd, resulted in an investigation which uncovered a widespread plot to lure women and girls into white slavery after they had been robbed. Details of the plan were obtained by militiamen who raided the headquarters of the band, where they found most of the missing women, many of whom were under the influence of drugs.

One girl, a member of a prominent family, told how she had been held prisoner and begged to be released. She and others informed the authorities they had been compelled to become drug users. All had been robbed of their money and jewels. Many rifled purses and reticules were found in a back room. Most of the victims were between 17 and 19 years old, although several of them were married women.

War-time prohibition was indorsed by the Eastern Conference of the Maryland Synod of the Lutheran Churches at a meeting at Concordia Church, Franklin street and Arlington avenue, recently. The following resolution was passed and will be urged before higher bodies of the church: 'Resolved, That in this serious and solemn hour in the history of our nation we record our sympathy with the movement for nation-wide prohibition during the time of the war." The conference was one of the most successful ever held by the Synod, and many subjects of vital interest were presented and discussed by the delegates in attendance

Whenever Charles E. Butler, negro night janitor at the United States Mint in San Francisco, California, needed a little extra change he would go into the money pressroom, Federal detectives say, put a little silver into the mold and make himself a nice, new half dollar. Butler was arrested by a secret service operative who had been detailed to find out who had been tampering with the machinery of the press. Butler's plan, according to the Federal authorities, was to strike off enough coin to last him through the day. The small quanity of silver he took was not missed and he is said to have made money every night. He had been in the Government service for 23 years

C. Arch Williams, of Chicago, was elected supreme regent of the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum at its annual meeting inBoston, Mass., Tuesday. A reported contest for the supreme secretaryship failed to develop, and Samuel N. Hoag of Mount Vernon, N. Y., retiring supreme regent, was unanimously elected to that office. Other officers include Franklin Rubrecht, of Columbus, O., supreme vice regent; L. R. Geisenberger, of Lancaster, Pa., supreme orator, and A. S. Robinson, of St. Louis, supreme treasurer

The body of Stanley L. Robison, 18 years old, of Hillsboro, O., one of the three students drowned in the Severn River on May 10, was found Tuesday morning in the river about seven miles from Annapolis by a searching party headed by H. A. Robinson, father of the boy. The body of John H. Avery, Jr., was recovered several days ago. The body of the other student, Edward L. Goff, of Davenport, Iowa, was recovered Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. William . Sunday, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Audodon Sanatorium, Saturday night, was resting easily Monday night and her condition was all that could be expected, the physician announced. Her husband spent a short time at her bedside Monday morning and again during the afternoon. Because of Mrs. Sunday's illness, the visit of the Sundays to Colonel Roosevelt's home, scheduled for Monday, was indefinitely postponed.

Charles P. Taft, second son of former President Taft and a junior in Yale College, was enlisted for the artillery branch of the regular Army with nine other undergraduates Monday. All the enlistments were of students who were under age for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the university, and all had consent of their parents.

A Berlin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the Mexican Minister to Germany is reported to have handed a note to the German Government protesting against the submarine campaign. The report followed a prolonged conference between the Mexican Minister and Foreign Secretary Zimmerman on Monday.

An Albany dispatch conveys the information that our old friend William H. Anderson is the recipient of a gold pen used by Governor Whitman in signing the local option bill that is made applicable to towns and villages in New York. Satisfactory proof that Mr. Anderson is just as handy a two-fisted fighter as ever

Two cases of smallpox were discovered yesterday at Big Pool, near Hagerstown, by Health Officer C. K. Scheller and Dr. R. B. Norment, Jr., deputy state health officer. An investigation was made the same day and a number of persons were placed under quarantine All suspects will be closely guarded to prevent an epidemic. Quarantine was lifted last week at the Western Maryland camp where there were four cases of smallpox.

TEXAS WHEAT CROP IS BEING GATHERED

The cutting of wheat has been started in Texas, near Fort Worth. This information reached the great grain market in Chicago Wednesday in a laconic telegram from the Texas city. Work, it said, began yesterday, when binders started on a farm of 100 acres, which was expected to yield from six to eight bushels to the acre.

"The Texas harvest has started," flashed over the wires of the brokers, and crop students said that never in history did such a message carry more of hope and meaning to the world, for this crop, according to leading statesmen, enters into the ground and strategy of the war and into the very politics of nations.

From now on the harvest will spread northward over the granaries of Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska; thence on through the spring-wheat valleys of the Dakotas, until, about the first of September, the last North American sheaf has been cut in the far Hudson bay country.

The word from Texas was taken as a good omen, for it showed that the harvest had been started three days earlier than normal, and even three days is important, it is said, when the whole world is crying for wheat.

Barnard Snow, crop statistician, said that the quality of Texas wheat is usually excellent

BANKERS PLEDGE AID

Two hundred Maryland bankers, at the opening session of their annual convention at the Marlborough Blenheim, Atlantic City, N. J. Wednesday morning, rallied to the support of the Liberty Loan and the farmers of their State.

In the absence of Hon. Walter Edge, Governor of New Jersey, and Hon. E. C. Harrington, Governor of Maryland, Thomas W. Simmons, Secretary of State, of Maryland, delivered the opening address. He said it is the duty of the banker to open his vaults to the demands of the Government and to support the $2,000,000,000 loan now and the $5,000,000,000 that may be required later on. He also told them it is also preeminently the duty of the bankers to reach out a hand of help to the real producers of the world and not to cripple their helpfulness by bridging themselves about with technicalities and red tape and emphasized that it is duty and privilege to extend financial aid to farmers, not next year, but right now.

President James M. Sloan urged the bankers to get in touch with the farm interests and advocated the more general employment of farm specialists in Maryland in order that the State may yield more abundant crops.

Waldo Newcomer, of Baltimore, in his report on good roads told the delegates that not much progress could be expected in this work during the coming year owing to the heavy cost of materials and the labor problem He added that Maryland has the greatest number of miles of approved roads, according to its population, of any State.

Hon George W. Norris, Farm Loan Commissioner, of Washington, also addressed the convention.

Marcus A. Patrick, president of the First National Bank, of Piedmont, W. Va., and president of the First National Bank, of Lonaconing, who had been missing from his home in Westernport since Tuesday morning of last week, was found dead in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, near South Cumberland. It is thought he had been in the water three days.

There were no marks of violence. Mr. Patrick was seen in Cumberland, where he often visited, the middle of last week. He had a diamond ring on one finger. Mr. Patrick was 47 years old, was president of the Piedmont Grocery Company and leaves a widow and six children. He had left home without any explanaton to his family and they thought he had been suddenly called away on a business trip When he failed to return home after several days the family enlisted the services of the authorities. The remains were taken to Westernport for burial

Thirteen persons, including Albert Kaltschmidt, a wealthy local business man, were charged with bomb plots in an indictment returned Tuesday by a federal grand jury in Detroit, Mich. Six of the persons indicted were arrested after the United States declared war on Germany. The indictment charges that the defendants entered into a general conspiracy to destroy the Windsor (Ontario) Armory, Peabody Manufacturing Company's plant at Walkersville, Ont., a canadian Pacific R. R. bridge at Nipigon, Ona., and the plant of the Detroit Screw Works of Detroit. The Peabody plant, which was working on orders from the British government, was damaged by an explosion more that a year ago.

Bonds for seven men taken from Snyder, Texas and held on charge of seditious conspiracy against the United States in planning to resist conscription by force were fixed at $1,000 each Tuesday by Federal Judge G. W. Jack. The arrests were made in connection with alleged activities of the Farmers and Laborers Protective Association

Secretary Wilson of Labor Department went to Dubois, Pa., Wednesday to attend a onference of miners which will take up ratification of the tentative agreement between operators and miners of the second bituminous district. The agreement prevented a strike of 5,000 men.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES

CARROLL REFORMED CHARGE

St. Matthew's (Pleasant Valley):
Sunday school 9. A. M.
Divine Service 10 A. M.
St. Benjamin's:
Sunday school 1 P.M.
Divine service 2, P. M.
J. W. REINECKE, pastor.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday school 9.15 A. M.
Preaching 10.30 A. M., Whitsuntide.
Mission Band 2.30 P. M
Christian Endeavor 6.45 P. M
Preaching 7.45 P. M. "Slain by God."
The annual congregational meeting, Whit-Monday 7.45 P. M
WM. H. HETRICK, Pastor

All day's meeting at Pipe Creek (brick) Church Sunday, May 27. Communion service at 10.30 A. M., conducted by Rev. Hedges, of the Seminary.

Dr. L. F. Warner, president of the Maryland Conference, will preach at 2 P. M. A quartette from the M. P. Church in Westminster will sing at both the morning and afternoon services.

CENTENARY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Morning Worship 10.30. Sermon subject: "The Unchangeable Christ." Mr. Essers of Blue Ridge College, will play.

Evening Worship at 8 o'clock. Subject: "Knowing Him."
Sunday school 9.15 A. M.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8 P.M.
E. T. MOWBRAY, Minister.

SALEM LUTHERAN CHARGE

St. John's:
Sunday school 9 A. M
Communion 10 A. M
St. Benjamin's
Sunday school 1 P M
Preaching 2 P M.
STEPHEN TRAVER, Pastor.

Whit Sunday Services at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Manchester, Md.

Sunday School 9 A. M.
10 A. M. Service for "Old Folks" especially.
Holy Communion. Members also received.
7.30 Confirmation; large Class.
Holy Communion.
You are welcome.
Members are urged to see that some old person is brought to church and taken home.

St. Paul's Reformed Church.
11 A. M. Worship: Subject "History of Liberty."
7.30 P. M. evening service
9.45 A. M. Sunday school.
2.30 P. M. Jr. C. E.
6.30 C. E.
Prayer Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.

J. Hampton Baumgartner, publicity representative of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was given a dinner at the Hotel Rennert, Baltimore, by his friends in the newspaper business and a few others. Mr. Baumgartner is shortly to be married. During the dinner a loving cup was presented Mr. Baumgartner The presentation was made by Howard S. Bisco

At the Bankers Convention held this week at Atlantic City, N. J., officers were elected for the coming year. Mr. George R. Gehr, of the First National Bank, of this city, was elected a member of the committee on administration

The members of Camp No. 7, P. O. S. of A. will decorate the graves in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Sunday afternoon, June 3rd. The new P. O. S. of A. Band will furnish music. Prominent speakers will be present.

A joint meeting of the Baltimore, Carroll and Howard County Medical Societies was held yesterday at Springfield Hospital, Sykesville. The first session was held in the morning and another after luncheon, when postgraduate instruction was given.

Wrong Place

There was a timid knock at the door.

"If you plielase, kind lady," the beggar said, "I've lost my right leg—"

"Well, it ain't here," retorted the lady of the house and slammed the door.—New York Times.

Mice have caused havoc in many of the large apple orchards of the Winchester, Virginia, fruit belt and strenuous efforts are being made by the principal growers to get the mice on the run. D. E. Lantz, a biological expert of the United States Agricultural Department, was there a day or two age conferring with fruit growers and giving directors how to carry out a successful drive.

Norman W. Showe, 21 years old, a Western Maryland Railway brakeman, was injured, perhaps fatally Wednesday night when he fell on the track between cars. One of his legs was severed. He was taken to Washington County Hospital in Hagerstown.

$25.00 Reward

for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties who cut a lilac bush and a shade tree off of the lawn of the property of Mr. Jinks Griffe, Statewood, Md.

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How to Secure a Uniform Stand

College Park, April 26.—The Maryland Agricultural Extension Service through its county demonstration agents is encouragaing every effort on the part of farmers to secure uniform stands of corn during the coming season. Following the discussions of the importance the proper selection of seed and the preparation of the seed bed, W. B. Kemp, specialist in crops for the Extension Service, is furnishing county demonstration agents with instructions on the proper planting of corn for their boys' club members. He says:

Grading The Seed.

"An important step toward securing a uniform stand is to grade the corn. If a planter is used, grading is very important because grains which vary in size and shape will not drop with regularity. Then too, uniform seed will probably cause a greater uniformity in the crop and it may be easier to select a sample for the fall corn show and for seed the following year. To do this, shell off and discard the non-uniform kernels at butt and tip of ear. Next shell into a separate basin or other convenient receptacle, the corn remaining on each ear and pour together only the corn from those ears, the grains of which are uniform in size and shape. Thus, your corn will gradually be brought nearer to the type desired.

Rate Of Planting.

"If the rows are three and one-half feet apart, the corn should be planted so that the stand may be thinned to one stalk for each 12 to 18 inches of row. If the corn is checked, or planted so that it can be cultivated both ways, this is equivalent to about three stalks per hill. Remember that better results will generally be obtained by planting too thick and then thinning to the stand desired, than by being compelled after the corn comes up, to replant thin or missing places. Poor soil will not generally permit such thick planting as rich soil, and a thick stand on sandy land will suffer more quickly from dry weather than the same stand on a field that is moderately stiff.

"Checked corn can be kept clean with less labor than corn which is cultivated only one way, and the difference in yield from the two methods of planting is slight, therefore, unless the ground is steep or entirely free from weeds and grass, check planting is generally preferred.

Depth Of Planting.

"The seed bed, season and character of soil will all help to regulate the depth to which corn should be planted. Sandy soil permits deeper planting than clay soil and dry weather permits deeper planting than wet weather Always plant the grain deep enough so that it will be in contact with moist soil, yet shallow enough so that the sprouts can be sent to the surface without difficulty. Generally a depth of about one and one-half inches is one that can be recommended.

Time To Plant.

"The more nearly your corn can use the full spring and summer in growth, the greater chance it has to produce a heavy crop. Therefore, early planting is desirable. If it is planted too early, however, there is danger of a set back and loss of some of the plants in the cold spells which are apt to follow planting. If there is any one rule that can be given, it is to plant about a week after the first corn in your section is usually planted."

FEEDING YOUNG CHICKS.

College Park, April 26.—In directions furnished to the members of boys' agricultural clubs engaged in profitable poultry growing, Poultryman Roy H. Waite of the Maryland Experiment Station offers the following rations for growing chicks:

Mash Mixture.

Bran (wheat)	4 parts
Corn meal or hominy chop	2 parts
Middlings (wheat)	2 parts
Meat scrap	1 part

Salt, half a pound to each 100 lbs. mixture.

Grain Mixture.

Finely cracked corn	1 part
Cracked wheat	1 part
Hulled oats	1 part

"Use the above two mixtures, feeding the mash in shallow troughs twice daily (about 10 A. M. and 4 P. M.) and the grain in a litter of clean straw three times daily (early in the morning, noon, and late in the evening.) At first the mash may be moistened a little with water but feed it dry as soon as the chicks learn to eat it readily. Chopped hard-boiled eggs and oatmeal may be given sometimes as a relish. Aim to feed enough so that although they are hungry at each meal time, you are certain that they are not being starved. Little and often is the rule for feeding young chicks until they get to growing well.

Mr. H. H. Harbaugh will take the Jury to Union Bridge on Monday and on Tuesday to Middleburg in the condemnation proceedings of the Western Maryland railroad against owners of the land adjacent to the railroad, which is wanted by the company for the extension of its switches. These will be the first trips of Mr. Harbaugh's new bus

Marshall John C. Cockey, of the Baltimore County Police Department, has issued orders that hereafter no collections or selling of score cards or chewing gum will be allowed at baseball games on Sunday and has instructed his men to enforce the law in the future. The Marshal has granted a request that each man in the department be allowed two days off each month in addition to his 12 days' vacation each year.

The Circuit Court closed yesterday and will remain closed until Monday.

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ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS IN ENGINEERING COURSES

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS for the Department of Engineering, as well as for the College of Arts and Sciences, will be held by the College Entrance Examination Board in the Academic Building of The Johns Hopkins University, Homewood, Baltimore, June 18-23, 1917, beginning at 9 A. M.

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

established under the provisions of the Laws of Maryland, Chapter 90, 1912, will now be received. If there is more than one applicant for a particular scholarship, a competitive examination must be taken in the Academic Building, Homewood, on September 21, 1917, beginning at 9 A. M. Appointments will be made soon after.

Each Legislative District of Baltimore City and each County of the State, with the exception of Caroline, Somerset and Talbot Counties, will be entitled to one or more scholarships for the year 1917-18, in addition to those which have already been assigned. In the three counties mentioned above, all the available scholarships have been awarded.

Under the provisions of the Act of Assembly, the County and City Scholarships in the Department of Engineering are awarded only to deserving students whose financial circumstances are such that they are unable to obtain an education in Engineering unless free tuition be granted to them. The scholarships entitle the holders to free tuition, free use of text-books, and exemption from all regular fees. **The expense of attendance for those who do not receive scholarships is no greater than at other Maryland institutions.**

Scholarships may be awarded to graduates of Loyola College, St. Johns College, Washington College, Western Maryland College, Maryland Agricultural College, Mt. St. Mary's College, Rock Hill College; and one scholarship will be awarded "At large".

Applicants should address the Registrar, The Johns Hopkins University, for blank forms of application and for further information as to examinations, award of scholarships, and courses of instruction

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The following Telegram was received by The Westminster Savings Bank:

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May 3, 1917.

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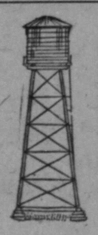
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MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1917,

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