The Centre Reporter EXPLOSION BLOWS CENTRE HALL, - - PA.

FIRE PREVENTION.

Recently New York had a "fire prevention day." Officials and insurance companies co-operated to give demonstrations of the various methods of safeguarding property and particularly of avoiding fires by the observance of the laws and the exercise of care on the part of those in charge of property. This educational work should be continued without interruption. Every city should undertake to teach the people the truth that fire is a needless waste and if every one is careful there is no occasion whatever for these visitations. In the case of wires and pipes causing the ignition of woodwork, the blame is to be placed upon those who are responsible for the construction or the maintenance of the building. It is possible now to protect all electric wires so that they cannot cause the heating of adjacent materials and all forms of heating apparatus can be similarly covered so that they are innocuous. By keeping matches stored in tin boxes and out of the reach of children they are eliminated as a possible cause for fire. The fire loss in any city would be materially reduced if every person were careful in throwing away a match after igniting it or in casting aside burning cigar or cigarette stumps, says the Washington Star. Careful attention to greasy waste will prevent spontaneous combustion. Common sense in the kitchen will eliminate the danger of gasoline or oil explosions.

The Palestine exploration fund has made very interesting contributions to history. A press dispatch states that Messrs. Mackensec and McAllister, working under the auspices of this organization, have unearthed the ancient city of Bethshemesh, about 30 miles from Jerusalem, which was the city of the tribe of Judah and allotted to the priests. Bethshemesh figured in early Jewish history in connection with the calamity that befell its inhabitants on account of their irreverent handling of the ark.

The number of deaths among avianumber of aviators and the number | cargo. The ship leaped into the air. of mortality in aviation is undergoing steady reduction. European statisticlans assert that last year's deaths of aviators averaged only one for each one hundred thousand miles of waters. air flight, whereas the rate was one as recently as three years ago.

Dynamite Ship Explodes Off Curtis Bay, Md.

MEN TO ATOMS

26 DEAD, 20 MISSING, 60 HURT.

New Collier Jason Riddled-Captain Vandyke and Mate Diggs, Of the Atlantic, Give Their Lives For Others.

Baltimore .- At least 26 persons were killed, 20 are missing, and more than 60 were injured in an explosion of 350 tons of dynamite, following a fire on board the British tramp steamer Alum Chine, in the harbor off Fort Carroll. The 20 missing are thought to have gone down with the Alum Chine. Many of the stevedores were known only by numbers, and it is feared their names will never be known

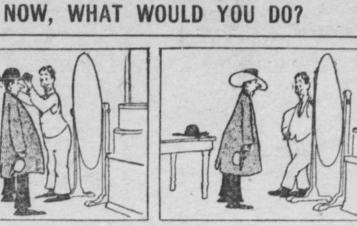
There were also a number of negroes who were believed to have been around the Alum Chine and barges looking for work who are believed to have been caught by the hail of death.

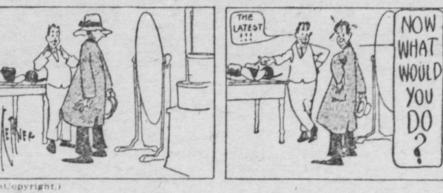
The disaster caused a damage which is estimated at \$150,000. New Collier Jason Riddled By Debris.

had but recently been completed by the Maryland Steel Company and which was to have been turned over to the United States Government in a few days, was riddled by huge frag- A TERRIFIC ATTACK MADE. GENERAL OJEDA APOLOGIZES ments of steel and iron catapulted from the steamer Alum Chine, bringing death to several members of the crew of the collier and working tre- Greek Commanders, By a Feint To Brigadier General Bliss, Commanding rible havoc to the ship itself.

The Jason is valued at \$1,000,000, but it is not thought that the loss to her will amount to more than \$10,000. Work of restoration will take some months, however, necessitating a long delay before the vessel is turned over to the Government. Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels has notified the company that the builders must be responsible for the loss. The company sent a letter to the Secretary regretting the loss of life. The head of the navy promises to make a full investigation.

Steamer Rent Into a Thousand Pieces. The Alum Chine was itself rent into tors is larger than it was because the a thousand pieces by her death-dealing of trips are larger. Really the rate Then there came a crash and a flare, city. fragments of iron, steel, woodwork and cases that had contained the explosive were hurled hundreds of feet first day's cannonade. Gradually the existing policies. into the air and the ship-or what Turkish batteries at Bizani, Manoilara, was left of her-sank beneath the Sakni and elsewhere were silenced. The Atlantic Transport tug Atlantic, for each one thousand miles of flight the crew of which heroically attempt led the Turks to believe that their ated to save the men on the steamer tack would be made from the right. and the stevedores who were at work As soon as the attention of the deon the barge beside it, was caught in fenders had been distracted the the path of destruction and burned Greeks hurled large bodies of infantry to the water's edge, her captain, Wil-Ham Vandyke, and her mate, Henry troops, utterly surprised, fell back in M. Diggs, paying for their bravery disorder. composition of distant stars. Professor with their death. The loss of the Alum Chine is placed at \$50,000 and Bizani, the mainstay of the defense, that of her cargo at \$7,000. The Atlantic was valued at \$5,000. A car of the shells and were reduced to comfloat, which was near the steamer, plete silence. turned turtle and disappeared from







The brand new collier Jason, which 32,000 Turks Surrender to the Precautions to Be Taken to Greeks. Avoid Friction on Border.

Right, Distract the Turks and Then Surprise

Them.

Athens, Greece .- The Turkish fortress of Janina, the key to the posses- immediate or sweeping changes in the sion of the province of Epirus, with foreign policy of the United States Mexico City. its garrison of 32,000 men, surrendered are in contemplation were afforded to the Greek Army after a defense when Secretary Bryan, without much which forms one sof the most brilliant qualification, approved the letters and episodes of the Balkan War.

cessation for two days and two nights. happening. It is true that generally zona, was ousted. Every available gun, including a num- this was routine business, but yet it ber of heavy Howitzers lent by the was inferred by the officials of lesser Servian artillery, was brought to bear | rank than the Secretary that Presion the forts defending the beleagured dent Wilson intends to make a care-

ful study of all the data to be pre-No fewer than 30,000 shells were sented to him by Secretary Bryan be-

State of Sonora Declares Its Independence. FLEEING ACROSS THE BORDER

REVOLT IS ON

ANOTHER MEXICAN

Huerta's Provisional Government Officially Repudiated and Preparations Made To Resist the Federal Troops.

Douglas, Ariz .-- Trains from the South brought many refugees who reported Northern Sonora is in a state of commotion in preparation for a general campaign to make the border state an independent republic.

Private telegrams received here from Mexico City say that Huerta has mokin, Thomas Bought strained himappointed Manuel Mascarenas provisional governor of Sonora, with orders to proceed to Hermosillo and subdue the uprising there. Messages Hazleton Ministerial Association, confrom Hermosillo say that General Obregan has been appointed commander of the Constitutionalists in rebellion against the Mexico City government.

The former Maderists continue mobolization of troops at Colonia Morelos, below this point. Rebels camped 10 miles to the south declare they will make an attack on Agua Prieta.

Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.-Repudiation of Huerta's provisional national government was made officially here at a special meeting of the Sonora State Congress, which also issued a general call to arms for all people of the state, to prevent any intrusion of Huerta soldiers.

"Any attempt to bring government troops into Sonora will be resented." was the message sent by the state authorities here to the party in power at

Provisional Governor Pesquera has issued an announcement declaring: "I am prepared to defend the state

with my life." He was appointed chief The surrender was preceded by a the American representatives abroad executive by the Senate when Goverfierce bombardment, lasting without in countries where stirring events are nor Maytorena, now a refugee in Ari-

ALLIANCE AGAINST CASTRO.

Venezuela, Colombia and Nicaragua is

sional Committees.

000. The expenditures of the citizens'

Inaugural Committee were about \$48,-

was subscribed in Washington. The

Joint Congressional Inaugural Com-

SAVED \$8,000,000.

Back Upon.

the aggregate saving during your

PLUNGES 5,000 FEET TO DEATH.

term to be nearly \$8,000,000."

Washington. -- Woodrow Wilson's

South American Republics Do Not Want Him To Return.

York .--- A triple alliance

SNAPSHOTS AT STATE NEWS

All Pennsylvania Gleaned for Items of Interest.

REPORTS ABOUT CHOPS GOOD

Farmers Busy In Every Locality-Churches Raising Funds for Many Worthy Objects-Items of Business and Pleasure that Interest.

Accused of passing worthless checks Frank Mitchell, of Wilmington, has been arrested in Pittsburgh.

Athousand employes of the Crucible Steel Works, Pittsburgh, have struck and two big mills are closed.

Lifting heavily at Ralpho, near Shaself to death.

Resolutions were adopted by the demning local strike disorders.

The late Daniel H. Schweyer, of Bowers, Berks county, former Prothonotary of Berks county, left an estate valued at \$60,000.

Webster Smith, brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, pitched from the top of a heavy box-car at Creasy and was killed.

After nine months in a hospital, where she underwent nine operations, an Altoona woman, returning home, got relief in ragtime music.

Section men on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad have stolen so much rubber air hose for waterproof soles that arrests have resulted.

Rescue Fire Engine and Hose Company, of Shamokin, incorporated in 1878, celebrated its fortieth anniversary with a banquet.

With one natural gas ordinance already in committee, Altoona Selectment refuse to receive a new gas ordinance.

Trying to steal a ride on a Lehigh Valley freight, east of Mahanoy City, Anthony Chabet, of Shenandoah, fell and was cut in two.

Half a century ago the world was amazed by the discovery of spectrum analysis, which gave astronomers an opportunity to determine the physical Wood of the department of experimental physics, has just discovered a new aid to investigations of this character - photographs taken by means of rays of light invisible to the human eye-the ultra-violet ray, the infra-red.

A cadet has been dropped from West Point and a student from Yale for getting married before graduation. The marrying instinct prevails sometimes over the higher education. But possibly the young benedicts will not be so strong for the connubial tenmarriage before education is completed.

An amateur hunter in Maine who killed a companion in mistake for a deer has been ordered to pay \$500 as a fine to the orphan son of his victim. After a while amateur hunters will be complaining of the prohibitive fines which will put the chance of making such mistakes out of the reach of the deserving poor among hunters.

Despite reports of the continued Lilling of hunters and guides, under the impression that they were deer, an official statement from 'he Adirondacks is that 2,650 deer were killed in that region, and not a single guide or fellow hunter. Deduce as suits your taste whether this implies better aim or worse.

A college professor now declares that love of the romantic or clinging vine type is no good. Neither may suit college professors, but both have been in use long before college professors were thought of, and possibly will be found in the ring after theories of love have changed fashion.

A football star attempted to kidnap a Pennsylvania girl whom he had unsuccessfully courted and landed in fail. Probably he will have a chance now to compare the bars of the fail with those of a gridiron.

talking moving picture will not most of the silent charm of the movies disappear? How many have wished that "ranters" were compelled to appear | affirmative. only in the movies?

view. Its loss is placed at \$1,000.

ner's Point suffered heavily from the guns and 110 artillerymen. Then the shock and the explosion. Every win- Greek battallons gradually deployed dow in the building was shattered and onto the plain in front of the city doors were torn from their fasten- itself. ings. Patients at the hospital were hurt by falling glass.

scene describe the explosion simply as men. Whole detachments succumbed a roar and a flash-a roar, they say, to panic and joined in a mad race dency after a few years' experience of such as has never been heard before into the city. The Greek troops foland a flash that mounted seemingly lowed in hot pursuit almost to the frage received a setback in two New hundreds of feet in the sky. The walls. fragments of steel and iron fell like meteors into the harbor, bringing death and injury and terror to all who

were within range.

BRYAN BEATS WILSON AT EARLY WORKING.

Secretary Of State Ready To See Callers At Work Before 8.10 A. M.

Washington .-- Secretary of State William J. Bryan is going President Wilson one better when it comes to early rising. The Nebraskan is up with the sun, breakfasts at his hotel and by a few minutes after 8 receives callers. By 9.35 he is ready for routine work, having disposed of personal callers before coming to the office.

LEVI P. MORTON IS ILL.

Former Vice-President Confined To Fifth Avenue Residence.

New York. - Announcement was ment of the news. All the houses furnace at the Wilkes Rolling Mill exmade by the family that Levi P. Mor. were decorated with flags. Excited ploded. The mill was partially ton, vice-president in the Harrison ad- people thronged the thoroughfares wrecked. The boiler over the puddling ministration and former governor of singing the Greek national anthem, mill was hurled 100 feet into the air. New York, is seriously ill at his Fifth while joyous peals rang out from every The cause of the explosion is unavenue residence. He is 89 years old. | church steeple in the capital.

TO RUN \$300,000,000 SUBWAY.

Interborough's Contract Approved By Succeeded After Much Trouble In Get- Miss Ethel Will Become Dr. Derby's

New York Commission. New York .- The Public Service

A Complete Surprise.

onto the Turkish left. The Ottoman

The batteries on the heights of had been unable to stand the pelting

The Greeks pushed their forward movement during the afternoon and Quarantine Hospital Suffers Heavily. occupied the Turkish batteries on the The Quarantine Hospital at Wag- Sakni and Elas hills, capturing all the

The Turkish flight immediately became general, despite all the efforts Those who were witnesses of the of the Ottoman officers to raily their

The Capitulation.

With all the defending batteries in the hands of the Greeks and the Hellenic soldiers at the gates of Janina, Essaad Pasha, the Turkish commander, sent messengers under a flag of ing for a referendum on a constitutruce to Crown Prince Constantine of tional amendment which would elimi-Greece announcing the surrender of nate the word "male" from the prothe city and all the troops under his vision defining the qualifications of a command.

The fall of Janina was announced Office in the following dispatch:

"Enimaga (Greek headquarters), 6 pied the entire left front of the city after it had been passed by the Senof Janina and also Bizani, and Cas- ate. tritza having been surrounded by our troops, Essaad Pasha has just in formed me that his troops surrendered as prisoners of war.

"I will send you shortly details of the great victory of our gallant army." Wild enthusiasm reigned in the haps, fatally infured and six others streets of Athens on the announce- seriously hurt, when a puddling

EMILIO MADERO SAFE.

San Antonio, Tex.-Emilio Madero, Commission approved the much-op. reported dead half a dozen times, and wedding of Miss Ethel Carow Roose- strongly urged by House leaders to posed operating contracts with the Raoul Madero, brothers of the late velt, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. use his influence for and agree to a Interborough Rapid Transit Company president of Mexico, after a 600-mile Theodore Roosevelt, to Dr. Richard plan which would confine Congress at When Mr. Edison produces that and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Com. horseback ride, from Torreon, Mex., Derby, of this city, has been fixed as the special session called for April 1 pany for the city's new \$300,000,000 to Marathon, Tex., where they crossed Friday, April 4. The wedding will be to the enactment of tariff legislation subway system. The vote was three the border, reached San Antonio. in the Episcopal Church here and a and the passage of the two approto two, Chairman McCall voting in the Twice during the journey they were reception will follow at the Roosevelt priation bills which failed in the closattacked.

fired by the Greek guns during the fore making any radical changes in It became known that without abat-

the Department Of the South,

Ordered To Make a Tour

Of Inspection.

instructions by wire that went out to

Washington .-- Indications that no

agents here to have been informally ing this government's claim to the right to maintain an effective army prevent any return of the deposed The Greek commanders by a feint patrol along the Mexican border, the President Castro to Venezuela. Frannew administration intends to use cisco Esobar, consul general of Colomevery proper means to avoid friction bia, said that his government had with the Mexicans across the line. In three naval vessels patrolling the line with the disposition to advise Colombia coast, which had been in-President Wilson and Secretary Bryan structed to thwart any landing of a of the condition along the border, Castro force. Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, General Castro laughed at these recommanding the Southern Department ports, reiterating his denial of any

of the Army, with headquarters at intention to engage in fomenting revo-Fort Sam Houston, was ordered to lution in Venezuela or Nicaragua. He make a tour of inspection. said he would depart shortly to re-General Ojeda, commander of the join his family in Europe.

Mexican federals, has expressed regret to American consular officers at INAUGURATION COST \$73,000. Nogales for the recent clashes with American troops near Douglas, Ariz. Sum Spent By Citizens and Congres-General Ojeda assured the officers that

he would adopt means to prevent further trouble and has ordered the Mexican patrol withdrawn from where inauguration as President of the the outbreaks occurred. United States cost approximately \$73,-

SUFFRAGE GETS SETBACK.

Massachusetts and Maine Turn Down were approximately \$34,000. deficit of \$14,000 will be made up from Proposed Amendment,

the guarantee fund of \$88,000 which Boston .- The cause of woman suf-England legislatures. mittee spent about \$25,000, appro-After several spirited hearings

priated by Congress. participated in by prominent men and women a committee in the Massachusetts legislature voted to report

"leave to withdraw" on a bill provid-MacVeagh Has Proud Record To Look Washington .- The Treasury Depart-

ment's Committee on Efficiency and voter. Economy reported to Franklin Mac-Six members of the committee voted Veagh that he had saved \$8,000,000 for were not recorded.

MILL BLOWN UP.

Nine Men Injured and Big Boiler Hurled 100 Feet In the Air.

Sharon, Pa .-- Three men were, per-British Air-Man Falls While Demonstrating Machine.

Salisbury Plain, England.-Geoffrey England, a British air-man, fell 5,000 feet from his monoplane while making a flight on the army flying ground here and was instantly killed. He had been flying for an hour when the accident occurred.

WOULD LIMIT EXTRA SESSION.

Leaders Want Only Tariff and Appropriations Acted On.

Washington .-- President Wilson was ing days of the last Congress.

A large buck deer, injured in jumping over a wire fence at the State said by South American consular Forestry Academy at Mont Alto, was entered into by these governments to | cared for by students, but died of its injuries.

> The contract for the \$50,000 Cumberland Valley Railroad station, at Chambersburg, to be completed by October 1, has been awarded M. R. Rhoades.

The sheriff will not sell Strathaven Inn, Swarthmore, as the owner, Mr. Simons, has allowed his affairs to be taken into Bankruptcy Court. The debt amounts to about \$300,000.

Congressman-elect John A. Casey, of Wilkes-Barre, has appointed Anthony F. Lynch as his secretary. Mr. Lynch has been identified with the labor men of his region for many years.

H. J. Aukerman has completed his thirty-first year of service as secretary of the Altoona Pennsylvania Railroad Y. M. C. A. He is the oldest-000, while the receipts from all sources Y. M. C. A. secretary in point of The service on the Pennsylvania lines.

> Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Jaggard and daughter, Miss Florence Jaggard, of Williamsport, have gone to San Francisco, at which place Miss Jaggard will wed A. G. Faneuf, of Manila, Philippine Islands, who arrives this week.

> Captain Eugene V. Calvert of the Williamsport Police Department started a crusade against a rat and placed a trap in the cellar. The following morning a large rodent nibbled at a dainty piece of cheese and was caught in the trap. A few hours later the captain was surprised to find that, instead of one rat in the cage, there were nine. The rodent gave birth to eight after being caught.

> The domestic science and manual training departments, which became a part of the Connellsville school system recently, are running smoothly. In the domestic science department the girls are being taught how to cook cereals by the instructor, Miss Louise Henche. Oatmeal, rice and cream of wheat are some of the dishes being prepared. Each pupil is allowed to eat the result of her own cooking prowess. The boys in the manual training department are making a Morris chair.

> forced by Columbia County Commissioners to raise tax valuations \$531,683, William Croft, of West Berwick, wouldn't swear to his assessments.

> The faculty of the Chambersburg High School suggested that in the future the commencement exercises should consist of a salutatory and a valedictory by members of the class, and an address by some educator of note, the lecturer to be selected by the board. The suggestion was considered favorably.

ting into Texas.

known. Bride April 4. Oyster Bay, N. Y .- The date of the

residence on Sagamore Hill.

ROOSEVELT WEDDING DAY SET.

by the Crown Prince to the Greek War against suffrage, three for it and two the government during his four-yearterm as Secretary of the Treasury. A similar bill was killed in the The committee, in a detailed report of A. M. The Greek army having occu. Maine House by a vote of \$9 to 53 the reforms instituted, said: "The report shows the present annual rate of saving to be nearly \$3,500,000 and