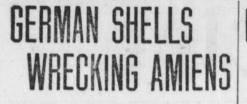
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**Turning This French City Into** Another Rheims.

## MEN AND WOMEN KILLED

Public Buildings And The Cathedral Pierced And Damaged-Picardy's Capital Becoming A Heap Of Ruins.

French Front in France .-- The German artillery, under orders from the Prussian and Bavarian Crown Prince. is doing its utmost to turn Amiens into another Rheims. Picardy's capital has already suffered terribly from this effort to carry out the German Idea of striking terror into the Fatherland's enemies by the destruction of their most loved works of art, and every day adds to its suffering.

The correspondent went all over the abandoned city and observed the effects of the bombardment, which has turned parts of the town into heaps of ruins and killed 52 men clvilians, 30 women and five children. besides wounding 62 men, 48 women and 19 children before the population had an opportunity to evacuate the place. Since the Germans have been within cannon shot of Amiens, they have hurled no fewer than 5,800 shells, mostly six-inch and eight-inch, into Secretary Baker is Elated Over What Proclamation Fixes Week Of May 20 the city.

Every indication points to a systematic effort to destroy the public buildings, as the Cathedral has been struck by shells, which have pierced the roof and walls, and the object of firing incessantly upon the town cannot be explained, except upon the struction of the beautiful objects it contains.

This follows from the fact that no been surpassed. troops whatever are in the city and that the railroad passing through it statement: is not in use. The cannonade generally ceases at nightfall, only to be mittee that there was strong likeli- countries. replaced by air raids, which occur | hood that early in the present year | almost every might. Aerial torpedoes 500,000 American troops would be disto the number of 680 have been patched to France. I cannot either launched from airplanes upon various now or perhaps later discuss the num- so generously contributed by the parts of the city. As most of the ber of American troops in France: American people to the American Red shells and forpedoes are of the in- but I am glad to be able to say that Cross for the administration of relief cendiary type they have caused enor. the forecast I made has been sur- at home and abroad, has been pracmous damage, so that up to the pres- passed."



OVER 500,000 WEEK FOR GIVING NOW IN FRANCE TO THE RED CROSS

Secretary Baker Makes First President Wilson Calls on Na-Official Announcement. tion to Aid.

### WILL SOON BE OVER MILLION GREATEST MOTHER ON EARTH

Has Been Accomplished - All Are Fully Equipped For Service.

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When the fiermen, who gallantly gation of machine-gun production and naval forces, and for those depend- Later, on January 2, the President stuck to their posts, have attempted during the past few days the Secre- ent upon them, and for the yet more they had caused, have continued to of these weapons either in France or the brunt of war: throw in shells upon the spot, while America, and no shortage is in prosplies of light type Browning guns, "Early manufacturers' estimates as one main organization which can rewas justified. The estimate of the war: Ordnance Department in January has moved from danger within a few days, and there is every indication of forth- with our own Army and Navy, with The ararngements, however, worked coming production increasing and in the governments of our Allies, and He would not amplify the statement ditions which translate opportunity in any way and specifically asked that into duty: the press refrain from speculation as bilities of early further increase in the force on the other side there might people's trust: There has been repeated official anaerial operations says: "Flying again ernment is bending every energy to Red Cross, I, Woodrow Wilson, do Allied lines in France and officers directly in charge of the transportation have expressed satisfaction with the doubt that the present force of Amersmall part of the total strength that will be available for employment by General Foch before the summer fighting ends. There are indications, too, that the War Department has adhered strictly to its policy of equipping fully before his departure every man sent across That is the first consideration in checking off supplies of clothing and arms. Mr. Baker's recent study of the whole ordnance program was founded on his desire to see just what the situation was in this slowest element of the war preparations. His conculsions as to machine guns follow on the heels of pessimistic statements by members of Congress in this regard. In the discussion of the production of Browning machine guns contracts for other types, both here and abroad, apparently have been lost sight of. These contracts preceded the placing of orders for the Brownings and that supply was designed to meet the emergency until the new gun was available in quanti-

As Red C ans Week, During Which Efforts Will Be Made To Raise \$100,000,003.

Washington .- More than half a mil- Washington .- President Wilson is-Hon American soldiers have been sent sued a proclamation designating the every instrumentality of the Depart-France. Secretary Baker author week beginning May 20 as "Red Cross ment of Justice will be used to purassumption that it is carried out with ized the statement that his forecast Week," and calling upon the American sue charges of dishonesty or malverthe purely barbarous idea of the de- to Congress in January that 500,000 people to contribute generously to the sation of any kind if Mr. Borglum's troops would be dispatched to France second \$100,000,000 war fund of the allegations are found worthy of seriearly in the present year now had American Red Cross for the alleviation ous consideration. Senator Thomas of suffering among the American laid before the President last week Mr. Baker dictated the following troops in France and their dependents assertions made to members of the at home and among the fighting forces | committee by the sculptor. "In January I told the Senate com- and civilian populations of the allied

> The proclamation follows PROCLAMATION.

"Inazmuch as the war fund of 1917. tically exhausted by appropriations for certain experts called in, the Presient 1,200 houses have been destroyed. As a result of a personal investi- the welfare of the men in our military dent asked him to present his ideas.

WILSON ORDERS AIRCRAFT INQUIRY

Acts to Clear Innocent or Find Guilty.

# **GRAFT CHARGE TO BE AIRED**

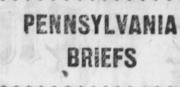
President Instructs Department Of Justice To Make Investigation As Result Of Demand By Senate And Mr. Coffin.

Washington .--- Talk of graft and mismanagement in the national airplane construction program, heard for months in Senate debate and Capitol lobby gossip, has culminated in a presidential order for an investigation by the Department of Justice. Almost simultaneously it became known that Major General Squier, chief signal officer and until recently in direct charge of army aviation, had demand ed à military court of inquiry.

The White House in announcing President Wilson's action made public a telegram received from Howard Coffin, former chairman of the Air craft Board, urging an official inquiry. "that reputations of innocent men may not be ruined," and a series of letters and telegrams exchanged be tween the President and Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor to whom is attributed responsibility for statements funds and pro-German intrigue has church. hindered airplane production.

There also was a letter written by the President to Senator Thomas, of Colorado, a member of the Senate Military Committee, assuring him that

The exact status of Mr. Borglum as an investigator, which, until now, has been more or less of a mystery to the public, is cleared up by the correspondence. It develops that after the sculptor had written to Secretary Tumulty last November in regard to alleged defects in the aviation organization and the desirability of having tor to Mr. Borglum asking



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From the effects of a broken back. suffered six months ago under a fall of coal, Anthony Sockoloski, fortyeight, died at Shamokin.

Surgeons at the Allentown hospital have been able to save the life of Florence Mayberry, hurt by being run down by a trolley car, through a skingrafting operation, the girl's mother furnishing the skin.

New Castle garbage department employes demanded more money. They were given an increase to forty cents an hour by the city conneil. The municipal collection of garbage system in New Castle is not the most successful, councilmen declared at the meeting.

Employes of the Parish Manufacturing company, Reading, will cultivate fifty acres of war gardens and twenty acres will be planted with potatoes.

Miss Mary Kelly, of Greenville, was elected head nurse of the Columbia hospital.

The Canadian casualty list shows J. P. Dent, of Bellefonte, as among \$2.25; No. 2 red Winter, \$2.24; do, those missing.

Hazleton council transferred enforcement of anti-cigarette laws to the local police by enacting suitable ordinances.

When a large weight fell on his right hand, Erbe A. Sanders, of Watsontown, suffered a gash that required fourtgen stitches.

Commencement exercises of the Bart central high school were held that corruption in the expenditure of in the Middle Octoraro Presbyterian

Mr. and Mrs. William MacElwee, pioneer residents of Shamokin, celebrated the forty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

W. E. Paterson, of Nescopeck accidentally discharged a rifle as he pulled it through a fence and the ball passed through his right arm.

Rev. J. L. Yonce, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church, Danville, resigned to 25 1/2 c: specials, higher; New York, become pastor of the First Lutheran Church, Cameron, S. C.

More than 1000 members of three Shamokin lodges of Odd Fellows have roosters, 22@23. Ducks, Peking, 28 organized a Triple Link club, to serve @39; do, Indian Runner, 26@27. as a social feature of their organiza-

purchased two and a half acres for a

One dollar a week has been added to the pay of Hazieton brewery employes.

Tied up all winter, the Quakertown and Bethlehem railway has resumed merations Electrically operated repair shops

Rye-Bag lots nearby, as to quality, quoted at \$2@2.15 per bu. Hay-No. 1 timothy, \$32:

\$2.24; No. 2 soft, \$2.22.

No. 3 white, 89 asked.

NEW YORK .--- Corn--- Kiln-dried No. yellow, \$1.60; No. 4 yellow, \$1.55,

THE MARKETS

and No. 3 white, \$1.80. Oats-Spot, weak; natural, 90@91c. Butter-Creamery, higher than ertras, 46@47c; creamery extras (92 score), 45½@46; firsts, 43@45; packing stock, current make, No. 2, 311/2 @ 32.

Eggs-Fresh-gathered extras, 38@ 381/2; fresh-gathered storage packed firsts, 361/2 @371/2; do, regular packed extra firsts, 361/2 @37; do, firsts, 35@ 36; State, Pennsylvania, and nearby Western hennery whites, fine to fancy, 41@42; State, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery browns, 38@39; do, gathered browns and mixed colors, 35@37.

Cheese-State held specials, 241/2 @ 26c; do, average run, 24@25; do, fresh specials, 22% @23; do, average run, 221/2.

PHILADELPHIA .- Wheat - No. 1 Northern Spring red, \$2.27; No. I hard Winter red, \$2.27; No. 1 Durum red, \$2.27; No. 1 hard Durum red, \$2.27; No. 1 red Winter, \$2.27; do, soft, soft, \$2.22.

Corn-Carlots, for local trade, No. 3 yellow, \$1.74@1.76.

Oats-No. 2 white, 941/2 @95c; standard, 94@941/2; No. 3 white, 93@931/2; No. 4 white, 911/2 @921/2.

Butter - Western, solid-paced, creamery, extra, 46½c; higher scoring goods, 471/2 @481/2; do, extra firsts, 46; firsts, 471/2 @48; seconds, 41@43; sweet creamery, extras, 471/2; under grades, 42@47; nearby prints, fancy, 50; do, average extra, 47@49; firsts, 45@46; seconds, 42@44; garlicky, 38@42; fancy brands, jobbing at 51@53.

Eggs-Nearby firsts, \$11.25 per case; nearby, current receipts. \$10.80 per case; do, Western, extra firsts. \$11.25 per case; do, firsts, \$10.80 per case; Southern, \$10.35@10.65 per case. Cheese-New York, whole milk, whole milk, fair to good, 23@25.

Live Poultry - Fowls. 37@38c: young roosters, staggy, 24@26c; old Geese, 25@26c. Guineas, per pair, \$1.50@1.65. Pigeons, old, per pair, Worcester school directors have 40@45c; do, young, per pair, 28@30.

BALTIMORE .- Wheat-No. 1 red,

Oats-Standard white, 89%c asked;

\$2.27; No. 1 soft, \$2.25; No. 2 red,

to extinguish the flames the German at night the 'German airmen have pect. dropped more bombs.

The Cathedral, which possesses the finest Gothic nave in existence, has so far escaped serious damage. but any moment may see irreparable injury done it, as projectiles continue to fall all around it. The ing, he said: task of the authorities in getting the people away when they discovered the intentions of the Germans to destroy the city was a tremendous one. as the refugees from the devastated districts had increased the population to 120,000, all of whom had to be reperfectly and all the people are now substantial numbers. safely housed elsewhere.

All traffic is forbidden to enter the city so that the enemy may not be given ground for declaring the bombardment one of military exigency.

#### HUNS LOSE 12 PLANES.

#### British In Big Air Battle With The Enemy.

London .- The official statement on was almost impossible Tuesday after 5 o'clock because of the pouring rain. The weather then cleared suddenly and machines were sent out.' Four hundred bombs were dropped on different targets all along the front. Twelve hostile machines were brought down in fighting, eight of which were accounted for in a big encounter in the neighborhood of Doual. A German observation balloon was brought down in flames. None of our machines is missing."

#### PREDICTS NEED FOR 8.000,000.

### Congressman Kahn Sets High Figure

For U. S. Army.

Washington. - Speaking in the House, Representative Kahn, of California, ranking Republican on the Military Committee, declared that, in his opinion, Class 1 of the draft would be exhausted within a year and that before the war was over the United States would need 8,000,000 men in Europe

# SPY LANDED ON IRISH COAST.

#### Man Carried By German Submarine Is Court-Martialed.

London .-- A German submarine recently landed a man on the Irish coast where he was arrested by Government officials. James MacPherson, Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office. announced in the House of Commons that this man was in the Tower of London and would be court-martialed. | supply.

tien. makes the artillery question less which he was making a flight fell 300 and almost obliterated the little vil-

tary announced that there is no pres- urgent necessities of our Allies, mili- him to come to Washington and lay ley railway at Ashmore, gunners, seeing the glare of the fire ent shortage of light or heavy types tary and civilian, who have long borne the matter before the Secretary of

Red Cross has been recognized by law cover the facts by personal investigacircled high over the blaze and Mr. Baker said there had been no and international convention as the tion. question brought up as to the sup- public instrumentality for war relief: "And, inasmuch as the year of our which were coming forward in quan- own participation in the war has tities. He would not say whether brought unprecedented demands on shipment of these guns to France had the patriotism and liberality of our lum's preliminary report. Is there not been started. As to the heavy Brown- people and made evident the necessity

to the production of the heavy type spond effectively and universally to perhaps were more optimistic than the needs of humanity under stress of

"And, inasmuch as the duration of been met and is being met. Some of the war and the closer and closer cothese heavy guns have been produced operation of the American Red Cross with foreign relief organizations have The Secretary chose his words about resulted in the discovery of new opthe troops in France with utmost care. portunities of helpfulness under con-

"And, ingsmuch as the American to what precise figures his guarded Red Cross War Council and its comremarks covered or as to what possi- missioners in Europe have faithfully and economically administered the

"Now, therefore, by virtue of my authority as President of the United of John D. Ryan as director general nouncements, however, that the gov- States and President of the American rushing men across to back up the hereby proclaim the week beginning May 20, 1918, as 'Red Cross Week,' during which the people of the United States will be called upon again to progress being made. There is no give generously to the continuation of the important work of relieving disican troops there represents only a tress, restoring the waste of war, and assisting in maintaining the morale of our own troops and the troops and identified him positively as the man to peoples of our Allies by the manifestation of effort and sacrifice on the part | days later, deserted her, taking \$2,000 of those, who though not privileged to of her savings. She is Mrs. Helmuth bear arms, are of one spirit, purpose and determination with our warriors. graph of Schmidt was sent a week "In witness whereof, I have here- ago by the police here. unto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. "Done in the District of Columbia this 4th day of May, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen, and of the Independence of

the United States of America, the One Hundred and Forty-second. "By the President:

(Signed) "WOODROW WILSON. "ROBERT LANSING. "Secretary of State."

KILLED WHEN PLANE FALLS.

Lieutenant Sherman's Machine Drope 300 Feet.

Lawton, Okla .-- Lieut. George Sher-The present practice of brigading man, student officer at Post Field his wife, their four children and Mrs. American units with French and School for Aerial Observers, was Leroy Enix were drowned in a flood British divisions, it is pointed out, killed here when an army airplane in which swept down from the mountains pressing as an immediate independent feet. The pilot of the machine was lage of Big Isaac, in Doddridge counonly slightly injured.

War, and with the aid of a member "And, inasmuch as the American of the Secretary's personal staff dis-

Borglum did this, and on February 1 the President sent a preliminary report from him to Secretary Baker of concentrating the work of relief in someone entirely disconnected from someone entirely disconnected from prominent in carrying out the airplane program whom you can ask to go over this thing with an unbiased mind and give us his naive impressions of it? There may be something worthy of our consideration and suggestions worthy to be adopted."

On March 29, after an exchange of telegrams with Borglum, the President wrote that he had placed the material the latter had furnished at the disposal of gentlemen to whom he had committed the task of making a systematic inquiry into the whole aviation situation. These gentlemen were

the special committee headed by H Snowden Marshall, of New York, whose preliminary report preceded the recent reorganization of the Army Aviation Service and the appointment

#### EIGHTH WOMAN IN CASE.

Says Helmuth Schmidt Married And

Then Robbed Her.

Dertoit, Mich .-- The eighth woman to enter the mystery surrounding Hel muth Schmidt, self-slayer and alleged bigamist according to local authorities whom she was married and who, four Schmidt, of Chicago, to whom a photo

TROUBLE IN AUSTRIAN FLEET.

Slavs And Latins Create Disturb

Washington,-Serious disturbances in the Austrian-Hungarian fleet have caused changes in the high command a dispatch from Switzerland said. The crews, composed largely of Slavs and men of Italian descent have made a great deal of trouble, and the disturb ances were put down with difficulty.

WHOLE FAMILY LOST IN FLOOD.

Man, Wife And Four Children, And Another Woman Drown.,

Clarksburg, W. Va .- James Carder, ty.

are to be erected by the Lehigh Val

Joseph Karaitis goes on record as the first Shamokin soldier officially reported wounded in France. Exhaustion of funds caused closing 31.50; No. 2, \$28.50@30. of the McAdoo borough public schools

after a term of only seven months. Dodging a snowball thrown by 8 \$17.50@18.50; do, No. 2, \$16@17; No. companion, Joseph Connor fell from a 1 wheat, \$16@17; do, No. 2, \$15@16; tree at Locust Gap and broke a leg. No. 1 oat, \$18@19; do, No. 2, \$16@

Abandoning their annual banquet, 17.50. the Milton Firemen's Relief Association voted \$100 to the Red Cross for aid to the boys "over there."

A seed test made at the Pleasant corn taken from sixteen farms, showed an average of 871/2 per cent. Raymond Pritz, a lineman of Con-

nellsville, was killed on the Frank Brinkar farm near Kingston, by contack with a wire carrying 6600 volts. Lancaster's biggest man, Baukson Smith, six feet six inches tall and weighing 400 pounds, a former policeman and hotel proprietor, is dead at the age of sixty.

J. Drees Pennell, recent Democratic candidate for prothonotary, and a prominent member of the Dauphin county bar, has been called for army service, and leaves for camp on April

Robbing powder magazines of coal companies in the Lehigh field to get explosives to burn in bonfires was the 31/2 lbs., fat, 28c; do, puddle, do, do, hazardous sport that brought a dozen 27; do, Muscovy, do, do, 26; do, smallten-year-old boys before a Hazleton court.

sy, was fined \$10 and costs.

Grieving about the departure of her of Bloomsburg, has disappeared.

full charge of the street department. three teachers equivalent to about 10 per cent.

Because he was alleged to have taken a party to Lancaster and brought them home intoxicated, Major Swing, of Coatesville, revoked the jitney license of Albert Abdelsh.

Mamie Stewart, colored, aged thirty-five, was shot through the heart and instantly killed at her bome in Monessen by Joe Thomas, aged thirty-three, a negro.

The Bloomsburg school board unanincously decided to eliminate German from the high school at the close of the term.

Orville C. Wilson, aged nineteen, of Altoona, a Pennsylvania railroad \$17.15@17.40; heavy, \$17.15@17.50; brakeman, was killed by his own train packers and butchers, \$17.25@17.55; at Kittanning Point.

Hugh McGee, pioneer miner of the 17.50. Hazleton coal fields, died from inhome from church.

Charged with the murder of a com-Summers, a negro, was arrested at \$\$@12.75; calves, \$\$@13. a carnival show at Sunbury.

timothy, \$31.50; No. 2 timothy, \$31; do, No. 3. \$27@29; No. 1 light clover mixed, \$31.50@32; do, No. 2, \$30.50@ 31.50; No. 1 clover mixed, \$30.50@

Straw-No. 1 straight rye, \$20; do, No. 2, \$18.50@19; No. 1 tangled rye,

Butter-Creamery, fancy, 44@45c: creamery, choice, 42@43: creamery, good, 40@41; creamery, prints, 45@ 47; creamery, blocks, 44@46; ladles, Valley high school with 1250 ears of 31@32; Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls, 31@32; Ohio rolls, 30@31; West Virginia rolls, 30@31; storepacked, 30: Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 31@32.

> Eggs-Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 37@38c; Western firsts, 37@38; West Virginia firsts, 37@38; Southern firsts, 37@38; Southern firsts, 35@36.

Live Fourtry .- Chickens-Old hens. 4 lbs. and over, 35c; do. do. small to medium, 35; do, do, white leghorns, 35; old roosters, 20; spring, 11/4 to 11/2 ibs., 55@60; do, 1 to 11/4 lbs., 50@55; do, under 1 lb., 50@55; young, large, smooth, fat, 35@40; do, poor, rough and staggy, 24@25; winter, 2 to 21/2 Ibs., 40@45. Ducks-Young Pekings, er, thin, 24.

Potatoes-White potatoes, per 100 Charged with using scales that had Ibs.: Western Maryland and Pennbeen condemned, Luther Hess, of Ep- | sylvania, choice round, \$1.25@1.40; do, long, \$1.15@1.25; do, New York State, \$1.25@1.40; do, Eastern Shore Maryson for France, Mrs. Harry Whennen, land and Virginia, McCormicks, \$1@ 1.10; Southern Maryland, \$1@1.10; all Chambersburg council has elected sections, \$1@1.10; do, mediums No. 2s, Horace G. Kilmer city engineer with 75c; do, culls, 50c; Florida new primes, per brl., \$5; do, seconds, \$4@ The Chambersburg school board has 4.25; do, culls, \$2.50@3; do, hampers, agreed to increase the salary to the No. 1, \$1.50@1.60; do, No. 2, \$1.25@ 1.40: do, culls, \$75c@\$1; No. 1 per 159-lb. sack, \$3.50@3.75. Sweets-York Rivers, No. 1, per brl. \$5@5.50; do, North Carolina, do. \$5@5.50. do. Eastern Shore Maryland ar 1 Delaware, \$5@5.50; do, all sections, No. 2. do, \$3@3.50. Yams, fancy, per brl., \$5@6; do, No. 2, \$3@3.50. Sweets-No. 1, per bskt., \$1.75@1.90; do. No. 2. do, 75c@1. Yams-No. 1. per bskt., \$1.75@2; do, No. 2, do, 75c@1.

Live Stock

KANSAS CITY. - Hogs - Bulk. light, \$17.25@17.50; pigs, \$13.75@

Cattle-Prime fed steers, \$16.50@ juries sustained when he fell going 1750; dressed beef steers, \$15.25@ 14.75; Southern steers, \$10@15.50; cows, \$7.75@14; heifers, \$8.50@14; panion at Gaffney, S. C., Benjamin stockers and feeders, \$8.50@15; bulls,

ance.