## BACK TO SLUMS' **ORDER STIRS COPS**; MAY LOSE HOMES

Comes Like Bomb to Families Now Living in Good Neighborhoods

WORK OF WARD BOSSES

Men Look to Director Wilson to Relieve Them of Political Bondage

#### Wives of Policemen Want to Keep Homes

Two thousand homcowners in Police Department aroused by order of ward bosses to move back into sordid sections and resume old political servitude

Retirement of Captain of Detectives Cameron taken as evidence that officials "higher up" indorse back-to-the-ward movement,

Wives of policemen rebel at thought of their children being again brought in contact with haunts of thieves, pickpockets,

dopesters and criminals.

Policemen call upon Director
Wilson to make good his statement
that policemen will not be made the
"stool pigeons" and doorbell ringers of ward bosses,

More than 2000 policemen who purchased in respectable sections of the city the Blankenburg administration were aroused today by reports that the decree has gone forth that they must move back with their families to the old bome locations and resume their former political servitude to ward bosses.

Notice has been served on many police men by ward and division leaders that the "policemen's utopia" is at an end, that they must hurry back to the old wards ane again brace their shoulders axainst the wheel of the Organization. The order is backed by a subtle threat to the effect that policemen who fail to comply are likely to lose their jobs. THE FATE OF CAMERON.

in the resignation of Robert D. Cam-eron, captain of detectives, the police-men see indorsement of the "back-to-themen see indorsement of the "back-to-the-ward" movement from high Organiza-tion officials. Captain Cameron formerly lived in the ward of Dave Lane, Repub-lican Organization leader, Some time ago, when Captain Cameron moved out of the ward without Lane's permission, the lat-ter made the threat that he would "get the head" of the captain of detertions the head" of the captain of detectives.

When George D. Porter took the oath of office as Director of Public Safety, he delivered to the members of his entire department a message from Mayor Blankenburg to the effect that they could in any section of the city they deat any time without asking the permisof their division leaders or anybody

The message was received with joy by hundreds of policemen who had been afraid to move their families from slum sections for fear of winning the displeasure of ward bosses. For years, many of these policemen had been forced by political necessity to rear their children in unsayors surroundings in the dren in unsavory surroundings in the Tenderioin, or the semi-Tenderioin. Their little ones grew up amid scenes which could not fall to effect unfavorably their impressionable minds. Almost daily the children came in contact with thieves, pickpockets, dope fiends, disorderly women and other habitues of the Tender

The wives of the policemen were troubled by the sordidness of their surroundings, and they hailed the edict of Mayor Blankenburg with greater delight even than their husbands. In the order they glimpsed a better and more whole-some home life,

When division leaders learned that there was likely to be a wholesale exodus of policemen from slum wards, they were liled with alarm. They told the police-men that the reform wave would be of short duration. They made the sinister threat that when the organization came back into power it would know how to deal with coppers who moved out from

under the yoke of political servitude. But it was a case of serving either their "political friends" or considering the wel-fare of their families, and the majority of the policemen chose the latter cours

The domestic lives of the policemen was 50 per cent. happier after they had moved from the neighborhoods of gloom, erime and despair. Their wives came in contact with respectable women, and their children associated with children of

No longer were the policemen obliged respond to the beck and call of some eep, sordid ward heeler or political as. They were not called upon to serve as stool pigeons and heachmen for organization officials. The removal took them from the disagreeable entanglements of cheaps, petty politics. Their sole duty was to honestly serve the public by giving a faithful service as policemen.

Many of the policemen moved into the conskirts of the city and purchased littie homes homes where they have been able to maintain small gardens and keep thickens. A good many of the "coppers' have their homes paid for and others have the mortrages nearly paid off.

## MANY DRIVEN FROM HOMES

BY FLOOD IN THREE STATES Hundreds of Families Victims in Mis-

souri, Illinois and Kentucky

BT. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 1.—There will be no relief from the serious fleed conditions along the Mississippi River, south of here, for at least three days, according to the prediction of the Government Weather Bureau today. Streams in the threatened districts of Missouri and Illinois will predictive to rise in soite of the cold eather that visited the region early to-

Between here and Cairo, Ill., hundreds of families have been driven from their liones by water backing up in streams that how into the Mississippi. Thousands or acress of land are under water on ac-secute of isvees breaking in several places.

BICKMAN, Kyi, Feb. 1.—Two thousand persons routed from their homes by the send are being cared for in the refugee camp established here. The beavy rain resed today, but the streams are stead-by rising and an appeal has been sent to was tington asking the Federal Government to take charge of the situation. State troops probably will be ordered this afternoon to take charge of the

Ald British Soldiers Here Epiledeiphia Branch of the Britishng articles to Britain during the of danuary. Two motor ambu-g, we pennds absorbent cutton, sai a sociolo primita 30 intr's wool minera bendance, unos parily

#### WILSON WILL SPEAK TO IOWANS TODAY

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this statement. Another impressive period that moved his audience to a spontaneous outburst was that "no man in America can bring on a war without the consent of the people."

of the people."

His speech here was under the auspices of the Chicago Industrial Club.

The entrance of the President was heraided by the playing of the Star Spangled Banner. The crowd stood and applauded. Mrs. Wilson did not enter with the President was heraided by the playing of the Star Spangled Banner. with the President, but sat in a box

#### WILSON'S CHANCES HURT BY DEFENSE TRIP, FOES SAY

Clark's Friends Boom Speaker for the Presidency

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 .- Despite all reports from the country to the contrary, Democratic members of the House op-posed to the President's policy of prepared-ness expressed the belief that the Execuive has lost ground since he started on

the has lost ground since he started on his speechmaking tour, and the results of his trip will not be helpful to him with the voters of his own party. The leaders of this anti-preparedness campaign characterize the utterances of the President in his Pittsburgh and Cleveland speeches as calculated to cast district upon the good faith of his Administration is endeavoired to present distration in endeavoring to preserve

argue that the Speaker never has been in favor of a large standing army or a for-midable navy, and they believe that he more nearly represents the views of those who are behind the peace propaganda.

The antipreparedness element in the lower branch of Congress figures that it

can count on the support of between 80 and 100 Democratic votes against the President's plan to place the country on a substantial defense basis, ready to meet any emergency which may arise. "Of course, we do not intend to make their names public," said one of the antis. "We are not going to furnish the enemy with any information, which would help with any information, which would help

with any information which would help the campaign for preparedness. But there will be some surprises when the question comes to a vote.

Majority Leader Kitchin is helping the

Majority Leader Kitchin is helping the fight against the preparedness program of the President. He persistently calls attention to the fact that greater taxes must be paid if the country would have a larger navy and a larger army.

Governor Craig, of North Carolina, who has been here several days, said that 90 per cent, of the North Carolina people are for the President and against Mr. Kitchin in his opposition to the national defense program.

In reply to Governor Craig, Mr. Kitchin

"The Governor may be right that 90 pe cent of the North Carolinians are against me, but I notice the Governor failed to state what per cent favor the President's program of taxation to finance the billion-dollar five-year increase in the army and

"I am in favor of preparedness. But there is a difference between a hysterical and a reasonable preparedness. I favor the same kind of preparedness that Presi dent Wilson, Secretary Daniets, Admiral Fletcher, Commander of the Atlantic fleet, the man who may have to do the fighting, and the Democrats in the House and Senate favored less than a year ago and which they declared met the full needs of this country.

"This program was the largest in the This program was the largest in the history of our Government. I think it wisest and best to proceed with our regular program, which was making the navy stronger and more efficient every year, and which, if adopted now, would not demand a dollar extra appropriation over the regular army and navy expenditure. This program gave us two dreadnoughts, one or two battle cruisers, 15 to 25 subma-rines, aeroplanes, torpedoboat destroyers and other coast defenses."

#### BRYAN ON WILSON'S TRAIL IN ATTACK ON DEFENSE | Man Who Accompanied Her May Face

Several Congressmen Also Will Go on Stumping Tour

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.-The peace and anti-preparedness advocates, headed by William J. Bryan, are preparing to follow the President's example by bringing their cause to the attention of the public in speechmaking expeditions, according to Representative Bailey, of Pennsylvania, friend of Mr. Bryan and a member of the

Although it is asserted that this speech making activity on the part of Mr. Bryan and others is not to be regarded as trail-ing the President, the President's trail will be crossed.

"I understand," said Mr. Bailey, "that Mr. Bryan will leave Miami about the middle of next month and will go out through the West, delivering speeches in opposition to the preparedness or mili-tarist program. It is not proposed to use a special train, as reported, but it is quite possible that Mr. Bryan will touch some of the cities visited by the President. He couldn't hardly miss them.

"Is Mr. Bryan going to trail?"
"I don't see how you can call it 'trailig." said Mr. Balley. "Mr. Bryan was out speaking before the President started, and since last summer he has delivered speaches from coast to coast. He can't be accused of trailing the President, for he was there first. I do not understand that Mr. Bryan will have any regular ttinerary, but he is liable to go almost anywhere, and naturally will recross his own path of last aummer and cross the recent path of the President."

Mr. Balley said that other anti-pre-paredness speeches will be delivered by Representatives Saunders, Hensley, Dies, Tavenner and Slayden. The latter, be said, left for Cleveland last night to make

Arch Street Property Changes Hands An exchange of Arch street property has courred in which John S. Latta took titie to the 20-by-134-foot lot at 1342 Arch street from Samuel Sternberger, and the building 1225-27 Arch street, assessed at \$150,000, was conveyed by Mr. Latta to Mr. Sternberger, and later to Chandler S.



### ADMINISTRATION SEES 'EXPLOSIVE' IN ARMS **EMBARGO AGITATION**

Lansing May Warn Congress Leaders Subject Is Filled With "Dynamite" and Discussion Must Cease

EXPECT WILSON TO ACT UNA MADRE A SUO FIGLIO

Congress of a munitions embargo is seri-ously embarrassing the foreign relations of the United States. Secretary of State Lansing has made this plain in private conversations with Democratic leaders in Congress. Despite this fact, the sentiment for such legislation is on the increase, and as soon as President Wilson returns to this city he will be asked to take steps o check the discussion and block any such

is expected to be adopted will be for Sec retary of State Lausing officially to in form the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate and House that the subject is filled with "dynamite." He probably will explain that the adontion of embargo legislation at this time, reversing the en-tire policy of the United States, would peace.
It is admitted that a movement is on foot among those members who are opposed to the President's idea of national defense to be accepted, by the Allies as an openly hostile act. Their interpretation, the State Department already knows, would being about the nomination of Speaker State Department already knows, would being the President's idea of national defense to bring about the nomination of Speaker Champ Clark at the Democratic National Convention, to be held in St. Louis on June 14. Congressmen who have distinct the relations of this Government with

England, France, Russia and Italy very close to the danger point.

While many Administration officials accept the fact that a great deal of the embargo discussion is entirely for "home consumption" and realize that the men who open advocate such action would hardly vote in favor of it if given oppor-tunity, it is known that the talk is taken at its face value when cabled to London, Paris, Rome and Petrograd. And the en mies of the United States in those cap-tals are declared to be using speeches nade on the floor of both houses to encourage the growth of anti-American sen-

are dependent on the United States for material to continue the war. They could cut off the supply immediately and de-pend on their own resources. Even Russh, for some months the biggest custom er of the United States, now is getting most of her war materials from Japan at a figure much less than American contractors charge

#### SHIRTWAIST BALL TO AID CAMPAIGN FOR SUFFRAGE

Will Boost "Teacup" Fight for the Ballot

A "shirtwaist" ball will help the "tea-

cup" campaign for suffrage.

That is the latest bomb to be dropped into the camp of the anti-suffragists. They will be invited to the ball, which will be held in the lst Regiment Armsry April 29, and will be danced into a

The affair, which is to be given by the Congressional Union for Woman Suf-frage, is to be democratic. It will cost only "two bits," there will be no taxi-cabs—unless some one breaks the rules— and "eats" will be furnished by the Cake Committee

Mrs. William Albert Wood is chairman of the general committee in charge of the dance. Miss Mabel W. Denise is secredance. Miss Madel W. Denise is secretary and Miss Sarah G. Tomklins treasurer. The chairmen of the subcommittees are: Decorations, Miss Cornella Greenough; Refreshments, Mrs. Charles Z. Klauder; Hospitality, Mrs. Frederick M. Shepard; Tickets, Mrs. M. C. Morgan, and Cake, Mrs. L. L. Howell.

#### PROBE DEATH OF GIRL WHO LEAPED FROM STEAMBOAT

White Slave Charge

features were added this morning to the suicide of Miss Mary Spide, of Pocomoke City, who leaped from the steamboat Vir ginin last Sunday into Chesapeake Ha-

came here last night to investigate her death. William Brewington, who has a wife and five children, and had accom-panted the girl from Baltimore, is in jail ind may face a white slave charge developed today that Miss Spide was in fact a widow, and that her husband, who was killed several years ago, had been employed by the railroad company at Pocomoke City

Oystermen and satiors dragged the bay yesterday and today, but the young woman'r body has not been found.

### IL CALMO EROISMO DE' SOLDATI D'ITALIA E DELLE LORO MADRI

"Abbiamo Avanzato Sempre, Caccciando Avanti a Noi gli Austriaci," Scrive il Colonnello Caruso



critto da Ischia, dove si trove per cura opo essere stato per parecchi mesi sulla conte, una interes santissima lettra a suo fratello Alfonso, che da moiti anni vive in questa citta'. Ecco una parte della letera:

"Carissimo Fratello.
"Ti serivo questa non dalla fronte dell' sonzo ma dallo stabilimento balneare termale di Ischia, dove sono per liberarmi dalla ruggine che le intemperie e l'umidin' hanno accumiato nelle mie articolazioni. Forse sul Carso sara' stato la goccia di acqua che ha fatto tra-boccare il vaso pieno degli acciacchi procuratimi nelle sei campagne di guerra precedenti, e specialmente durante l'anno di prigionia di guerra allo Scion: ma tutto c' nulla se potro' liberarme no presto e ritornare al mio posto. Vioi sapere che cosa abbiamo fatto

tino ad ora? Avanzato sempre cacciando avanti a noi gli austriaci, non dando loro ma: la soddisfazione di riprendere, anche in minima parte, cio' che hanno perduto. Siamo andati un po' lentamente, ma gli

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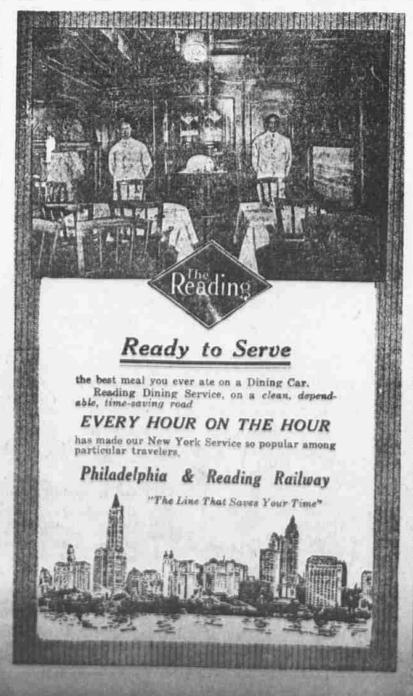
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"Nota credere che le abbia voluto esagerare col dirti che solo i nostri soldati son capaci di superare e conquistare quella trencee biendate e protette da reticelati di fi lo di ferro dentato, profondi fino a dieci metri: il nostro soldato, di qualunque parte d'Italia, e' animato da tale sentimento, che non gli fa sentire il sacrifizio della vita; egli va avanti, si lancia e rimane attaccato ai reticolati, se non riesce a superaril.

"Nell'Agosto scorso dovetti andare a riconoscere una zona di terreno a soli 200-100 metri dal nemico, per portavi delle batterle: la luce incert delle ore antillucone, protesse me ed il aggnito dai tiri dei tiratori scelli austriaci, che ordisperiamo un bel giorno che Fliornate tutti valorosi. Tua mamma.

"Credo che quel valoroso sia stato un bersagliere e mi auguro che si sia salvato. Ma questo non e il solo caso dei

yato. Ma questo house geners.

La lettera continua a cliare esempli di soldati e di genitari durante la guerra di Libia alla quale il tenente colonnello Caruso prese parte.

### "HOSTILITIES" AVERTED

"Die Wacht Am Rhein," However, Causes Stir at Alliance Francaise Dinner

'Lieb' Vaterland, magst ruhig sein; fest steht die Wacht, die Wacht am Rhein! delle batterle: la luce incert delle ore an-tillucone, protesse me ed il seguito dai tiri dei tiratori scelti austriaci, che ordi-nariamente sono nascosti nelle prime trincee: ma, man mano che il giorno avanzava, le nostre persone si disegna-vano sempre meglio su quel terre no brullo, pelato, squallido del carso e le pal-lottole cominciarono a floccarcit d'in-torno. Dovevamo completare l'esplorasi-one are lo schizzo, e lo favemmo, camla-ra-ta-ra, boom-boom!" Ma foi! Parbleu! Bacre bleu! It was

A German band, standing in Walnut street, just outside the Acorn Club, was playing the German national anthem and it floated, with groan of trombone and boom of drum, into the club, where the soirce patriotique of the Philadelphia branch of the Alliance Francaise was because of the Philadelphia branch of the Alliance Francaise was because of the Philadelphia branch of the Alliance Francaise was because of the Philadelphia branch of the Alliance Francaise was because of the Philadelphia branchist The program crossed. branch of the Alliance Francaise was being held last night. The program ceased abruptly. Some one went suiside. There was excited conversation and the music stopped. Some one laughed, the tension was over and the program continued, ending with an enthusiastic "Marseillaise" sung by M. Andreoni and the entire assemblage. Those who took part in the program included Prof. Pierce F. Girous, research of the alliance. Mrs. Cornelius program helmed policies of the consultation of the alliance: Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson, Mrs. William S. Ellis, Mrs. A. C. Munoz, Miss Millicent Dean, Miss Sydner Ellis, Miss Mary Francis Flaher, Miss Gazzam, Miss Helen Cadwalader, Mrs. William H. Greene and Mrs. John McG. Leigo. McG. Leigo.

A paper prepared by Mrs. Markoe was

STONEMEN TO INVADE

Will Attempt to Organize Fellowship in Upstate City Despite Protests

SCRANTON FEB. 20

Scranton will be invaded by members of the Stonemen's Fellowship, of this city, notwithstanding opposition to the extension of the movement to that city on the part of Protestant clergymen of other denomination than the Protestant Eniscopal.

other denomination than the Protestant Episcopal.

W. K. Krips, president of the Krips-Wright Company, and one of the strongest workers of the Rev. H. C. Stone's club, asserted today that the opposition would not halt the plans to invade the up-State city on February 20.

"The Stonemen will go to Scranton, despite the ciergymen's protest, and we expect to establish a record fellowship

expect to establish a record fellowship among the laymen," he said.

A special train has been chartered, and it is said that several hundred men will accompany Mr. Stone, the founder and president of the fellowship, on the journey. The meetings will be held in public halls, as no church has been opened to the Stonemen. the Stonemen

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dato per riparaisi durante una pausa nell' avanzata, perche' vi erano delle car-tucce, dei bossoli, qualche indumento ed un frammento did lettera, che reccolsi, e

ti trascrivo; Caro Figlio Io so che il trovi a combatter ma non avviliri che iddio ti da' tanta forza per quanta ne desideri. Non pensare a noi altri, che noi stiamo bene; pensa che ti stiamo sempre vicini col nostro pensaro, pensa a fare il tuo dovere da vero Italiano, che

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