MAYOR'S PARTY PLAY A "THREESOME" AT AUGUSTA

CARRANZA FORCES, CLOSING IN ON VILLA BANDS, ORDERED TO JOIN AMERICANS IN HUNT

outlaw Leader Moving Southward From Casas Grandes, War Department Announces

U.S. Punitive Expeditions, Hurrying Into Chihuahua, Expected to Complete Ring Around Bandits Seeking Safety in Mountain Region

German Army Officers Said to Be Advising Villa in Campaign, Now Reported Well Equipped With Supplies and Ammunition-Villistas Believed Ready for Guerrilla War

JUAREZ, Mex., March 17 (by eurier to El Paso, Tex.).-Carranza numbering at least 200, with compete field equipment, arrived at the Mexico Northwestern Railroad pot here today waiting for a train bound for Chihuahua. It is reported here that Villa himself is near

Official announcement is made at Carranza headquarters in Mexico that whereabouts of Francisco Villa and his band of outlaws has been defnitely fixed in the Casas Grandes region, and that all Carranza troops ave been ordered to co-operate with · American punitive expedition in effecting their capture.

Washington also received official word that Villa was in the Casas Grandes region, moving southward. It was said that 1800 Carranzistas, under General Bertani, were closing in on the bandit forces.

Reports at El Paso and Queretaro were that Villa had scattered his bands and was moving leisurely into the mountain strongholds, with no intention of giving battle, but preparing to wage guerrilla warfare, well quipped with food and ammunition.

Mexican bands burned a bridge on

he Mexican Northwestern Railway mar Pearson, Chihuahua, in an efart to cut off escape of the Mormon ony in the Casas Grandes section. The El Paso Mormons chartered a apteial train to go to their rescue.

A former Villista officer at El Paso aid that four German officers were Villa, advising him in his cam-

The American expeditionary forces, resuming their march, were reported tearing the Casas Grandes section. and a juncture with the Carranza forces was expected shortly.

No confirmation was received of reports that there had been clashes between the Americans and Mexican hands, although it was admitted contact with snipers was to be expected and probably had already occurred; however, without erious conse-

Washington was calm over the sitution, accepting added assurances from Carranza of his co-operation. However, army and navy reinforcing was continued, in order that the country might be prepared for any situation, either through Carranza himself

or from an uprising of his forces. The Senate indorsed President Wilson's action in ordering the expedition to search for Villa.

CARRANZA FORCES CLOSING IN ON VILLA'S OUTLAW BAND

QUERETARO, Mexico, March 16 (via laredo, Tex., March 17). — Official ansent was made here today that the arranga troops seeking Francisco Villa me American forces in effecting Villa's danger from that source.

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Callision on Lehigh Valley Railroad ALLENTOWN, Pa., March 17.—The samen's train running to the Bethle-ian Steel Company was shifting at Lizard ten Junction, preparatory to making its resiths morning, when a locomotive with a lizeman's train ran into it.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity— sir and continued cold tonight with mest about 20 degrees; Saturday and slightly warmer; gentle ads, mostly northwest.

LOST AND FOUND

ASB Lost, cardones containing passes. Small tenther shopping bag on Mar. 9. Maries area money & the het between the lambra and 17th & Henwood ave.; the heavy money & Ledger Off the heavy money is a lambra of the heavy money in the highest of the highest or Lost and Found Ada on Page 15.

"I'm on My Way to Mexico." Song of U.S. Soldiers ,

Mexico have a new song for their especial benefit. It was composed by a poet in the Engineering Corps, is entitled "I'm On My Way to Mexico" and is sung to the tune of "I'm On My Way to Mandalay."

The got to fight
With all my might
So the stars and stripes may blow.

Look out, Villa, be yer when us boys see yer; that's why I've got to go

'ALL WELL,' WORD FROM MEXICO ON

Officials' Reports Show Carranza Forces Aiding Search for Villa

SENATE INDORSES MOVE

Follette, of Wisconsin, approving the sending of an expedition into Mexico to capture Villa and extending assurances to the Mexican people that the act will in no way encroach upon their sovereignty.

prise, as it had been generally agreed that the Senate would leave "hands off" in the present situation in Mexico. Senator La Follette presented the resolution when only a few Senators were in their seats.

by the punitive expedition and the de-tails of the troop movements. In addition he stated that the rumors of impending trouble from Carrangista forces were without foundation. All of the Carranga commanders on the border are doing the Secretary said.

At the same time the Cabinet considered individual reports from a dozen State Department officials at various points in interior Mexico. These agreed that Carranza was maintaining his control of the general situation, and that the discipline

ACTIVE IN VILLA HUNT.

It also was shown that Carranzista forces had been distributed across the general trails that Villa might be expected to follow on his way south, and strong hopes are entertained that he may

It was officially stated that Villa was Grandes region.

War Department that the Mormon colony at Casas Grandes was safe. Villa has passed around it in his flight, and by tosorrow at the latest it will be strongly

day Carranza had given Consul Sillimar the White House today along with early reports reaching the War Department from the border. The latter were for the most part routine messages indicating the osition of the American troops

first few days have elapsed.

"Carranza is passing the acid test," one iministration official said today, and it believed this expresses the feeling at M located the rebel leader near Casas the White House. If this week passes by candies and that the Constitutionalist without serious difficulties from Carransa soldiers in Mexico the Administration will be American for the Monthly Wille's Carrante casier and put aside fear of

held indefinitely.
It is believed that the action of the

State Department in directing that the munitions held up at Douglas, be released to General Calles, commanding the Car-ranziata forces in Sonora, will have a good effect. It will show, officials say, that the United States is deferring to General Carranas in every way as the head of the de facto Government and this action especially, likely will overcome much of anti-American feeling recently manifested in the camp of Calles. In addition, it is expected that this action will result in Calles guarding all of the trails leading into Sonora so that Villa cannot get into that State,

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 7.—American soldiers going into

For "Fightings Freddie" says it's so;

I'm going to say good by.
"Fighting Freddy" is Major General Funston.

PROGRESS BY U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 17,-The Senate today unanimously adopted a resolution introduced by Senator La

The action came as a complete sur-

WASHINGTON, March 17 .- That the general Mexican situation is excellent was the report made today to President Wilson and the Cabinet by Secretary of War Newton D. Baker. He presented the detailed reports received/ from General Funston which showed the progress made

of his army was perfect.

The President also was informed by the

uarded by American troops.

The President has received further assurances from General Carranza that the de facto Government acquiesces in the expedition after Villa. It was learned toadditional expressions of confidence and willingness to co-operate in the pursuit. Silliman's message was transmitted to

Complete calm wilf not prevail in Ad-inistration circles, however, until the

TAMPICO TURMOIL

Meanwhile officials are concerned over the activity of Villa sympathizers in the Tuxpam-Tampico oil field. They fear that a move is on foot by General Palaes, comnding in that region, to take Vera Cruz and to lead a new retries active support ranza, which will have the active support of the various elements that have been lead a new revolt against Carof the various elements that have been opposed to Carranga. Every precaution will be taken to protect Americans and other foreigners in this section. Admiraother foreigners in this section. Admiral Fletcher's Atlantic fleet, now at the winter training ground at Guantanamo, has been ordered to hold itself in readiness to steam on signal to Mexican waters.

In addition, the battleship Kentucky, recently at New Orleans, has been ordered to return to Vera Cruz, where it will be badd indefinitely.





FIVE ASSAULTS AT VAUX HURLED BACK BY FRENCH

Germans Make Desperate Attacks Upon Fort and Town—Losses Terrific

SWEPT BY MACHINE GUNS

German troops today launched five vio-lent attacks against the French positions at the village and fort of Vaux, northeast of Verdun, but all the attacks were checked by the French artillery, according to the communique issued by the War office this afternoon. It also states that the Germans have suffered heavy losses. On the west bank of the Meuse a slackening in the terrific bombardment is re-ported. The Germans did not renew their attacks on Dead Man's Hill during the

West of the Meuse the bombard-ment slackened during the night in the region of Bethincourt and Cum-ieres. After the bloody check which his attack received yesterday, enemy did not renew his assaults the height of Le Morte Homme (Dead

Man Hill). East of the Meuse an Increase in the bombardment was followed, be-ginning at 8 a. m., by a series of of-fensive actions of a very violent char-acter against our position at the vil-lage and fort of Vaux.

Five successive attacks with large forces were launched by the Germans in this region without a single success, two on the village, two others on the slopes of the ridge on which the fort is located and finally a last one by which the enemy attempted to debouch from a cross roads to the southeast of the village of Vaux All these attacks, broken by our curtains of fire and our machine guns, cost the enemy severe losses.

In the Woevre region no develop-ment is reported, with the exception of a reciprocal cannonade in the en-West of Pont-a-Mousson a surprise attack against . salient of the enemy's line at the Forest of Mort Mare enabled us to bring back some pris-

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Above, on the right, Mayor Smith is observed about to shout "fore" in a golf contest in which his rivals are W. Freeland Kendrick, on the left, and Mrs. E. H. Vare (below), wife of State Senator Vare.

MAYOR PROLONGS HOLIDAY

Will Not Start Home Until Monday or Tuesday Next-Cold Wave Cancels Golf Games

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 17.—Mayor Thomas B. Smith, of Philadelphia, and his party spent last night chatting with friends in Their hotel, after a strennous afternoon cross-country riding. The cold wave from the north struck here yesterday and spoiled all the planned golf The Mayor has decided to extend his

stay and will not leave for home until Monday or Tuesday. He is considering Monday or Tuesday. He is considering taking the party to the horse show at

SEVEN IN FAMILY DIE IN GEESE HERALD COMING OLD HOMESTEAD FIRE

Farmer of Claysville, W. Va., Hundreds of Birds Proclaim Returns to Save Others and Perishes

CUMBERLAND, Md., March 17.-Elisworth E. Fout. 48 years old. well-known farmer of Claysville, Mineral County, W. Va., near Keyser, about 25 miles south Va., near Keyser, about 25 miles south of Cumberland, and six of his children were burned to death this morning in a were burned to death this morning in a fire that destroyed the Fout homestead. The structure, being old and of frame, was wrapped in flames when a member of the family discovered the fire at 3 o'clock. The dead are Ellsworth E. Fout; Mrs.

William Shearer, eldest daughter, aged 18; Minnie, 14; Pelia, 10; Margaret, 8; Thomas, 6, and Ollie, 4. Those who esse caped were Mrs. Fout and infant son Stewart; William E. Shearer and Infant son: Elmer Fout, eldest son, and David Fout, a brother of Ellsworth E. Fout.

second-story window.

Shearer waited until David Fout jumped main army of spring is only three days' march distant and will arrive Monday Shearer then went back and tried to afternoon at the vernal equinox. shearer then went back and tried to reach his wife, who was overcome by smoke. The blinding amoke compelled him to abandon her, after he had been seriously burned, but he managed to jump before the collapse of the structure.

OF SWEET SPRINGTIME

Advance of New Season in Battle With Winter

A long V-string of geese bonking their way across the taky northward today told the city that spring is coming.

The geese, hundreds upon hundreds, of hem, flew over West Philadelphia shortly before 7 o'clock this morning, sounding their deep, blatant cries. It was as if a squadron of automobiles had suddenly appeared. The flock, which had been wintering on the warm waters of Southern bayous and savannahs, is one of the most authoritative evidences of the triumphant advance of spring in its great battle with

Fout, a brother of Elisworth E. Fout.

The fire was caused by a defective flue. Mr. and Mrs. Yout and the youngest child were sleeping on the first floor. Fout quickly saw his wife and infant to safety and then rushed back to save the other children. He was overcome by anoke and perished. Mr. Shearer and by the crushing defeat of yesterday, and Elmer and David Fout jumped from the conductors window.

The lowest temperature was 22 degrees this morning at 6 o'clock. That is below normal, but 6 degrees higher than yesterday's lowest. Today will be fair and warmer, the forecast says.

'DROP-NICKEL-IN' FARE BOX TO GO; IT ROBBED P. R. T.

Mechanism Made Cheating Easy for Conductors. Losses Were Heavy

TO RING UP FARE AGAIN

Cheating Made Easy

Fifteen hundred self-registering P. R. T. fare boxes to be sent to scrap heap.
Dishonest conductors found

boxes easier to beat than old sys-tem of ringing up fares. Scheme childishly simple.

Nickels were filed to diameter of pennies, given to passengers in change and machine registered them as pennies. It took five filed nickels to make

machine register one fare.

Dishonest conductors gained 20 cents on every five passengers.
P. R. T. is said to have found scheme so widespread among conductors that it decided to discard boxes entirely. .

Conductor, when you reveive a fare, Punch in the presence of the passenjare A blue trip slip for an eight-cent fare, A buff trip slip fir a six-cent fare, pink trip alip for a three-cent fare, anch in the presence of the pussenjar

Punch, brothers, punch with eare! Panch in the presence of the passenjare.

—Mark Twain.

The self-registering fare boxes, installed by the Rapid Transit Company in the near-side green cars two years ago, already have been found unsatisfactory are being replaced gradually by the old-time fare registers, which hang at the front of the cars and indicate the number of passengers as the conductor rings up

At the time they were installed the selfregistering boxes were considered the some of mechanical perfection. The heavy losses, which the company had suffered through the negligence or dishonesty of conductors, were thought to have been iminated entirely, since under the nev system the passengers themselves drop the money in the boxes, and the conductors touch the money only to make change or to take it from the box after the amount

has been automatically registered.

Approximately 1500 of the fare boxes
were obtained from the Dayton Fare Reording Company, which manufacture bem. They were placed in nearly all the near-side green cars and in the Market street subway stations. It is understood that on account of the delicate mechanism. the boxes are very expensive, although the Transit Company officials will not say whether they purchased the boxes out-right or merely leased them.

The reasons for the abandonment of

the modern boxes and the return to the old system, the officials of the Transit Company will not disclose. The answer which was given ab-the executive office of the company to all questions regarding the change in the system of fare collec-

It is a delicate question and we must decline to discuss it in any way.

TELL OF DISHONESTY. The conductors and employes at the company's car barns however, were quite willing to discuss the matter. The explanation they offer is another proof of the old statement that "any system devised by man can be beaten by man."

According to them a unique scheme to "beat" the fare hoves was worked out by beat" the fare boxes was worked out by clever conductor on one of the down-own lines. He passed the system on to a ew of his friends. They in turn passed t further, until recently the company ound it was losing several hundred dol-rs a day to dishouset conductors.

The plan, according to those on the in-

side, is as simple as it is tricky, and its very simplicity is what prevented the company officials from learning for a long time that they were being defrauded. The conductor who wishes to work the

QUICK NEWS

FIVE LAY DELEGATES TO M. E. CONFERENCE CHOSEN

Five lay delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which is to meet in May at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., were elected on the first ballot taken this afternoon at the Lay Electoral Conference in session at the Arch Street M. E. Church, It took 125 out of a possible 244 votes for election as a delegate. The following were chosen: George G. Ziegler, Mt. Airy Church, 134 votes; J. Lincoln Hall, Seventh Street Church, 142 votes; Alexander Simpson, Jr., Simpson Memorial Church, 207 votes; L. W. Munhall, Gethsemane Church, 148 votes, and John S. McConnell, Elam Church, 176 votes. Two more delegates are yet to be elected.

VOORHEES ESTATE TO WIDOW AND DAUGHTERS

Two daughters and the widow of Theodore Voorhees, late president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, share in his estate, according to the provisions of his will, probated at Norristown today. His daughters, Mrs. Margaret Wood and Mrs. Phoebe Drayton, are given the houses in which they, reside in Melrose. The rest of the estate goes to his wife, Mary Voorhees, who, with his sons, Harlon and Henry, are to act as executors. The will was executed on March 14, 1912.

"RUTHLESS WAR," SAYS GERMAN LIBERTY PARTY CHIEF

BERLIN, March 17 .- "Our people are filled today with an early longing for ruthless war against England," writes Dr. Ernest Bassermann, leader of the National Liberty party. "We are determined to reject unjustified American interference with our conduct of the war."

RECEIVER NAMED FOR INVENTOR TESLA

NEW YORK, March 17.-Robert M. Marsh was today named receiver of the assets of Nikola Tesla, the noted inventor. The action was taken in the city's suit against Tesla for \$1000 personal tax. Tesla testified that he lived almost entirely on credit and that he has a bill at the Waldorf-Astoria which has not been paid for several years.

PITTSBURGH, March 17.-The Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency today

mounced an advance of 10 cents in the price of Pennsylvania crude oil to \$2.60.

PENNSYLVANIA CRUDE OIL NOW \$2.60

U. S. CAPITAL TO AID AFRICAN MINE PROJECT LONDON, March 17.-For the first time American capital is to be used to assist the development of gold mining properties in the Rand district of South Africa. Isaac Lewis, of the banking firm of Lewis & Marks, announced

today that American financiers have promised financial aid to a project for the development of properties on a big scale. More than \$15,000,000 is involved.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ASSURED An administration building for the public schools on the Parkway is now virtually assured. Edwin Wolf, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Education, said today that in the \$2,500,000 loan which the board will float in April \$500,000 will be included for such a structure, which will be the "City Hall" of the public schools. The building will be on Arch street between 15th and 16th, and will house every department of the school system. The site was bought two years ago for approximately \$300,000.

RUSSIA ORDERS \$70,000,000 WORTH OF SUBMARINES

NEW YORK, March 17.- The Submarine Boat Corporation has signed a tract with the Russian Government for construction of approximately \$70,000,000. These boats are to be built in Russian shipyards under supervision of Submarine Boat officials and under patent license from the Electric Boat Company. The order is said to include 200 45-foot submarines, to be carried on the decks of battleships and to be swung overboard when occasion for their use arises. These are to cost \$200,000 each, or approximately \$40,000,000. In addition, there will be constructed 50 large submarines, to cost approximately \$600,000 each, or a total of \$30,000,000.

2000 MOVIE TICKETS STOLEN

Two thousand moving-picture tickets are floating somewhere around Kensington today while district detectives tear their hair and try to locate the man who has them. He is said to have stolen them from the Lafayette Theatre, Kensington avenue above Cambria street. His nom de plume is "Peggy." Robert Burns, no relation to "Bobbie," of 1010 West Columbia avenue, was seized by police and held under \$500 bail today by Magistrate Wrigley in the Front and Westmoreland streets police station for having a hand in entering the theatre. Besides the tickets, 500 carbons, used for illuminating the movie machines,

GERMANS RESUME ATTACK NORTHWEST OF DVINSK

LONDON, March 17,-German troops are again attacking the Russian sitions northwest of Dvinsk, it was officially announced today by the Russian War Office. The following statement was given out: "In the sector of Illuxt, eastward of the railway from Ponewicsh, the enemy attacked our positions, using grenades filled with a special explosive of great power. In the Caucasus, during our pursuit of the Turks, we have captured 19 more officers and 256 men and a regimental flag."

An official statement from Vienna says: "There is increased artiflery activity on both sides along the fronts held by the armics of General von Pflanzer, General von Baltins and General von Boehm-Ermolli. Russian infantry attacks northeast of Kozlow, on the Strypa River, were repulsed."

50 INCENDIARY FIRES IN DISTRICT WITHIN SIX MONTHS

The 50th incendiary five during the last six months in the 4th and York streets police district occurred early today in a vacant store at 504 West Susquehanna avenue. A pile of waste to which a match was applied was placed in a closet of the store. Fire Marshall Elliott is conducting an investigation. The damage was slight.

Bulgarian royal palace at Sofia, according to wireless dispatches from Rome today. Several arrests are reported to have been made. A military revolt is said to be imminent. The populace is growing restless, the dispatch said.

BOMBS FOUND UNDER ROYAL PALACE AT SOFIA

LONDON, March 17.-A number of bombs have been discovered under the

MAY HAVE TO AMPUTATE LEGS TO SAVE BOY Amputation of both legs may be necessary to save the life of Samuel Wasson, 9 years old, of 2221 Christian street, who is in the Polyclinic Hospital, seriously injured. He fell benauth a five-ton motortruck last night while roller-skating at 21st and Bainbridge streets. The wheels of the truck passed over his limbs and body. The driver of the truck, J. J. McGrath, of Garnett street and Snyder ava-

nue, was arrested. MERCIER CONFIDENT OF VICTORY FOR BELGIUM

BERLIN, March 17 .- German officials in Brussels report that Cr Mercier, on his return from Rome, insued a pastoral letter dealing political topics of the hour. The Cardinal says that if he once had dov victory, his faith has been restored as a result of conversations Americans and South Americans, who have inspired him with unshall

in Belgium's victory. "One ground for his faith," says the German report, "is the epidemic to destroy the best organized and most successful says Belgium has already gained a moral victory by sacr'

land, France and Russia."

Monte Crispen, a Thrilling Tale of Adventure and Mystery in Philadelphia, Begins in Tomorrow's Eve.