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WILSON DECIDES **U-BOAT COURSE**; NO MORE DELAY

Announcement of Policy to Be Made Within Next 48 Hours

DRASTIC NOTE LIKELY

Not Apt to Concede Berlin Suggestion of Mixed Arbitral Board

WASHINGTON, April 14 .- "Only a miracle can prevent an open break with Germany. The United States is ready to act in behalf of the rights of neutral nations. President Wilson is convinced that promises made in good faith by Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, have been ruthlessly violated by the German Admiralty. The situation is far more critical today than it ever has been. There will be no more temporizing. Action has been decided on, and that action is merely being deferred from day to day until the case is complete."

The above statement was made today by one of the very few men who know the mind of President Wilson. It sums up the international situation that today confronts the United States. Although Mexico admittedly is a real problem, the President believes that it will yield to diplomatic treatment. But the German submarine situation he is now convinced will not. The attack on the channel liner Sussex, the President believes, was so flagrant and unwarranted that it cannot be excused. And the denial, the text of which was considered carefully at today's Cabinet meeting, is declared have been "complete proof" that the ssex was torpedoed without warn-, and is an "insult to the intel-

WASHINGTON, April 14. resident Wilson has determined upor course of action to be taken by this ernment towards Germany in the subine issue. Announcement of the sion will be made within 24 to 48 rs. This was the statement of a high ernment official today just before the binet went into session.

ence of a great nation."

He would not comment on what form is Government's action would take, but is deemed certain the President will mand an immediate showdown without ulvocation on the submarine issue. He said to be determined the United States all have satisfaction, even at the cost

It was stated that this Government has Il the facts necessary to set forth its sition and that there will be no fur-

severance of diplomatic relations.

The Cabinet is considering the Sussex eply at today's sessions.

A mail pouch, upon the contents of thich may rest the future of Germanmerican relations, arrived in New York in the American liner St. Paul this morn-ing and was rushed here on the earliest

The pouch, forwarded from the Ameri-an Embassy at London, contains full re-orts from American naval attaches at aris and London of the Sussex explo n and affidavits of American survivors SITUATION VERY GRAVE.

There is no attempt on the part of the tate Department to mininge the tensity f relations between the United States and

If the United States should accept the erman suggestion of a mixed commis on to determine these questions of fact cialy in the Sussex case, it was made plain that this inquiry would only be con-perned with evidence as to whether the Sussex was actually struck by a German torepod. There would be no arbitration of the question of the right of Americans

be aboard the channel packet. BERLIN NOTE DEEMED WEAK. The President and his advisers are said to be convinced that he note, particularly masfar as it pertains to the Sussex, is so oxipably weak that it serves no purpose other than materially to strengthen the on of the United States. It is con oded the only difference shown in the discx explosion and the mysterious ther boat" attacked by a German U-boat

same time and place lies in the made of the German victim by the Continued on Page Four, Column Five

THE WEATHER

Of all the good old second-reader gends we hope will never die, commend that one about King Canute (or Cnut, it is sometimes spelled, and obviously was cnutty enough on his bad days), a bade the tides of ocean stand back m his royal beach-chair. Nevertheless, got his feet wet. Many a time have defied the rains of heaven to descend; pleasure. Failing persistently, we ed to fate, finally, and took to spoiling sed to fate, finally, and took to spoiling are people's pleasure by predicting rain; gets cynical and callous after predictrain a number of times. Would you are it, there comes a time when it omes a positive ghoulish pleasure to tray in dismal diction the inevitable opours. Right now we see in our it's eye the players wading about a lond full of muddled pools.

specially does this mood come upon when we can't go to the game our-

But it was the last plea of the girl dying in Vibora, a little auburb of Havana. After the marriage, which was the long-sought goal of Grace McLaughlin, she sank rapidly and died the next morning. Bronchial pneumonia, caused by tuberculosis, caused her death. She was buried Tuesday in the Colton Cemetery. The mourners were her husband and a few Cuban friends.

In her will Mrs. Stevens left her 150. FORECAST or Philadelphia and vicinity— this afternoon; fair tonight and orday; cooler tonight; strong west

details see page 17.

LOST AND FOUND N-Lost Vuentay evening April 11 m Bellevus-Strafford balirization and Sok. a crystal diamond and sampling a mounted in pinthuan. Howard if 80 to 3 h. Caldwell & Co. 100 Chapte

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CONSUL MARION LETCHER United States representative at Chihuahua City, who is in centre of zone of possible trouble be-tween Mexican and American forces. He is the only United States Consul at a post so far in the interior who has stuck to his

THREE MEN GAG, BEAT AND ROB WOMAN; GET EARRINGS AND CASH

place.

Victim Knocked Unconscious, After Which Culprits Ransack House

ENTER HOME BY RUSE

Three armed men forced their way into the home of Mrs. Emilia Tarsia, of 1934 South 19th street, today, and after binding her hands and feet with rope, tore her earrings off, took a roll of notes from her clothing and beat her into in sensibility.

Two of the men then watched the voman, while a third leisurely searched the house.

They ransacked every room completely They ransacked every room completely, in the evident search for savings which, it was rumored, the woman had concealed somewhere in the house. After gathering up jewelry, money and silverware worth more than \$100, the thieves left the house quietly, while the woman, who returned to consciousness, was struggling to free herself on the kitchen does gling to free herself on the kitchen floor.

Mrs. Tarsia managed to remove a gag
which her assailants had forced into her
mouth by rolling on the floor. She cried for help, but her cries were not heard The woman then removed the rope which bound her hands by rubbing the rope over the edges of a coal scuttle. She

then crawled to the backyard and shouted. shouts and after untying her hands in formed passers-by, who summoned police man Landy. He sent the woman to St. Agnes' Hospital. She was badly cut and bruised and it is believed that her skull is fractured. She was able to give a good description of the thieves

Passed Away

Three faded floral wreaths on an old

Cuban family vault in a Hayana ceme-tery mark the last resting place of Grace McLaughlin.

Grace McLaughlin that was-for she

New York helress, marked for death by tuberculosis, who eloped with George M.

Stevens, a chauffeur, was trailed through this city, where she stayed at the Bellevue-Stratford, and finally went to

One of the three wreaths on her tomb

hears the inscription "To Grace from George." George E. Stevens is the man whom her dying wish made her husband in the eyes of the church, but not in the

eyes of the law. But George E. Stevens

is going to claim her estate, gossip in Havana has it, and relatives in New York expect it. Lawyers say the pair were not married civilly, as Stevens' divorce from his first wife does not become effective until April 13

Grace McLaughlin and Stevens were married last Sunday by a dispensation from the Catholic Bishop of Cuba, secured when the case of the dying girl was brought to his attention by Father Mendez, who administered the last rites for the dead only a few hours after he

for the dead only a few hours after he performed the wedding ceremony.

The priest knew that the marriage would not be recognized in the courts. But it was the last plea of the girl, dying

mourners were her husband and a few Cuban friends.

In her will Mrs. Stevens left her \$50.808 estate to the man she believed was her husband and to her aunt, Mrs. Catherine Ingles, of 4 West 118th street. New York. It was made March 28 and filed with Juan Carios Andreu, a notary public of Havana. Mrs. Stevens lived with her aunt before her elopement.

The story of how Grace McLaughlin eloped with Stevens, a Harlem chauffeur, hast January, has been told. She met him while following her physician's instructions in taking long automobile rides for the sake of the fresh air. She eloped with him, knowing that he was securing a divorce from his wife. The comple first came to this city and made an attempt to get married. But the laws of the Cathelic Church, Miss McLaughlin's faith.

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Havana, to marry and die.

SHARP MEXICAN POLICY FAVORED BY SENATORS

Canvass of Both Houses Shows Sentiment Against Withdrawal of Troops

PARTY SPLIT FEARED

Administration Plans to Curb Debate on Crisis in Congress

WASHINGTON, April 14 .- Congress met today with a dozen sizzling resolutions on the Mexican situation drafted but with their authors hesitating if today was the proper time to present them All demanded prompt and decisive action If the President should decide to withdraw from Mexico, leaders said freely there was not the slightest doubt he would face the most serious opposition, in which many Democrats will join the Republi-

Democratic Senators privately were hoping that the situation may be saved by a speedy capture of Villa. If they are called on to vote to support the withdrawal of troops without Villa having been captured, there appeared probability the party ranks would split.

SENATORS OPPOSE QUITTING. A canvass of the Senaté showed that the members were overwhelmingly in favor of keeping troops in Mexico. The close friends of the President in the upper house make no secret of their belief that the time for quibbling with Carranza has gone by. There is a strong tendency among the members, even including the men who are unalterably opposed to the President's Mexican policy, not to intensify the situation by partisan speeches on the floor at this time. They believe that by doing so they may imperil the safety of the American troops now in Mexico. Senator Sherman of Illinois is canvassing the Senate membership to find out whether the time is not opportune to press for passage of his resolution authorizing a call for volunteers.

It is possible that this resolution will be pushed very soon. In both houses the sentiment is strong to pursue a sharp policy with regard to Carranza. In this connection officials interpreted President Wilson's speech at the Jefferson Day dinner last night as indicating that he will do so. The President was the last speaker of the evening, and while most of his speech was an interpretation of his views of what the Democratic*party has accom what the Democratic party has accom-plished since it came into power in the nation, one paragraph of it was considered significant of his intention to keep the American troops in Mexico until the object of their mission is accomplished.

WILSON'S ATTITUDE.

In this conection the President said: God forbid that we should ever be come directly or indirectly involved in quarrels not of our own choosing and that do not affect what we feel re-sponsible to defend, but if we should ever be drawn in, are you ready to go in only where the interests of Amer-ica are coincident with th einterests of mankind, and to draw ou the mo nt the interest centres in America and is narrowed from the wide circle of humanity? Are you ready for the test? Have you the courage to go in: Have you the courage to come out ac-cording as the balance is disturbed or

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HEIRESS DIES IN CUBA DYNAMITE CARS IN TROLLEY STRIKE RIOT AFTER WILD LOVE RACE WITH HER CHAUFFEUR AT WILKES-BARRE

Grace McLaughlin, New York Mob Overcomes Police Detail. Girl, Wed George M. Ste-Detective Chief and Others vens Just Before She Hurt-Ten Men and Boys Arrested

MARRIAGE CALLED VOID CLUE TO EXPLOSIVES

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., April 14.-Seriis rioting in connection with the trolley strike occurred in the East End section of this city at midnight, when a mob of several hundred men and boys attacked the last car run over the line, and used dynamite and nitro-glycerine in an effort to blow it up.

Six sticks of dynamite attached to dualin caps were planted along the rails. One of the sticks was exploded as the car went over it. The windows of the car were broken to pieces and the vestibule wrecked, but the crew escaped with-

out injury. A squad of city policemen could not handle the mob. The rioters and police force clashed, and in this battle Captain of Detectives Adam Herget was struck on the head with a stone and rendered un conscious. Anthony Fluegel was struck or the head with a club and was removed to a hospital. Several stitches were necessary to close up his wound. Ten men and boys were placed under arrest by the police, and most of them suffered from

minor injuries.

The East End mob was not dispersed until early today, long after the last car running into that section had been taken off the line. A mob also gathered in Miners Mills about midnight, but there was no attack on the cars. The crowd hooted and jeered the trolley crews as well as State Troopers, but there were no acts of violence.

The police removed the dynamite and nitro-glycerine found along the East End tracks. Part of it was in a box bearing the name of a family in Minere Mills. This is a clue in the dynamiting outrage that the authorities intendto run down.

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Assistant Militia Surgeon Quits POTTSVILLE, Pa., April 14. — Dr Henry Direchedl has forwarded his resig Henry Direched has forwarded his resig-nation as assistant surgeon of the 4th Regiment. National Guard of Pennsyl-vania, to Adjutant General Thomas J Stewart. Press of professional business is his assigned reason

Found Dead With Gas Turned On Failure to turn the gas completely off before retiring caused the death of a man believed to be Gottlieb Rauman, of 2010 North Lawrence street. He was found dead in bed toady by Max Sherr, a paper-hanger, who went in to paser the room Efforts to revive the man at Stateon Hospital proved futile.

U. S. FORCES IN VILLA PURSUIT MENACED BY CARRANZA 'FLOP'; THREAT OF FURTHER ATTACKS

Mexican Chief Admits Inability to Control Situation and Warns of Repetition of Parral Clash-One American Soldier Killed

Pershing Rushes to Aid of Cavalry Believed Trapped and Still Fighting-Carranza Turns Over Affairs to Obregon, U. S. Foe-Plan Uprising Sunday, Is Report

EL PASO, Texas, April 14.-James Lord, prominent Sonora mining man, today predicted that news of Carranza's demand for withdrawal of the American troops would be spread to every Mexican hamlet and that attacks on white inhabitants as well as American soldiers might be expected.

The American expedition sent into Mexico faces a serious situation for

First. General Carranza virtually admits he is unable to control his forces and warns the United States that unless its troops are withdrawn at once more serious attacks than at Parral Wednesday

Second. Carranza has gone to Mexico City, leaving affairs in charge of War Minister Opregon, who is admittedly antagonistic to the American expedition. A general uprising is feared.

Third. Reports from sources close to Carranza say that a concerted attack on the Americans is planned for Sunday morning. Fourth. The advanced United States troops have aroused hostility among the Mexican populace where at least passive friendli-

ness existed before. At least one American soldier was killed and probably 20 wounded by

the Carranza garrison and enraged citizens when the American column entered Parral. This attack, following Carranza's official note demanding withdrawal of the American troops is regarded as an indication of growing unrest in Mexico and portending possible war. Unconfirmed reports say that the battle at Parral is still going on, that

the United States troops, only 150 in number, are trapped, but fighting their way out. Heavy casualties are feared. Mexican Government officials place all the blame for the clash on the

Americans for entering a town, contrary to instructions and agreement. Sentiment in Washington is against withdrawal of the troops. President Wilson himself is said to favor continuance of the pursuit of Villa

General Funston has been ordered to continue the chase and use added forces if needed ... Carranza's attitude cuts the red tape connected with the expedition and it is believed the pursuit now will be carried on unhampered. "Fred Funston is unleashed."

Prolonged negotiations are expected to give ample time to catch Villa.

THE MAYOR OF SANSOM STREET IS DEAD; BOOZE KILLED ALBERT GLOCK

Entered Politics in the 8th and Sansom Neighborhood and Could Not Stand the Gaff

WAS A DEMOCRAT

On a marble slab at the Morgue lies the body of an old man-a man once had prospects of reaching the top with a family willing to help him in his endeavors. The men-then young and full of fireentered politics. That was in the seventies, wher the bludgeon and open hand ruled in place of the rapier and campaign check, wher the back room of the neighborhood saloon,t hrough the medium of mum, yielded coups that routed the enemy.

The adventurous political atmosphere of the "old days" attracted young Albert Glock. The snug surroundings of some of the old saloons around the eastern half of the 8th Ward appealed to him. He got acquainted with every voter in the division embracing Sansom street around 8th, and the typical type of the old division leader, spending time around the bar and being a two-handed fighter and being a two-handed fighter and

UNABLE TO STOP ATTACKS ON TROOPS, SAYS CARRANZA

WASHINGTON, April 14. - General an attack, even more serious than the clash at Parral on Wednesday, might occur at any time.

Officials here regard the message of Carranza on this fight as in the nature of a threat and a demand for immediate action, and also as an admission that he cannot control his people. The message from Carranza, sent to Ambassador Designate Arredondo, was:

After the message sent you by Secretary for Foreign Affairs Aguilar, the Secretary of War received a mes-sage from General Gutierrez, dated at Chihuahua, informing him that it had been impossible for military com manders to check the mob against American troops who entered Parral, and that this evening (April 12) the fight had continued between our peo-ple and the American forces; that many deaths had occurred on both

General Obregon has already given orders to prevent continuation of bat-tle, but the excitement is so great among the people that I fall to know whether the struggle can be stopped. Call on the Secretary of State and advise him that the occurrence is due to the unwise action of the Amercan commander in having entered Parral without the permission of the authorities, violating the orders of that Government forbidding the occu-

pation of towns by American forces. Please cause the Secretary of State to see that it is unwise for American troops to remain any longer on our soil, as more serious incidents than

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RICHARD HARDING DAVIS UNA SCONFITTA TURCA ON HIS LAST JOURNEY

Here This Afternoon and Will Be Cremated

The body of Richard Harding Davis, author and war correspondent, will arrive at the North Philadelphia station from

at the North Philadelphia station from New York early this afternoon, to be oremated at the columbarium of the Chelten Hills Cenetery.

Three persons accompany the body. They are the novelist's wife, formerly Miss Bessie McCoy, the actress; their Is-month-oid daughter. Hope Davis, and Charles Belmont Davis, brother of the author, immediately upon arrival here the body will be taken by automobile to the cemetery.

Strict simplicity will distinguish the Strict simplicity will distinguish the cremation in the little red-brick building that stands among trees, the tops of which are almost touched by the lowering Apriclouds that Mr. Davis described so well in his book, "In the Fog." There will be no religious services. The coffin shrouded from the eyes of the mourners and witnesses by black cerements, will sink into the incinerating room below at the touch of a lever; and the ceremony will be ended.

The ashes will be gathered tomorro morning and according to present plans, buried in the family plot in the Leverington Cemestery, Ridge and Lyceum avenues. Roxborough, where also are buried the ashes of Mr. Davis, father, L. Clarke Davis, and of his mother, Robecca Hard-

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Author's Body Will Arrive Gli Inglesi Costringono le Truppe del Sultano ad Ar-

retrare di Tre Miglia

Un comunicato ufficiale inglese dice che le truppe turche operanti nella Mesopo-tamia, verso cui si dirigono anche truppe russe provenienti dalla Persia, sono state aconfitte dalle forze inglesi e sono state costrette a retrocedere di tre miglia. Il comunicato ufficiale italiano annuncia Il comunicato ufficiale italiano annun che gli austriaci erano riusciti con un at-tacco di sorpresa ad entrare nelle trincce recentemente conquistate dalle truppe di Cadorna sui Monte Sperone, ma poterono rimanervi appena una giornata, essendon state cacciate alla sera da un violent contrattaceo degli italiani. I tedeschi, non essendo riusciti a con

quistare le posizioni francesi sulla collina di Le Mort Honme, hanno ricominciato a bombardare le linee francesi. Leri sera essi avevano operato un debole attacco che era stato facilmente respinto. (Leggere in 5a pagina altre e piu' det-tagliate notizio sulla guerra, in italiano.)

Young Men's Smoking Causes Fire An early morning fire damaged the rear of three varant houses at 628-30-32 North 45th street today. The damage was about \$400. Police bulleve the fire was caused by young men smoking in the rear of the house. The family of Frank Smith had to leave their house, at 554 North 45th street, adjuining one of the burned houses, when smoke entered their

EXTRA

U. S. WILL NOT QUIT VILLA PURSUIT, CABINET DECIDES

WASHINGTON, April 14 .- American troops will remain in Mexico-for the present at least. The Cabinet today determined upon no change of policy toward the Mexican situation. No change in the immediate future was decided on. This means the hunt for Villa will proceed. After the session it was stated no answer had been made to General Carranza's suggestion for withdrawing the American forces, and that Consul Rodgers had not been instructed to treat with Carranga toward an amicable settlement of the Carranga

PHILLY-GIANT GAME THIS AFTERNOON POSTPONED Today's contest between the Phillies and New York Giants was called off shortly before I p. m. because of rain.

U-BOATS SINK 80 SHIPS IN MARCH; TONNAGE 207,000

BERLIN, April 14.-Eighty enemy merchant ships, whose total tonnage was 207,000, were sunk by German submarines or mines during the month of March, it was announced today by the Admiralty.

TURKS BEAT SLAVS BACK IN PERSIA

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 14.-The Turkish War Office issued the following report today: "The situation on the Irak front (Mesopotamia) is unchanged. In Persia Turkish troops attacked Russian forces in the Soujoulak region. The

SIR ROGER CASEMENT REPORTED HELD IN BERLIN COPENHAGEN, April 14 .- A press dispatch states that Sir Roger Casement

has been arrested in Berlin, but the charge is not specified. (Sir Roger Casement is an Irishman. Shortly after the outbreak of the war he went to Germany, where he tried to persuade Irish prisoners of war to fight for the German cause.)

GOVERNMENT PROBES ACTS OF REVENUE AGENTS HERE

WASHINGTON, April 14.-An active investigation to determine whether deputy internal revenue collectors were in collusion with tobacco dealers and manufacturers who are alleged to have defrauded the internal revenue out of millions of dollars is being prosecuted by the Treasury Department in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, it was stated at the Treasury Department today.

MANY KILLED BY ALPINE AVALANCHE

ROME, April 14.-Many persons were killed and injured last night by an avalanche in the Swiss canyon of Valais. The avalanche obstructed Simplon Pass.

NATIVES ATTACK AMERICAN PROFESSOR IN ASIA

PEKIN, April 14 .- Dr. Charles K. Edmunds, president of the Canton Christian College, was attacked recently while making a magnetic survey of Asia for the Carnegic Institute, but escaped with his life, according to word received here today. One of the soldiers escorting the party was killed and two were wounded. Doctor Edmunds is an American and was formerly identified with Johns Hopkins

TUBANTIA TORPEDOED, DUTCH BOARD FINDS

THE HAGUE, April 14.-The report of the Dutch Board of Navigation, declaring that the Dutch vessels Tubantia and Palembang were both torpedoed, has raised public feeling in Holland to a high pitch and has evoked a wide-spread demand for drastic action on the part of the Government. The board, which is an authoriative, semiofficial body, finds, after a painstaking inquiry into both cases, that, contrary to the German contention, the Carranza, First Chief of Mexico, now advises the United States to withdraw its l'alembang did not strike a mine, but was hit by a torpedo: It also finds that troops from Mexico at once, warning that the Tubantia's loss undoubtedly was caused by a torpedo, fired without warning, and that fragments of the projectile, found later in the Tubantia's lifeboats, prove conclusively that it was a Schwartzkopff tornedo.

NEW GREEK CABINET REPORTED IMPENDING

ATHENS. April 14.-Reports are current that the reconstruction of the Cabinet is impending. Former Premier Zaimis is mentioned as likely to succeed Premier Skouloudis if the latter resigns, but many persons favor Minister of Justice and Communications Rallis. The Greek Government has prohibited both neutrals and belligerents from traveling through Greece. This is interpreted as a retaliation for a similar prohibition in Bulgaria.

RUSSIA TO CUT DOWN CONSUMPTION OF MEAT

PETROGRAD, April 14 .- A bill permanently prohibiting the sale of beverages containing more than 11/2 per cent of alcohol will be prepared shortly by the Ministry of Finance. The Agricultural Committee of the Duma has approved the bill restricting the consumption of meat. It has recommended that the slaughter of cattle be prohibited on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the sale of meats in restaurants on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

SMOKE CURTAIN" WILL GUARD U. S. WARSHIP

SAN PEDRO, Cal., April 14.-Defense of warships from submarine attacks by "smoke curtains" made by torpedoboat destroyers will be one of the features of the week's maneuvers which have just begun off San Pedro. The United States monitor Cheyenne and the submarines H-1, H-2 and H-3, followed by the destroyers Paul Jones, Whipple, Perry and Stewart, the tender Iris and the cruiser Milwaukee, are taking part in the maneuvers. Submarine attacks will be made on the Iris and Milwaukee, with the destroyers attempting to blanket them with smoke from their funnels.

GERMAN MAYORS ACT AGAINST FOOD SHORTAGE

BERLIN, April 14 .- At a meeting of the Lord Mayors of the German cities held yesterday under the presidency of Adolf Waermuth, the Lord Mayor of Berlin, a manifesto was issued proposing necessary measures in order to organize properly the distribution of victuals in the course of next winter, the third of the war. **NELLA MESOPOTAMIA** The manifesto points out that last winter some cities, owing to insufficient organization, several times temporarily ran short of postoes and bread, and measures are proposed which will make impossible a repetition of such incidents.

UNREST IN JAPAN OVER CHINESE REVOLUTION

TOKIO, Japan, April 14.-The revolution in China is causing disquietude in Japan, where the opinion is held that it will be difficult for Yuan Sai-Kai to retain the Presidency. In well-informed circles, both Japanese and foreign, military intervention by Japan is regarded as impossible unless the lives and interests of Japanese subjects should be imperiled. Should intervention become necessary, Japan presumably would act on the behalf of her Allies on account of the fact that they are occupied by the war. It has been announced here that telegrams have been dispatched by the Chinese Government to the revolutionary leaders urging that hostilities be brought to an end in order to prevent foreign inter-

FRENCH INCREASE OUTPUT OF SHELLS 33 TIMES

PARIS. April 14.—The stock of shells for the French artillery at Verdun has been more than adequate so far, and in addition to supplying the daily needs of this terrific artillery fighting, supplies are already ample, and are being increased daily, for a French offensive when one shall be ordered. The output of shells for the 75 millimeter guns has been increased thirty-three and one-third times since the first month of the war, and the output for the larger French guns has been increased forty-four times. The manufacture of 75s and the heavier artillery has increased twenty-three times since August, 1914.

READING URGES STOCKHOLDERS TO BOOST PORT

The Philadelphia and Reading Raifway has given impetus to the "Via Phila delphia" movement by requesting all stockholders, through notices sent out with dividend checks, to ship and order their freight by way of its lines. The roller states that the radicoad controls and maintains extensive tidewater terminals for freight and that the Port Richmond terminal of the company is the largest under one management in the world