#### FEDERAL AGENTS RAID NEWSPAPER OPEN THREATS CAUSE YAQUIS ON WAR VANDERLIP EXPLAINS WILSON'S PLAN STIR IN MEANS CASE PATH IN SONORA SALE OF WAR STAMPS

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**Conflicting Priority Orders** Are Blamed for Present

Congestion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 Government control of railroads is persistently reported today to be Presi-dent Wilson's solution of the transporta-tion crisis.

Appointment of a Federal railroad dictator will be the first step toward unification of all lines during the war. He will run the railroads as one big system, making common use of trackage, equipment and terminals, and pool reve-nues in a manner at present lilegal

nues in a manner at present lilegal under private management. Government guarantee of railway se-curities held by investors is certain. Biockholders will be assured that their interests will be protected under Gov-ernment management. The only alternative seen was con-tinuation of the present direction of the lines by the railroads' war board and operating committee of, vice presidents, with Government loans and Congres-Bional repeal of anti-trust acts. The sional repeat of anti-trust acts. The delay entailed in obtaining such legisla-tion militates against this plan. Railroad executives anticipate that the

President will appoint a Government traffic manager to co-ordinate existing transportation agencies in various war-making branches, such as the army, navy, food and fuel administrations and shipping board. Conflicting and too nu-mercus priority orders from these differ-ent officials are blamed by railway men as largely responsible for present con-

But railroad executives have not yet this city since the war began, accord-But railroad executives have not yet abandoned hope of retaining their pres-ent control. If regulatory laws were suspended for the war and the Govern-ment gave financial aid, the present management could solve America's transportation problem better than it could be handled under Government operation. Chairman Fairfax Harrison

of the railroads' war board, said. Passenger traffic will be drastically curtailed under either solution, authori-

Definite announcement is expected from the White House next week. At Five a conference with Senator Newlands on were Monday President Wilson will receive tody

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## Weekly Results in Arrests

Federal officials have uncarthed the most serious case of alleged treason in

225 North Sixth street. Joseph V. Stilson, sccretary of the company, was arrested and held in \$19,000 bail on charges of violating the espionage act. the explorage act. The cald was made under the direc-tion of United States Marshal Frank J. Noonan with starting rapidity. Five employee of the company also were rounded up and taken into cus-ted or under the data start of the start of t

AMBUSH VILLA FORCES

ment of Justice

400 Mexicans Fall in Santa Clara Canyon

JUAREZ, Dec. 8 -- General Francisco Murguia and General Pedro Fieva, com-manding combined columns of cavalry. ambushed a large hand of Villa followers in Santa Clara Canyon, seventy-five miles northwest of Chiluahua City, on Tuesday, according to an official state-ment given out at inilitary headquarters here. A total of 400 were killed and wounded on both sides. The Villa forces suffered the higaest hoses from the en-filading fire of the Federal forces. erent Attitude of Friends of Defendant

CONCORD, N. C. De. S. The twelfth day of the trial of Gaston R. Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, opened today with Mrs. Maude A. King, opened today with

decidedly tense atmosphere in the urtroom. Women who had occupied out sents during the entire proceedlogs were missing and there was a gen-eral impression that "something is godians are on the war path in severa:

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A war smoker celebrating the labeth anniversary of the ratification of the Constitution by the State of Delaware was held in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce by the Sons of Delaware, Colonel St. George Laftur Steele was the principal speaker.



# Prosecutors Targets of Bellig- General Cruz Killed and Four Tells County Boards Plan Is Americans Held as

Prisoners

to Get 30,000,000 People Interested in Savings

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 8. The State of Sonora, Mexico, today raving certificates tock an upward leap poration, building the new plant at Hog sufficient with the most alarming today following the explanations of the Teland, also spoke. He predicted a is confronted with the most alarming tod s following the explanations of the Yaqui uprising known in forty years, plan to the persons handling the sale Yaqui uprising known in forty years, plan to the persons handling the according to word brought here by pass sengers arriving from Guavanast in, sengers arriving from Gunyamas. In- savings committee.

Mr. Vanderlip, who volunt trily s gried for the purpose by the l'em-sy varia committee of public safety, suggested several schemes to raise war revenue during the course of his ad-

He suggested the levying of a tax on The suggested the lety he of a tax on re disavecement the service and in discussing some of the problems financial man must help the Government solve, urged the consolidation of the railroads by districts, a sectional pooling routem and warned against schemes for inflating currency.

ts to the future. people will have million bought war-sating stamps before this ununign is unded." he said. "That great body will be a force to be reckaned with in the politics of the period follow-

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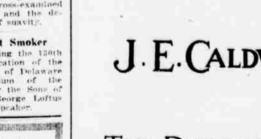
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WEDNESDAY EVENING DEC. 12, 1917 DANCING ALL THE EVENING IN THE NEW GARDEN OF ROSE P





on the evening of the twenty-sixin. Under this arrangement soldiers who'l live in distant counties of Pennsylvania will be given leave that extends for nearly five days, while men living in taken into consideration so that the men Philadelphia and other points near the ramp will receive three-day passes. The time consumed on railroad trains is will actually receive about the same period of time at their homes.

That the War Department proposes to purchase supplies for the army through a central purchasing organization at Washington is apparent from orders re-Washington is apparent from orders re-ceived at the local quatremnaster's depot. The order instructs the chiefs of the Baltimore depot to forward to Washington the names of all persons from whom they have been buying sup-

The whom they have been obving sup-piles. Under the present system the quar-termasters have been operating under s zone system and purchasing agents were prohibited from going outside their districts to obtain supplies.

### PRIESTS TRANSFERRED

Rev. J. M. Corrigan Appointed as Inspector of Charities

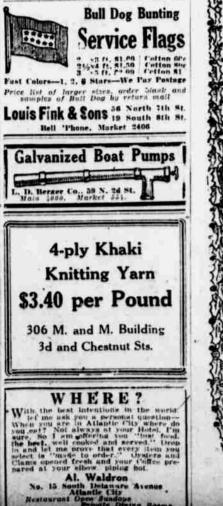
Archbishop Prendergast has announced the appointment of the Rev. Joseph M. Corrigan, of St. Columba's Church, as discessa Inspector of charitles, succeed-ing the Rev. William A. O'Donnell, who has been ill. Transfers of priests were also an-mounced as follows: The Rev. M. S. Ar-minski, from St. Mary's Church, Read-ing to St. Laurentius's Church, this city ; the Rev. Sebastian Jerzak, from St. Laur-entius's Church, this city, to the Church fer, Bolesiaus Zyweki, from St. Laufs-ter, Belesiaus Zyweki, from St. Laufs-tenereb, this city, to St. Mary's Church, Reading.

Patriotic Meeting at Lighthouse

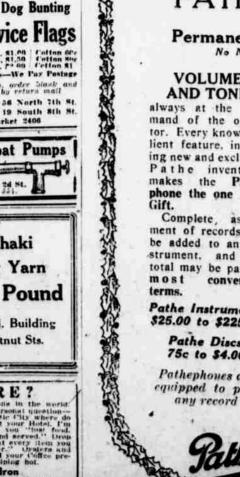
Patriotic meeting at Lighthouse A patriotic mass-meeting to arouse the people to the present national crisis will a held tonight at the Lighthouse Boys' Jub, Howard and Someraet streets. Mrs. Veille MoClung, author and lectures, will speak on "America, Canada and priama Ovar the Top." There will be milliony based and patriotic songs will and by Os suddrame.

waist lines. "The names of these men," said a Camp Meade officer, "have been sent to the War Department, and within a short time definite instructions con-cerning them will be received. They will probably be given light work to per-form, which is only just and proper." As announced in the ECENING PUBLIC LEDGER a few days ago, 50 per cent of the soldiers will get passes to visit their bomes on Christmas. The movement will begin on December 22 and, accord-ing to orders issued by General Nichol-son, every man must be back in camp on the evening of the twenty-sixth. Under this arrangement soldiers who

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