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SWISS FEARFUL **OF INVASION BY GERMAN FORCE**

Little Republic Threatened With Fate of Belgium

HINDENBURG LAYS PLANS

May Hurl Great Force Against French Right Flank, Disregarding Neutrality

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS (Copyright, 1918, by the United Press) ZURICH, Switzerland, Feb. 13. After Belgium-is Switzerland's turn next?

Hindenburg is massing troops against the French right flank with vast stores of ammunition with Campaign Begun to Stop Practice many guns.

The people here are asking whether the treaty of 1815 will be the next "scrap of paper." Germans in Zurich are openly

bossting that Ludendorff could mash the Swiss army in forty-eight hours.

PRUSSIANS BRAG OF POWER The Prussians, while gorging themgives on little republics, brag they could occupy this city the first day. They declare Switzerland's 1500 machine guns, sixteen six-inch cannon, eighty batteries of three-inch field guns and small stock of ammunition are in-

ufficient to cause much trouble. They say there are only 100,000 troops under colors, and that of these but 45,000 are on the German border. which could be swept aside and France entered before the remainder of the Swiss could be mobilized.

The consensus of opinion of persons I have talked to is that if Hindenburg the talked to is that if Hindenburg the consensus of opinion of persons the future, but not beyond 67 cents a dozen for eggs and 8½ cents a does not attempt to cross Switzerland in an effort to turn the French flank it will be because he considers it strategically

INVASION FULLY PLANNED I am told the Germans have planned the invasion to the last detail; even skeleton governments for the cantons (Swiss Stites) exist.

At the trial of a number of suspected ies at Vevey documents placed in JOHN D. ASKS FOUR DEPUTIES vidence named a certain tailor as the Mayor of a town upon Prussian occu-

Today Switzeriand is struggling val

German agents are threatening the and France. The Prussians boast the German people are better disciplined than the rest of the world; that if revolutionary doctrines are scattered broadcast other nations will succumb, while Germany will remain unscathed.

PRUSSIAN AGENTS AT WORK 1 agen of the Prussian war party. Discussing the question of what the Russian Bol-shevik movement could have hoped to accomplish in Switzerland, France, Italy, England and even America, the cele-brated Journal de Geneve declared: "A great revolutionary wave, comin "A great revolutionary wave, coming from the Orient and crossing Germany, is now swirling at the foot of the Alns. Concerted, methodical internationalist agliators are growing in other citles. These tend to provoke by violence a revolution which, from Switzerland, would gain neighboring countries." The paper is one of the most substan-ted to Europe.

hog made a serious mistake on February 2 when he crawled back into his little hole in the ground just because Old Sol reflected his shadow. For the last four

GROUNDHOG MISTAKEN;

Mild Weather to Continue, Says

Weatherman, 'Mid Signs of Early Spring

It begins to look as if Br'er Ground-

days the ancient superstition of the groundhog and his six weeks of extra severe winter weather has been shat-tered, it has been so warm, and as far ahead as the Philadelphis forecaster can see, it is to continue warm— Real springtime weather is due to stay while at least for the first heraids of awhile, at least, for the first heralds o

deiphia. On the Main Line this morning commuters reported the first robin and the first whippoorwill. To support the arrival of the warm weather heralds the weatherman said today and tomorrow would continue to be fair and warm, with the highest tem-peratures about the same as yesterday's high point of 55. LUGGING SCHOOL BOOKS

DANGER TO CHILDHOOD

and Overcome Tendency to Round Shoulders

A campaign to prevent public-school children from carrying more books than they actually need to and from theh homes and between classrooms is being inaugurated by William Stecher, director of physical education. This was begun today in the Edward T. Steel Public School, Sixteenth and Cayuga streets. "A child delights in carrying a num-ber of books and as many other posses-sions as can be lugged around." said one of the physical directors. "This re-sults in children becoming round-shoul. dered. We are launching a campaigs to stop this practice. Each teacher is to see that every child in the class carries only the books that are abso-lutely necessary." A campaign to prevent public-school

LIMIT SUGAR PRICE

TO 8 1-2 CENTS POUND Maximum for Eggs 67 Cents-May Fluctuate Up to Marks Set by Jay Cooke

pound for sugar, or 5 cents a carton. This is the latest mandate of County Food Administrator Jay Cooke and he says that it's going to be lived up to from

Hawaiian sugars are virtually off the arket. The prices quoted by the food market. administration are on Cuban sugars, which, with the Louisiana products, will from now on constitute the bulk of the sugar supply of the country.

> Needed to Protect Pocantico Hills Home, He Tells Sheriff

Today Switzeriand is struggling val-muy not only to maintain its neutrali-ty, but for independence itself. Arrow a gents are threatening the feller, Jr., at Pocantico Hills, stauch republic with revolution, hop-ing the revolution will spread into Italy Rockefeller, has advised Sheriff Nossiler that the deputies are needed to protect

dinates for the commissions.

PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1918

ROUNDHOG MISTAKEN; ROBINS ARE ON THE JOB AUSTRIANS MAY RENOUNCE **TEUTON JUNKERS TO MEET** UNITED STATES' DEMANDS.

President Will Make Peace With Dual Monarchy Only in Case People Break With German Militarists

Possibility of Separate Pact With Vienna Strong, Washington Believes, and Wilson's Address Is Considered Invitation to Masses of Kaiser's Ally

By JOHN H. HEARLEY

ROME, Feb. 13. Pope Benedict welcomes President Wilson's latest address to the | many's threat and "will survive or per enemy and the world as "nourishing the peace seed, which is already ish with the Allied cause." sprouting," it was learned in Vatican circles today.

The Vatican believes the responsibility has now been squarely put up to German militarism, which must answer the President's declarations.

The Pope confidently expects early replies, especially from Austrian Foreign Minister Czernin. By ROBERT J. BENDER

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. Peace between the United States and Austria can come only when the Austrian people break with the German Junkers. Possibility of such peace is strong.

To drive home the former statement while convinced of the latter which is now being ruled by a provione, President Wilson made his momentous address to Congress, the sional government. Itumanian interven United Press can state semiofficially today.

The President wants the Austrian people to know that this is not a swashbuckling nation. His address was designed to answer the peace country and destroying military supplies. feeling spreading throughout the world and at the same time to serve notice on the German Junkers that America is not gulled by the vagaries of Von Hertling.

In seeking a definite interpretation of the President's message, the United Press sought also to clear up doubt as to whether or not it was fundamentally a peace or war message. It was both.

The President is more than ever determined to wage the war to a successful termination, but all times he is prepared to meet the Teuton has improved somewhat since the Govpeoples in negotiations for peace.

A separate peace with Austria can come if she will break with on the heels of Ukrainian peace, throw Germany.

The President has not backed down from his original stand in peace. He will not deal with the German Junkers. The German people must signed. break away from the absolute control of Von Hindenburg and Ludendorff. They need not dethrone their Kaiser, who is regarded by the President as a tool in the hands of the militarists, but they must inaugurate defance into the face of the Kaiser. electoral reforms such as will assure this Government's dealing with the people of Germany, not the Junkers.

There must be no armistice with the German military party-a peace that merely would allow it to prepare for another war. Strong- day's arm methods in Germany must yield to democratization.

As for details of the other bases for peace, the President is willing

RUMANIANS WILL BATTLE TILL END; GERMANY DEFIED

Teuton Ultimatum Demanding Immediate Peace Is Ignored

TRUST IN THE ALLIES Though Surrounded by Foes,

Troops Occupy Bessarabia. Disarm 300,000 Slavs WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.-Rumania

has ignored Germany's twenty-four-hour ultimatum "to conclude immediate peace. According to a message flashed by

wireless from Jasesy to Salonica and relayed by cable today to Dr. Constantin Angolason, Rumanian Minister here, Rumania has "disdainfully ignored" Ger-

With Teuton divisions on one side, the Bolsheviki on the other, and many miles away from a friendly force, King Ferdinand's plucky nation is fighting harder today than ever before, according to official dispatches received here.

OCCUPY RESSARABIA Rumanian troops, the cable stated, have crossed the River Pruth and now occupy the entire Russian province of Bessarabla, which recently declared its independence. Bolshevik troops have been defeated in several battles and have withdrawn from the province.

tion came after Bessarabia had appealed for assistance to check the ravages of Russian troops which were pillaging the One force of 300,000 Russians, for-

merly under command of General Tcherbatchoff, have been driven across

The Rumanian situation, while serious,

istry, rather than suffer the humiliation of submitting to dishonorable peace, re-Public sentiment then came into action

Whether Rumania can withstand a de-Whether Rumania can write and a construct a write lermined affensive by the Central Pow-ers is problematical, military erities agree. The civilian populace is now ex-isting on one bread ration per week, to-day's cable declared. Everything is given ungrudgingly to the army, whose meraie is high in spite of its precarious results achieved at Bristol and those at the much-abused Hog Island yard; but he did not deny that there had been much greater progress in the Upper Delaware shipyard than at Hog Island. "This may be due to the fact that the

former unintentional betrayal of the Al-Rumania's ened

COPERIORT, 1915. BT THE PUBLIC LEDGER COMPANY

QUICK NEWS

HAYS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED G. O. P. CHAIRMAN

unanimously elected chairman of the Bepublican National Com-

mittee this afternoon. No other name was placed before the

CITY'S P. R. T. COMPLAINT BEFORE COMMISSION

pany will be taken up by the Public Service Commission, late

KEELS OF 4 STEEL SOLDIER PARADE

SHIPS SOON TO BE SUCCESS DEPENDS

LAID AT BRISTOL ON BAKER'S WORD

HARBISBURG, Feb. 13 .- Complaint of the city of Philadelphis against the service of the Philadelphia Bapid Transit Som-

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 13 .- Will H. Hays, Indiana, was

PRICE TWO CENTS

NIGHT

EXTRA

TIMES BUILDING. CITY LANDMARK IS FIRE-SWEPT

Blaze of Mysterious Origin Wrecks Structure at 8th and Chestnut Sts.

MAN SLIDES DOWN ROPE

Thrilling Escapes of Tenants as Flames Eat Up \$25,000

in Their Rapid Spread

TIMES BUILDING FIRE FACTS ORIGIN—In offices of firm engaged on Government contract. Mystery, Passers-by say they heard explosion, Occupants of building and fire mar-shall deny explosion, 1.088—\$23,000.

1.088-825,000. INSURANCE-Fully covered. OWNER-C. F. Rumpp, Fifth and Cherry streets, leather manufac-

REASON FOR FOUR ALARMS-Low water pressure and shortage of

Bremen. ESUAPES-C. M. Wennels alld down rope in pajamas. Isadore Sagoraky and clerks ran for lives after rescu-ing \$100,000 worth of diamonds. Slates from roof endangered dire-men. Tower and east wall threat-eaed to fail at any moment.

A spectacular four-alarm fire swept the upper portion of the old Times Buildmorning. Starting at about 8 o'clock in the rear of the second floor where Eugene Dietzgen has been doing Government work on drawing instruments the fire raced up a dumb waiter shaft and in less than five minutes the third, fourth and fifth floors of the building were

The Washington's Birthday parade of blazing. Much mystery is aroused by the fact The keels of four steel merchant ships will be laid at the yard of the Merchants' Shipbuilding Corporation, at Description of the philadelphia National Army men from Merchants' Shipbuilding Corporation, at Description of the philadelphia National Army men from Camp Meade, Md., cn Broad street ap-troached reality today.

 ment-controlled inpy area to the accomplished facts at Bristol was paid by Admiral Bowles, following this inspection of the plant yesterday.
The question of whether or not traffic conditions will permit the transporting of the premises indicated the fre started in a toilet in the rear hall of the second infantry from Camp Meade to Philation of the source of the all of the second infantry from Camp Meade to Philation at right angles from the offices occupied by Sagersky.
The work was credited to the accomplete in five months "he said. "The work was credited to form the offices occupied by Sagersky.
Madmiral Bowles refrained from makroom being in flames. The door was not burning from the one-ide. Crawford said that so far as he thew Dietagen's manager was not at the of-fices yesterday, it being Lincoln's Birth-day. The manager lives in New Jer-sey and drives in every day, but was not seen about the place until this morning. Gallagher stated that it seemed to him that if any one wanted to injure Gov-crament work be would have first the wonders with the traffic conditions and that congestion in eastern Pennsylvania had been relieved to such a degree that they confidently believed transportation could be furnished for Pennsylvania's "finest" without upsetting the plans for "finest" without upsetting the plans for expeditious shipments of food, fuel and

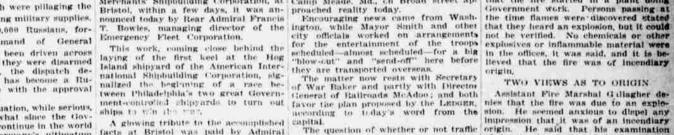
Bristol operation was started first," he war munitions, said, "Perhaps work was conducted there under greater advantages." DECISION RESTS WITH BAKER

ernment work he would have fired the Dietzgen factory, which is located in New Jersey, and not the little offices In spite of his query, the decision about the soldier-boy parade appears to be entirely in the hands of Secretary Baker. It rests with him whether he will permit the usen to make the trip of the under the soldiers. here.

TENANTS LOSE PROPERTY an follows:

and also whether railroad transportation

The occupants of the building were C. M. Wessels, fourth floor, where he



committee.

this afternoon.

manian protectorate with the approval of Ukraine.

the country into despondency. The Min-

morale is high in spite of its precarious position.

FAITH IN VICTORY

Islands?

"Would it not have been better," he was asked, "if the Government had picked out more Bristols and fewer Hog NO CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK

Insuring Election

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means shall be furnished them. One of Director General McAdoo's as-sistants made the significant statement "That," he replied, "is a matter of about spilled milk. Get the ships built and stop talking. Get busy, That is the program. We will never help things by threshing over old straw." Admiral Bowles was asked if there were not considerable "staging" and "camouflaging" in the laying of the first keel at Hog Island, which was promi-nently mentioned by George J, Baldwin, judgment. There is no good in talking

Will Begin Race Between Secretary Favors Turnout ing. Eighth and Chestnut streets, this Two Government-Conof Philadelphia Boys, trolled Yards Word From Washington ADMIRAL BOWLES HAPPY C A R S CAN BE HAD

tial in Europe. The warning was prompted by sensational developments of the last few weeks throughout Ger-man Switzerland. Labor troubles are increasing. Purely

political strikes have already occurred. Others are brewing. I am told they are all impired by "foreigners not belong-ing to Allied countries."

LABORITES' DEMANDS

The latest menace came from the rad-ical Laborites, foreign-led, in the shape of an ultimatum to the Government, de-manding withdrawal of certain war of an ultimatum to , immediate release and in nification of deserters who are forced to work and complete demobilization of the army by May 1. The Laborites declared that if within. forty-eight hours after the ultimatum

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BIG APPROPRIATION BILL

Urgent Deficiency Measure in Hous Calls for More Than \$1,000,000,000

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The largest appropriation bill of the present session will be presented to the House tomorrow. will be presented to the House Comorrow. It is the urgent deficiency bill, carrying Appropriations of more than \$1,000,000,-600 to meet expenses of running the war machine up till July 1 not taken the estimates submitted to the appro-priations committee totalled \$1,600,000-600, but the committee pared off \$600,-900,000 as not absolutely necessary at this thus. Chairman Sherley and today this tiese. Chairman Sherley said today he expected the bill to be passed before Saturday night.

SIX MORE SAMMEES DEAD

General Pershing Notifies Washing ton of Further Casualties

WASHINGTON, Feb 13.—Six deaths among the American expeditionary forces in France were reported in a cable fram from General Pershing today. The dead: PRUVATE PRANK GREEN, Ferridale

PRIVATE WILLIAM ROGERS. R. F. D. 2. Blunheim, S. C. BRGEANT KENT S. RITCHIE, gun-shoi wound, 2001 North Pennsylvania Street. Indianspolis, Ind. PRIVATE JAMES S. BRUMLEY, Fay-streeting.



WASHINGTON. Feb. 13.—Horizontal increases in pay for all Government em-ployes will be carried in a bill soon to be drafted by the House appropriation committee. Chairman Sherley said today. The increases will probably range from 16 to 20 per cent. that the over to the allen property admin-istrator, A. Mitchell Palmer. Pederal authorities today said that the law firm of Pritchard, Saul. Bayard & Evans, in the Land Title Building,

Boche trenches in anticipation of an inwas acting as counsel for Mrs. Fischer and that they were busily engaged in transferring stocks held in her and Fischer's names to other ostensible ownmounting cost of living has fantry onslaught. There was little infantry action during

caused many representatives to intro-duce bills granting increases to the em-ployes of various departments during the present session. These bills will be While no woman can be interned as

While no woman can be interned as the law now stands, if the wife of Fischer can be held on any civil charge or if she or the other members of the firm of Schutte-Koerting Company have violated any civil law, they will be

rrested at once.

Curfew Law Now in Bordentown BORDENTOWN, N. J., Feb. 13.-The City Commissioners of Bordentown at their meeting last night passed the cur-few ordinance for Bordentown on its third reading, prohibiting children under sixteen years of age from being on the streets at night after 3 o'clock, unless accompanied by parents or their guard-lass.

\$50,000 Fire Loss in Shenandoah portsvill.LE. Pa., Feb. 13.—A fire entailing a loss of \$50,000 destroyed a jarge warehouse and its contents of flour, hay and grain on West Coal street, Shen-andosh, today, belonging to Conville Bros., of Shenandoah. It is believed crossed wires was the origin. British and French Liners Safe.

BUNINESS CAREER OF PETER FLINT,

ultimate triumph.

tatesmen here say. Diplomatic Washington was prepared at Brest-Litovsk, Rumania's collapse

momentarily. Today's

ADAMS WITHDRAWS; RAIN FLOODS BUFFALO

HAYS TO LEAD G. O. P. NAVY YARD TROLLEYS men Rescued From Ice Floe

Iowan Will Nominate Indiana Man for National Chairman,

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 13. 100 fishermen were rescued from an ice flob which had broken loose from the south shore of Lake Erie. Five of the John T. Adams, of lowa, today announced his withdrawal from the confishermen, who were adrift on a smaller floe, were brought in by the coast guara in a powerboat. test for chairman of the Republicar National Committee. He will place Will

H. Hays, of Indiana, in nomination this AVIATOR EXPECTED TO DIE

Son of General March, Injured Yes-terday, in Serious Condition situation was canvassed from all sides, but just what led to the withdrawal of FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 13 .- The

Adams was not divulged. Hays is the candidate of the Perkins-du Pont contingent and today Senator death of Lieutenant Peyton C. March, Jr., injured late yesterday when his airplane crashed a thousand feet to earth, was expected momentarily today. according to base hospital authorities at

be rose, of Pennsylvania, joined his forces with Perkins and du Pont. Thereafter Hays's stock rose appreci-ably and it became apparent even to those not on the inside that Adams could Hicks Field. His skull was crushed. Mrs. John Milliken, of Washington. D. C., was reported en route to the bednot win. Sharges and counter-charges of pro-

side. Lieutenant March is the son of Major General Peyton C. March, who is to become chief of staff.

REPORT SHIP TORPEDOED

U-Boat Lands Thirty-seven Survivors of Oferino at Canary Islands MADRID, Feb. 13 .--- The steamship

MADRID. Feb. 13.—The steamship Oferino has been torpedoed, it was re-ported here today. Thirty-seven sur-vivors are said to have been towed by the submarine and landed at the Canary

Lloyd's has no records of such a vestionality.

Two City Appointments

City appointments today include Wil-liam E. Staff, 5511 York road, teacher, Board of Recreation, \$1000, and Thomas J. Bolden 1106 Filswater street, clerk, Bureau of Water, \$200

Peter Shields Home From France Peter Shields, a real estate operator, of 1651 Walnut street, has returned to

Philadelphia after a visit to France on a special mission for the United States, Government, the nature of which he would not discuss.

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n fixtures. The Confectioners' Journal, third oor, lost furniture and valuable rec-Continued on Page Five, Column Two

United Cig ir Stores Company, ground floor, loss rlight, mostly from

The Philadelphia Jeweiry Exchange, the Philadelphia Shoe Shining Com-pany and a billiard hall in the base-

Peoples Takes Up Plans for Improved League Island Service

'Women First" Rule **Applies** to Trolleys

THE rule of "women first" ap plies to P. R. T. trolley cars This assures the election of as well as to ships torpedoed by German U-boats, according to a ruling made today by Magistrate Harris, at the Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue po-

lice station. Henry Jackson, a negro, was sent to jail for five days, accused of complicating the problem of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company at Eighty - seventh street and Eastwick avenue this Germanism flew thick and fast in the morning hours. The latest fling was at morning by knocking down sev-Hays Elias D. Salisbury, of Indian-apolle, chairman of the Progressive State Committee, telegraphed every member of the committee charging that eral women in his haste to board a car. Jackson, nicknamed member of the committee charging that the Hays progressive organ in Indiana catered to the German vote. Salisbury's wire said: In Indiana the progressive preten-sion of Will H Hays is a joke. He did not and cannot bring the pro-gressive vote back. In 1916 the Hays organ catered to the German vote and with it carried Indiana. Indiana progressives will not approve of auch practice and will never stand for the Hays-Goodrich-Hemingway-Keat-ing leadership. Outsiders may be fooled by their pretensions, but the boys at home kno wthem. Hays is in Indianapolis, where he is "Cannon Ball," caused the trouble after he had been compelled to stand, he said, from 5 to 7:30 a. m. waiting for a car.

Rear Admiral Christian J. Peoples. who arrived here today to investigate trolley transportation to the Philadelphia Navy Yard, said that he would try to remedy matters along constructive lines. He was accompanied from Washington by Louis McH. Howe, transit ex-

Hays is in Indianapolis, where he is attending to his duties as chairman of the Indiana State Council of Defense. His home is at Sullivan, Ind., where he pert of the Navy Department. Rear Admiral Peoples indicated that practices law. He is about forty years

the Indiana State Council of Defense. Its home is at Sullivas, Ind., where he ractices law. He is about forty years f age. Hays has served his party in Indiana h umble as well as important posi-tons. His first political job was the hairmanship of his precinct committee in 1890. From 1904 to 1908 he was hairman of the Republican Committee t his county. In 1905 he was made a

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o lived in a rear aparts also free in a year apartment. The paintings and objects of art, which were ill destroyed. Eugene Dietzgen, second floor, maker of drawing instruments for the Gov-ernment, where the fire was dis-

overed Isidor Sagorsky, second floor, a dia-ond merchant, who lost about \$3000

ADMIRAL HERE TO SPUR

TOWER THREATENS TO FALL Much concern was caused by the fact that the tower surmounting the build-ing listed dangerously and the Chestnut ing listed dangerously and the Chestnut street wall also sagged badly. Fin-ployes of the Gates Candy Store, Sar-noff-Irving hat store, American Typs-writing Machine Company store, Hol-lander-Fleshman Company store, Hol-lander-Fleshman Company and Cubs Junction cigar store, tenauts of Chest-nut street portions of the building, were ordered out of those establishments. Weeders subscoundity began returned

ordered out of those establishments. Wreckers subsequently began removes of the ruined tower as soon as the metal supports cooled sufficiently to per-mit them to work. The firemen did not leave the building until after noon. Before the arrival of a crew of wreckers from Otto J. Fuchs's entab-lishment, 130 South Fifteenth street, firemen directed a high pressure cross fire on the tower but it failed to bring it down. it down.

It down. Occupants and others who claimed to know say that the loss to building and contents will exceed the \$25,000 esti-mate made by the owner. The upper floors and tower are gone, while the lower floors are damaged by debris and

water. The sign on the Regal Shos Store across Eighth street at the southess corner, caught fire early but was soon extinguished.

The building, which is a landma the city, was owned by H. C. Ru the city, was owned by H. C. Rumpy, leather goods manufacturer, of Fifth, and Cherry streets, and its values is estimated at \$25,000. The agent for the building is J. A. Patterson, of 134 South Filteenth street. The rapidity with which the fames

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THE WEATHER FORECAST

> For Philadelphia and vicinity: 1 and slightly colder tanight, with 1 est temperature about 35 degree Thuesday fair; sentle winds

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Hays has served us party in triana other in humble as well as important posi-tions. His first political job was the Mic chairmanship of his precinct commit-the, in 1900. From 1904 to 1908 he was chairman of the Republican Committee ior, of his county. In 1908 he was made a

patrolling and sniping, but no clashes oc-curred. The unusually good visibility prevail-ing today brought out numerous Ailied and enemy airplanes. The sky was periodically broken out with black and white shell puffs. An Omaha reserve lieutenant dined comfortably at the officers' club tonight, after a narrow escape from death or capture during a dsylight raid over the Mets industrial region. The Omaha officer and numerous other Americans, fying with a French squadron, encoun-tered stiff opposition from enemy air-planes. The Nebraskan turned his machine gun on a Boche, who returned the fre. The Nebraskan's machine was literally riddled and its gas tank was punctured. But he dropped his bombs and returned to his own lines. "It hink I'm going to like this bombing game," he said, then asked for a second helping of loc cream. velt's condition continues to improve. His physicians today said they were greatly cheered over the progress he

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 13-A United States transport, which went ashore yenterday in the fog near the north end of Beach Haven, was floated this morn-

etteville, Tenn. BIVATE BISRT HOWARD, railroad accident, Clare, Mich UVATE JOR GABTON, railroad ac-stdent, Washington, B.C.

U. S. TRANSPORT FLOATED

ROOSEVELT PROGRESSING

Condition Continues to Improve.

Doctors Are Cheered

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 .--- Colonel Roose

10 to 20 per cent.

The