

from the thick masses of German In reply to 'the first American comassailants have been added to the formed the State Department that its piles behind which their surviving comrades have sought brief pro-

ments, already cut to pieces, were pushed ahead by other bodies of treops surging on the field of battle until the ground was strewn sert that nothing at Charleroi, on shells at her; that the submarine comthe Marne, along the Yser or in mander of the Petrolite refused to give the Champagne equalled the sacrifices which the troops of the Ger- bers of the tanker's crew as a hostmade for the village of Douaumont alone, in the battle of Ver-

Paris Remains Confident.

is the opinion in all quarters that he crown prince has determined to pay e price necessary to capture Verdun. possible, drive the French from the ight bank of the Meuse, and establish front along that river if he is unable o pierce the lines and open up the "ay to Chalons and Parts.

All information thus far received inlicates that the Germans already have paid a very heavy price and that Vere iun itself has not yet been shaken. The ultimate cost of the drive is probematical. Paris remains confident that Germans will find it impossible to chieve eventual success. This feelng has been made still more pronounced by the recitals of the wounded and of German soldiers.

French infantry is disputing every nch of the ground with persistent ourage, and last night once more comadversaries to suspend lled their heir efforts, leaving artifiery alone to ep up the pressure on the fortress. Whenever the German assault on the reach line reached the danger point, he blue-clad troops leaped forward with fixed bayonets to the strains of he national battle hymn. Accounts of this fighting from French sources say that on each occasion the soldiers of the republic got the better of their opnents, pushing back Germans who lid not fall under the cold steel. Rain fell over the battlefield today,

ater turning into snow, as was the case on the fourth day of the battle.

Village Smoking Ruins.

The determination of the German attacks on the village of Douaumont are uplained by the strategic advantage the height to the south held by the

reach barring the way to the basion and fort. The village itself, composed of about 50 houses, now is only oking ruins. It is dominated, toother with the ravines at the foot of

le advanced bastions of the fort, by French batteries massed on the

plateau and heights in the rear, so that e instant the Germans came to the earing from the woods and ravines hey are immediately exposed to a alling fire.

There was no official news this afernoon regarding the issue of the said he did not feel well. His body struggle for the village, out there were was found by a servant bringing him idications that the French have it coffee.

munication on the subject Austria inversion of the affair was that the submarine commander thought the Petro-American flag; that he fired on the ves-

Each time remnants of regi- der of the Petrolite voluntarily furnished provisions when asked to do so. the way to Paris. The State Department since has secured additional information from the coptain and crew of the Petrolite directly contradictory to the Austrian version. They have declared in affidavits that the Petrolite was stopped submarine which fiered a number of mander asked for food, which the comhim, and that the commander of the submarine then held one of the memage while his men went aboard the

CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AT ST. LOUIS COMES TO CLOSE

Resolutions Adopted Declaring for Universal Military Training.

St. Louis, March 4 .- The two day conference of Mayors on National Defense at its final business session this for universal military training and for the construction of a navy that would

power in the world. The resolutions also declare arsenals and munition making plants should be located at places distant from either coast or the Mexican or Canadian boundaries and also call for the mobilization of the physical resources of the country the standardization of war materials and the organization of transportation services.

PRESIDENT WILSON DENOUNCES STORY ABOUT RESIGNATION

Report That He Was Considering It "Roasted" From White House

Washington, March 4 .- Aroused by the publication of reports yesterday that President Wilson, because of the strain of the foreign situation, was considering resigning from office, the White House today issued this formal

statement: "When Secretary Tumulty's attention was called to story appearing in certain papers that the President had resigned or was considering resigning, he said:

"An American newspaper that would publish a story of that kind in a situation like the one which now confronts America, dishonors itself."

AMERICAN CONSUL WILLIAM F. KELLEY AT ROME DEAD.

Body Will be Buried Temporarily Then Brought to America.

Rome, March 4, via Paris-William F Kelley, the American consul here, was found dead in a chair shortly before the breakfast hour today. Death was probably due to heart disease.

Mr. Kelley arose as usual today, but

laurels so far won and leave the continuation of the battle to their artil-

Paris advices show that no doubt remains in the minds of the French there lite an enemy ship disguised with the is anything in the nature of a feint in the German effort, the belief existing coast guard cutter Apacae picked up sel because he believed it was about that the Crown Prince has determined the Rockland-Lockport. Both of them to ram his ship, and that the comman- to capture Verdun and if possible break through the French line and open up There has been some fighting further

south on the line in the west, the Germans reporting the repulse of a French attack in Lorraine, in which the French had some initial success, but were forced to relinquish the ground taken. Elsewith bodies. Eye-witnesses as- in the Mediterranean by an Austrian where there has been comparative quiet, while from none of the other European war fronts are events of moment reported.

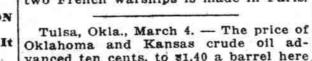
Way to Bagdad Further Opened. The Russian occupation of Bitlis, in Turkish Armenia, is regarded in Petrograd as a development of first rate importance, opening further the way to man crown prince already have ship and took such stores as they de- Bagdad for the Russian armies. That goal is a long distance away yet from the Russians headed southward toward Mesopotamia, but the military observers already have mapped out the probable routes for Grand Duke Nicholas

armies over the 400-mile stretch to a junction with the British on the Tigris. In addition and of more immediate in erest, is the bringing out of the points that the Turks will be greatly hamper ed in bringing up reinforcements for

their army that met defeat at Erzerum afternoon adopted resolutions declaring and is retreating westward, while the southward thrust by the Russians has driven a wedge between the Turkish make the United States the first naval forces west of Lake Van in Armenia and those operating tot the east in

On the naval side of the conflict, the German admiralty has reported the sinking of two French auxiliary eruisers and a British patrol boat, while from the Mediterranean comes the report of the sinking of the Italian steamer Giava, a 2,600 ton boat, by an

Austrian submarine. Unofficial denial of the German claim to the sinking of two French warships is made in Paris.



vanced ten cents, to \$1.40 a barrel here today, setting a new high record. In that our troops attacked the position addition to the posted price, many buy- without firing a shot. The attack was

ers are reported to be paying premiums of between 25 and 40 cents a barrel.



Washington, March 4 .- The submarine K-6 en route south for winter maneuvers at Key Wess, has developed

The Upton was driven far out to sea but the other barge managed to anchor off the capes. The coast guard cutter

today at 2 3-4 cents on the dollar. Onondaga picked up the Upton after searching for her several hours. The

were towed into Hampton Roads. The Norwegian steamer Carolle narrowly escaped striking the beach near Cape Henry during the gale tast night. Coast guards at Virginia Beach saw her lights through the snow and fired rockets to warn her of the danger. She managed to make her way farther out to sea. She is said to have been blown off her course. Marine men expect further reports of accidents due to the gale

Steamer Probably Reached.

Reports received here tonight indi cate that the wrecking tug Rescue, which left here today to go to the assistance of the Clyde steamer Apache, had gotten a line to that vessel which was reported to be 75 miles north of Cape Henry. The Apache was caught in the severe gale which swept the Virginia coast last night. She is reported to have been blown off her course and in her struggles against igh winds and seas, her propeller shaft broke

She sent out severar wireless call for assistance which were answered by the coast guard cutter Apache and the tug Rescue. The latter will tow the steamer to New York.

The coast guard cutter Onondaga today picked up the barge Upton, which broke away from the tug John C. Candler during last night's gale. The barge was found 50 miles below the capes Both of her anchors mad been carried away. The crew were in an exhausted condition from exposure and their experience in the gale.

ATTACKED WITHOUT FIRE.

Twenty-Krupp Guns Captured by Russians at Bitlis.

Petrograd, via London, March 4. -The following official communcation regarding the capture of Bitlis has been issued by the war office:

"Details of the capture of Bitlis show made at night during a snow storm. About 3 o'clock in the morning a bayonet charge was ordered and the Turks, ing, as a result of which the defenders,

who fought with the greatest despera-Aiken, S. C., March 4 .- Fifth Cavalry polo team of Fort Myer today, defeated

the Camden, S. C. team 4 1-2 tot 4 1-4 in the annual tournament in progress here. Play for the Partridge cup stakes will take place Monday. The tournament continues through March

San Jose, Cal., March 4 .- Hal Chase, the baseball player, was arrested here today on a charge of failure tot provide for his minor child. The warrant was sworn to by Mrs. Nellie Chase, the first baseman's former wife. Chase was released on \$2,000 bail.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.

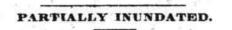
restored and that an immense tract known as the Negrete ranch, be turned over to them, it is said. Carranza currency was offered here

SEVERAL TAKEN PRISONER.

Villa Troops Reported to Have Made Raid on San Pedro.

Douglas, Ariz., March 4 .- Two hundred Villa troops are advancing toward El Tigre, Sonora, from San Pedro, Chihuahua, where they looted stores and carried away a number of townspeople as prisoners last night, according to an official report received here today by Ives LeLevier, consul of the de facto Mexican government. Government troops are being sent to El Tigre to reinforce the garrison.

The Villa troops were reported passing through Ojitas pass, near the Chihuahua-Sonora state ine. By forced marches it was pointed out they could occupy El Tigre before sufficient reinforcements could arrive to black their way. Twenty Americans are at El' Tigre employed in the mines.



Business Section of Harrisonburg, La is Being Rapidly Flooded.

Natchez, Miss., March 4 .- Harrison burg, parish seat of Catahoula parish, tonight was reported partially inun-Black river. The business section of Other reasons contributing to the de- the War Department. the town is being rapidly flooded and lay included: high portions of the town were being used as storage places for movable

stocks of goods.

Washington, March 4-President Wilsons today directed that Lieut. Robert W. Adams, of Texas, attached to the infantry on the Mexican border, be requiring a straight vote on a warndropped from the army for absence without leave. Lieutenant Adams, after his arrest on a charge of embezzletrips ment, disappeared and is now believed to be in Mexico.

New Orleans, March 4 .- The United States hattleship Kentucky, which was detained at the mouth of the Mississippi river because of the formation of a mud lump in the channel, was reported tonight to have passed safely over the bar and was proceeding up the river to New Orleans.

after a desperate resistance, were dis-lodged. The Turkish artillery position was stormed after hand-to-hand fight-**KILLED BY A WOMAN**

> Shot Down in Church Before Several Members.

Several Sisters Were Kneeling at the Altar When Shots Were Fired-Woman Claims the Priest Had Wronged Her.

St. Paul, Minn., March 4 .- Rev. Henry its preamble is burdened with requests

or later would follow the lead of the Secretary Garrison are retained, al-Senate in killing the warning pro- though in altered form, and by addiposals. The problem of framing a par- tional proposal for organization of inliamentary plan, however, which will dustrial reserves in peace times goes have the necessary committee sainc- even further than the administration tion, and which will be assured of ac- had suggested. ceptance by the House itselsef, remain-The House committee's bill will be introduced Monday. There is no vital

ed unsolved. Bryan to Complicate Matters. Some representatives professed ee in the arrival in the capital of the final bill, which will be agreed William Jennings Bryan, who filled a upon in joint conference committee.

speaking engagement here tonight, alhas passed both houses, the President development which might further com- will be able to affix his signature to a plex the situation confronting the Pres- measure that will do more than he has ident's supporters in the House. Mr. asked toward building up an adequate Bryan conferred during the afternoon National defense. with many of his friends, including Aside from its plan virtually to some members of Congress, and dis- double the regular army and National cussed the movement for a congres- Guard, the Senate bill has four strik-

sional warning, which he is known to ing features. They are: favor. He denied, however, as did those with whom he talked, that he was on the ground to help organize opposition volunteer force in peace times, the obto the Persident's desires.

ject sought by Secretary Garrison in House leaders advanced many reaurging the continental army plan. sons in support of their decision Authorization for a definitely enlistagainst a vote today or Monday on the ed reserve in peace times among men recommendation of the Foreign Af- of every profession or calling, whose fairs committee that the McLemore training fits them for special duty warning resolution be tabled. Promi- either with troops, on lines of communication or supply or in machine

nent among them was the failure of the rules committee to agree after a long shops and munitions plants. session on what sort of rule should be brought in to govern debate

an members.

under a pay provision designed to Acting Chairman Pou and Represen- bring this force immediately into such tative Garrett, of the committee, went relations with the Federal government, to the White House tonight to discuss that its training, equipment, and perdated by overflow waters from the that feature with President Wilson, scnnel will be under supervision of

> Authorization for an officers' reserve Cause of the Delay. and a reserve officers' training corps Insistence of some Democrats, inwhich would take in graduates from cluding Democratic Leader Kitchin, military schools and colleges and prothat instead of voting on the Foreign vide for their fuhther development to Affairs committee recommendation to command.

dimerence between the two measures

Four Striking Features.

Authorizing of a purely fundamental

Federalization of the National Guard

and both committees believe that when

table Representative McLemore's reso-For the regular army the bill prolution, there be reported a substitute vides a peace strength within five years of 178,000 men of all arms, or approxiing resolution. mately 165,000 fighting troops. The

Absence of many Democratic mem- percentage of men in each company, pers from Washington on week-end battery or troops at peace strength would be increased in the interests of

Unwillingness of Speaker Clark to efficiency and the full war strength entertain a tabling motion on Monday would be 250,000. The army would which is unanimous consent day. consist of 65 infantry, 25 cavalry and Pleas of Indiana Democrats that no 21 field artillery regiments, in addition ote be taken before the Indiana pri- to the staff and other special corps naries are held next Tuesday. and the coast artillery. The mobile The desire of many members for army in continental United States the longest possible delay in the hope would consist of four infantry divisthat they never will have to go on ions and two divisions of cavalry. Corcord with the proposition. responding increases in the number of

Doubt as to the temper of Republigeneral officers would be made, and the rank and pay the lieutenant gen-An informal meeting of Democratic eral would be given to the chief of

members of the Rules committee, Mastaff. jority Leader Kitchin, Chairman Flood Completely Reorganize Army. of the Foreign Affairs committee, and The bill provides for complete re-

the speaker was held early in the day organization of the army, legalizing which Mr. Kitchin brought forward the organization now in force under s proposal for a straight warning lepartmental regulation. The President's esolution. backers The appointment of second lieutenrefused to entertain to suggestion. ants other than graduates of the mili-

In addition to fearing the result of tary academy are made provisional for Democratic vote on a straight warn- two years before a commission is isg resolution administration leaders sued. Enlistment is fixed at seven frankly admit they are unwilling to years, four with the colors and three take chances on what the Republicans in reserve. At the end of one year of would do with such a proposal. Re- service efficient men may be dischargpublican leaders are said to be willing ed into the reserve on recommendation to aid in tabling the MvLemore resoof their commanders and at the end lution because they regard that as of two years at their own request, if

more or less of a negative action, but approved. their attitude on a clear cut warning Reservists would receive a minimum proposition probabl ywould be quite pay of \$24 a year and the President different.

would have authority to mobilize the The chief objection to the McLemore reserve in time of actual or threatened resolution as sounded by friends of hostilities.

warning resolutions generally is that As an additional inducement for recruits, provision is made that men who laieski, pastor of St. Casimirs Polish for papers that do not exist or can- have completed six years' service in Roman Catholic church here, was shot not be produced. This is not denied the army may be examined by a board by members trying to obtain a vote of officers to determine the civil occu-

