HE ALAMANCE GLEANER.

The Million Dollar Mystery

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were making every possible kidnap Florence Hargreave. One afternoon he paid Florence

visit. Of course he told her nothing

They had become secretly engaged the day after he had rescued her from the auto bandits. They were secretly

engaged because Florence wanted it

ing. Why should he? He had trou-bles enough. As a matter of fact, Norton was afraid of him in the same

sense as a boy is afraid of a police-

But on this day, when the time

came, he accosted the butler and drew-him into the pantry.

"Jones, they are after me now."

Norton briefly recounted the deliberate attempts against his life.
"You see, I'm not liar enough to say that I'm not worried. I am, dev-

eem determined to put me out of it."
"To any other man I would say

travel. But to you I say when you leave your rooms don't go where you first thought you would—that is, some usual haunt. They'll be everywhere,

near your restaurants, your clubs, your office. You're a methodical young man; become erratic. Keep away from here for at least three days, but

always call me up by telephone some time during the day. Never under any circumstance, unless I send for you, come here at night. Only one man

day, but five are prowling around after dark. They might have instruc-

thority to say what Florence should or

Love, in the midst of all these

renely, like an actor who had missed

Oddly enough, there was no rea

about. A pressure of the hand, a

orable day on the river road-had he

kissed her. No word of love had been

was hanny, for he had no time to plan

over the future. Away from her he saw the inevitable barriers providing

young man and a very rich young woman. A man who has any respect for himself wants always to be on

equal terms with his wife. It's the

way this peculiar organization called

to his den, there to care for her and to guard her with his life's blood. It is one of the few primitive sensations

that remain to us, this wanting the fe-

Only Susan suspected the true state of affairs, being a woman. Having had no real romance herself, she delighted in having a second-hand one, as you might say. She intercepted

weeding was already rull drawn in her mind's eye. These two young people should be married at Susan Farlow's when the roses were climbing up the sides of the house and the young rob-ins were boldly trying their fuzzy wings. It struck her as rather strange,

the minister, the bridegroom, and the

By forsaking his accustomed haunts

There was no longer a shadow op-

Posite the apartments of the Princess
Perigoff. Braine came and went night
ly without discovering any one. This
rather worried him. It gave him the

and fall in love!

against the marriage between a poo

Sharp, desperate rogues on

which to make the disclosure.

watches the house during the

ly worried. I'm not worth any om. I'm in the way, and they

"You? Explain."

CHAPTER VIII.

The Wiles of a Wor After the affair of the auto bandits-

three of whom were killed-a lull followed. If you're a sailor you know what kind of a lull I mean—blue-black clouds down the southwest horizon, the water crinkly, the booms wabbling. Suddenly a series of "accidents" began to happen to Norton: At first he did not give the matter much thought. The safe which fell almost at his feet and crashed through the sidewalk merely induced him to believe he was lucky. At another time an automo bile came furiously around a corne only amazing agility saved him from bodily hurt. The car was out of sight

when he thought to recall the number Only a desperate grab by one of the guards saved him from being crushed to death. Even then he thought noth ing. But when a new box of cigarettes arrived and he tried one and found it strangely perfumed, and, upon further analysis, found it to contain a Java

nese narcotic, a slow but sure death, were after him. He began to walk carefully, to keep in public places as

He was not really afraid of death, but he did abhor the thought of its coming up from behind. Except for the cigarettes they were all dents:" he could not have proved anything before a jury of his intimate

He never entered an elevator without scrupulous care. He never passed under coverings over the sidewalks where construction was going on. Still, careful as he was, death confronted him once more. It was his habit to have his coffee and rollshe rarely ate anything more for his breakfast—set down outside his door every morning. The coffee, being in a silver thermos bottle, kept its heat for



Norton Put His Arms Around Her hours. When he took the stopper out and poured forth a cup it looked oddly black, discolored. It is quite probabl cidents" he would have drunk a cup-and died in mortal agony. It con-

tained bichloride of mercury. Very quietly he set about to make inquiries. This was really becoming inquiries. This was really becoming serious. In the kitchens downstairs bothing could be learned. The maid seek a wife and drag her by the hair to his den there to care for her and had set the thermos bottle before the door at 10:30. Norton had opened the knew perfectly well why all the things "happened;" he had interfered with the plans of the scoundrels who

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out what he had been seeking and no longer needed to watch the coming and going of either himself or the

"Olga, it looks as if we were at the sagely.

"Or God," replied the countess gloomily. "In nearly every instance their success has been due to chance. Somehow I'm convinced that we began wrong. We should have let Hargreavo escape quietly, followed him, and made him fast when the right opand made him tast when the right op-portunity came. After a month or so his vigilance would have relaxed; he would have arrived at the belief that

"Indeed!" ironically. "He wasn't vigilant all these years in which he did elude us. How about the child he never sought but guarded? Vigilance! He never was anything else all these seventeen years. The truth is, success has developed a coarseness in our methods. And now it is too late for finesse. We have tried every device we can think of; and there they are the girl free, Norton unharmed, and the father as secure in his retreat as

"The two are in love with each oth-"Are you sure of that?"

"I have my eyes. But I begin to "About what?"

"Whether or not Jones suspects me and is giving me rope to hang myself with. called in and told what has really happened. They are totally at sea. And what has become of the man over the

"By the Lord Harry!" exclaimed Braine, clapping his hands. "I believe I've solved that. We shot a man com-ing out of Hargreave's. Since then there's been no one across the way. One and the same man!'

"No. You say they are in love?" "Secretly. I don't believe the butler has an inkling of it. It is possible, however, that Susan has caught the trend of affairs. But, being rather romantic, she will in no wise inter-

spare you just at present, Mr. Nor-ton. You've been a godsend; and if Braine smoked in silence. Presit seems that sometimes I did not trust you fully it was because I did not care to drag you in too deep." ently a smile twisted his lips.
"You have thought of something?"

"You might try it," he said. "They Deep? Norton thought of Florence and smiled inwardly. Could anybody be in deeper than he was? Once it was on the tip of his tongue to con-fess his love for Florence, but the have accepted your friendship; whether with ulterior purpose remains to be learned. She has been to your apartments two or three times to tea gravity of Jones' countenance was an and always got home safely." "No." she said determinedly. "Noth

ing shall happen here. I will not To be sure, Jones had no real autake the risk. "Wait till I'm through. Break up

should not do with her heart. Still, from all points of view; it was better to keep the affair under the rose till the romance in suc a way that the girl will bar Norton from the house. That's what we've been aiming at; to get rid of that meddling reporter. there came a more propitious hour in We've tried poisons. Try your kind."

"Ah! I understand. You want me one side, millions on the other, and yet love could enter the scene seto win him away from her. It cannot

love-making such as you often read tricks. You can easily manage to put him into an equivocal position out of which he cannot possibly squirm so far as the girl is concerned. A little melodrama, arranged for the benefit anything more. Only once—that memof Florence. Fall into Norton's arms spoken on either side. In that wild moment all conventionalities had disat the right moment, or something like that."
"I suppose I could. But if I failed appeared like smoke in the wind.

ture, only the present in which they knew that they loved. With her he in your own particular work. "You're too damnably clever to fail thing has got to be done to keep those two apart. I've often thought of raiding the house boldly and carrying off the whole family, Susan and all. But a wholesale affair like that would b too noisy. Think it over, Olga; we the boss over here they never cea to watch me. They'll make me answer for a failure like this."
She eyed him speculatively. "You

"O, the money doesn't matter. It's the game. It's the game of playing fast and loose with society, of pilfering with it with one hand and making it kow-tow with the other. It's the

sport of the thing. What was your thought?" "We could go away together, to "And tire of each other within a month," he retorted shrewdly. "No; we are in the same boat. We could not live but for this never ending excitement. And, more than that, we never could get far enough away from the long arm of the First Ten. We'll have to stick it out here. Can't you

"Yes, I can see." "Yes, I can see."

But in her heart she knew that she would have lived in a hut with this man till the end of her days. She abhorred the life, though she never, by the slighest word, let him become aware of it. There was always that abiding fear that at the first sign of abiding fear that at the first sign of weakness he would desert her. And she was wise in her deductions. Braine was loyal to her because she held his interest. Once that failed, he would be off and away.

he would be off and away.

The next afternoon the countess, having matured her plans against the happiness of the young girl who trusted her, drew up before the Hargreave place and alighted. Her wel-

snow where to mag him. He are his breakfasts haphazardly, now here, now there. He received most of his assignments by telephone and wrote his stories and articles in his club, in the writing rooms of hotels, and in-variably dispatched them to the office variably dispatched them to the office by messenger. The managing editor wanted to know what all this meant; but Norton declined to tell him.

It irked him to be forced to real-range his daily life—his habits. It was a revolution against his ease, for he loved case when he was not at work. He had the sensation of having been suddenly robbed of his home, of having been cast out into the streets.

And on top of all this he had to go and fall in love!

come was the same as ever, and this strengthened her confidence.

The counters was always gesticulating. Her hands fluttered to emphasize her words. And the beautiful diamond solitairs caught the girl's eye. She seized the hand. Having an effair of her own, it was natural that when the same as ever, and this strengthened her confidence.

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"I never saw that ring before."
"A gift of yesterday." The countees assumed a shy air which would have deceived St. Anthony. She

"Is he rich?"

"No. Aloney should not matter when your heart is involved."

As this thought was in accord with ther own, Florence nodded her head "Sealed and brave, honest and reliable in a pinch; but as the husband of the company of the company

end of our rope," he said discouragedly.
"We have failed in all attempts so far.
The devil watches over that girl."
"It is nothing serious. Just a fancy.
I shall never marry again. Men are
gay deceivers; they always have been



A Little Melodrama Arranged for the Benefit of Florence.

and always will be. Perhaps I'm a bit wicked; but I rather like to prove my Not once have the police been theory that all men are weak. If I in and told what has really hap had a daughter I'd rather have her be man's drudge. I distrust every man I know. I came to ask you and Susan

> "To be sure we will!"
> "Simple little fool!" thought the Russian on the way home. "She shall

see."

"I believe the countess is engaged to be married," said Florence to

"Indeed, miss?"
"Yes. I couldn't get anything defi-nite out of her, but she had a beautifull ring on her finger. She wants
Susan and me to go to the opera with
her tonight. Will that be all right?"

Jones gazed abstractedly at the rug. Whenever a problem bothered him he seemed to find the so ution in the delicate patterns of the Persian rugs. Finally he nodded. "I see no reason why you should not go. Only, watch

tell me if you are in direct commu-

"Yes, Miss Florence," he answered omptly. "But do not breathe this promptly. to a single soul, neither Susan nor

"I promise that. But, ah! hasten the day when he can come to me without fear."

"That is my wish also."
"You need not call me miss. Why "It might not be wise to have any

one hear me call you thus familiarly he objected gravely.
"Please yourself about that. Now I must telephone Jim.

"Jim?" the butler murmured. He caught the word which was not intended for his ears. But for once Jones had been startled out of him- 000; Cape Fear River below Wilming

"Is it wrong for me to call Mr. Norton Jim?" she asked with a bit of

"It is not considered quite the propgrew up with him from childhood."

y Hargreave's daughter.

"No, there is nothing to prove that distant. you are his daughter. But hasn't it ever occurred to you that there might be a purpose back of this? Might it 6 and 2 not be of inestimable value that your father's enemies should be le" Might it not be a means of them on the leash? There is doubt? proof, ample proof, my child; and when the time comes these will be shown you. But meantime put all thought of marrying Mr. Norton out

"That I refuse to do," quietly. "I Asheville citizens are making an am at least mistress of my heart; and no one shall dictate to me whom I shall or shall not marry. I love Mr. orton and he loves me, knowing that I may not be an heiress after all. And Jones bowed. This seemed to appear final to him, and nothing more

Norton did not return to his rooms

till seven. He found the telephone call and also a note in a handwriting infamiliar. He tore off the envelo and found the contents to be from

have an important news story for you. Tell no one, as I cannot be involved in the case. Cordially, Olga, Countess

in his fingers and at length rolled it into a ball and threw it into the waste basket. He, too, made a mistake; he should have kept that note. He dressed, dined, and hurried off to the He arrived ten minutes before Flor-

murmured. How long would this strange combat last? The strain was terrible. He slept but little during the nights, for his ears were always waiting for sounds. He had cast the chest into the sea, and it would take a dozen expert divers to locate it. And now, atop of all these wor-ries, the child must fall in love with

of Stanley Hargreave's daughter, that was altogether a different matter. And

he must devise some means of putting a stop to it, but— But he was saved that trouble. Mongoose and cobra, that was the game being played; the cunning of the one against the deadly venom of the other. If he forced marters he would only lay himself open to the strike of the snake. He must have patience. Gradually they were break-ing the organization, lopping off a branch here and there, but the peace of the future depended upon getting a grip on the spine of the cobra him

The trick was simple. The count. ess had news; trust her for that. She exhibited a cablegram, dated at Gib-raltar, in which the British authorities stated definitely that no such a person as William Orts, aviator, had arrived at Gibraltar. And then, as he rose, she rose also and gently precip-itated herself into his arms, just at the moment Florence appeared in the

Very simple, indeed. When a wom-an falls toward a man there is noth-ing for him to do but extend his arms to prevent her from falling. Outwardly, however, to the eye which saw only the picture and comprehended not the cause, it had all the halimarks of an affectionate embrace. Florence stood perfectly still for a

moment, then turned away.

"I beg your pardon," said the countess, "but a sudden fainting spell seize me. My heart is a bit weak." "Don't mention it" replied the gal-

lant Norton. He was as inne Florence went back home. She

wrote a brief note to Norton and in-closed the ring which she had secret-ly worn attached to a little chain around her neck. When Norton came the next day

she refused to see him. It was all over. She never wished to see him

"He says there has been some cruel sistake," said Jones.
"I saw him with the countess in his arms. I do not see any cruel mistake in that. I saw him. Tell him so.
And add that I never wish to see him

again."

Then she ran swiftly to her room, where she broke down and eried bit terly and would not be comferted by

"In heaven's name, what has hap-"Jones, there is one thing that will pened?" demanded the frantic locate me brave and happy. Will you "what has happened?"

The comedy of the whole affair lay in the fact that neither of the two suspected the countess, who consoled

them both.

(To be Continued.)

\$600,000 For Inland Waterway. gium today." . Washington. -- A \$600,000 appropris tion for the inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort Inlet, N. C., \$1, 500,000 for contining improvements on the Hudson River, to connect with the new state barge canal. among the important projects in the river and harbor bill approved by the Other appropriations approved include: James River, Virginia, \$100,000; Palmico River, N. C., \$35, 800; New River and Waterways to Beaufort, N. C., \$37,300; Cape Fear River above Wilmington, N. C., \$173, Carolina, \$50,000; Wac N. C., and S. C., \$55,00.

J. W. Murray Killed on Yacht er thing. Miss Florence, to call a young man by his first name unless you are engaged to marry him, or Mrs. W. E. Porch, wife of the manager of Ye Old Colony Inn at Beau "Well, supposing I were engaged to fort, and G. P. Dodson of Norfolk, him?" haughtily.

"That would be a very grave affair. drowned when the gasoline tanks of "That would be a very grave anair. Growned when the gasoline takes of the yacht Julia exploded recently near not wish to marry you for your Longshore River at a point about 20 money?"

"Why, Jones, you know that I and the vessel sank before any assistance of the years here." haven't a penny in the world I can ance could reach her or its occupants.

call my own! There is nothing to Mrs. J. W. Murry, who was on board prove, except your word, that I am the vessel with her husband, succeed years there is a greater demand.

Rockingnam county has 13.929 6 and 20 and 56.9 per cent of them attend school.

State Senator John S. Efird Stanley County, has made glad the congregation of the Raleigh Luth-Church \$100 with which to buy a reading desk.

aggressive effort in behalf of a training school for the western part of the

adopting as the New Year's slogar for the work in North Carolina. This past year there were between 6,000 and 7,000 members in the State.

The Baptists at Kinston will soon

pleting a \$75,000 jail built of brick and concrete and fireproof. John A. Campbell has purchased 00 acres of virgin timber land near 400 acres of virgin timber land near Asheville and will develop a big ap-

Twelve of the Buncomb County schools have formed a county-wide de-bating union with a view to selecting candidates to participate in the contest conducted at Chapel Hill each year un-

der the auspices of the University of North Carolina.

Concord will begin in a few days to extend her white way for several Frank Wood of Dunn raised 134

Gastonia vital statistics registrar re-

Bones of the Albatross are being used to a very great extent of late as mouthpieces of pipes in-stead of amber.

BIG MILITARY BILL

\$101,000,000 ARMY APPROPRIA TION BILL PASSED HAS FEW CHANGES.

AVIATION WAS DEFEATED

Artillery Appropriation is Greatly in creased-Some Funds For All Branches.

bate on the general staff of the nation-el defense the house passed without a roll call the army appropriation

bill, carrying \$101,000,000.

Advocates of immediate strengthening of the military establishment fought to the last for additional appropriations, but their efforts met with last roll call on a motion by Represenative Gardner of Massachusetts to recommit the bill with instructions to 253 to 34.

An amendment offered by Represen adventished one of the property of the property of the provided practically without opposition would prohibit use of stop watches and other "speeding up" devices in connection with so-called scientific management systems in arsenals and ships. Representaties of union labor have been fighting for this prohibition for several years.

The house also adopted an amend ment by Representative Tavenner of Hilonis to require that all munitions of war provided for in the bill shall manufactured in government

The bill which caries funds for al branches of the army during the coming fiscal year, includes \$300,000 for purchase of 25 aeroplanes, and \$50. 000 for an armored motor-car. These items and efforts to add to them, furnished texts for long discussions on use of the aeroplanes and armored motorcars in the European war. The appropriation for field artiller

Representative Guernsey of Maine urged a stronger coast defense declar-ing that if Great Britain should go to war with the United States over questions arising from the European war "her plan would be to seize the city of Portland, set Maine off into Car life there worth no more than in Bel-

FOREIGN TRADE IMPROVEMENT Sales of Foodstuffs, Clothing, etc., Have Been Unusually Large.
Washington.—Marked improvement
in the foreign frade of the United States is reflected in latest reports to the department of commerce, and official summary of which, says in

part:
"Sales of foodstuffs and certain lines of manufactures have been un usually larger in November, the latest period for which detailed information total for August last, when, by reason of the outbreak of war, our foreign trade fell to the lowest level reached in many years. In December there was further improvement, the month's exports being valued at \$246,000,000 compared with \$233,000,000 in December 1913 and within four million o the high record established in Decem

ber 1912. "An analysis of the trade figures cotton, mineral oils, naval stores, lum ber and Agricultural implements are meats, sugar, clothing and other man

ufactures especially in Europe Summer Practice Cruise. tice cruise of the midshipmen will be

through the Panama canal, and up the cording to announcement. Alabama Votes Dry Over Veto.

Montgomery , Ala.-Alabama will come a prohibition state July 1 un der two related measures which be came law wihout executive approval Within a few hours after Governor Henderson had vetoed the bills and had asked the legislature to submit the prohibition question to the voters at a special election, both houses ed down his proposal and repassed the bills by overwhelming majorities. The vote in the house on repassage was 73 to 29. In the senate it was 24 to 10

West Virginia Debt \$12,000,000. Washington.—West Virginia's share of the debt outstanding against Virginia when the states separated in 1861 was fixed in a special master's report to the supreme court at more than \$12,000,000. The report, present ed by Special Master Sharles E. Little field after a long series of hearings is expected to be made the order of the court. The court held in 1911 that West Virginia must pay \$7,100,000 of the principal of the debt, \$23,000,000.

The proposed international naval rendezvous at Hampton Roads has been abandoned for the cruise of the Atlantic fleet and visiting foreign war craft in San Francisco in celebration of the Panama canal opening. Instead the ships will proceed directly to Cristobal at the eastern entrance to the canal, to be passed through at stated intervals. Congress will have to assent to the change.

Emergency currency amounting to \$126,039,000 was outstanding January 9, says Comptroller Williams. Since the first of that currency was taken out shortly after the wars outbreak, \$258,444,000 has been retired. Of the outstanding amount Texas has the most, \$16,859,0000; New York has \$12,277,000. In the eastern entrance to the canal, to be passed through at stated intervals. Congress will have to assent to the change.

There are 200 hotels in Japan for foreigners, with room for 5,000 per-

CONGRESSMAN HAY PASSED BY HOUSE PLEASED WITH ARMY

ENERAL DEBATE ON \$101,000,000 ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL IS COMPLETED

GARDNER WANTS INCREASE

insists That the Country is Hopelessi Unable to Put Up Fight of Any Consequence.

Washington-After an all-day dis Washington.—After two days of de cussion of national defe completed general debate on the \$101,000,000 army appropriation bill Reading of the measure for amend-ment has been all the second of the complete of the com ment has begun with both majority and minority leaders urging that action on this and other appropriation bills be expedited to avoid a special

session of congress. The feature of the debate was speech by Representative Hay of Virginia, chairman of the military committee, deprecating war talk and declaring it was not necessary to add a single man to the standing army.

The pending bill makes no provision for additions to the army, but measurements. uers before the senate military co

mittee with the approximation, would increase the army by about 25,000 men.

Pennasentatic Gardner, of Massi chusetts, and Kahn of California vig orously insisted that the country present defenses were inadequate though they agreed with Mr. Hay that there was no immediate prospect of the United States being involved in

"How people can claim," said Mr Hay, "that these great nations now at war, which are exhausting themselves financially and physically, as soon as tion on earth is beyond my compr hension. The United States is going on now to mantain peace with all the world. That is the policy of this country, not only of the administra tion but of the entire citizenry.

"Nobody wants war. We are no going to do anything to bring war. All this talk of our not prepared for war and of condition have arisen in Europe which make it necessary for us to go into large military expenditures is absurd. 1 am utterly oposed to a large stand-ing army, to adding a single man to the present standing army.".

WILL KEEP UP FIGHT.

Ship Purchase Bill May Prolong Ses-sion of Congress, Says Leaders. Washington. — Republican Senators determined at a conference to fight the government ship purchase bill with all resources at their command, con-tinuing the opposition until March 4 if necessary or even in an extra see

Immediately after the conference the Republicans began action. Sena-tor Smoot moved that the senate adjourn. That was defeated, Demo-cratic members, most of whom had been absent while Senator Weeks oncluded a speech against the ship bill, hurrying in on a quorum call. Senators Lodge and Root served no-

Senator Townsend then moved to take up the volunteer officers retirement bill, and the war claims bill. Both motions were defeated.
"We are not conducting a fibius-

ter," said Senator Burton, who con cluded a three-day speech against the

Population 100,000,000

Washington.—The population of la and have issued a manifestor continental United States will pass ing his latest crimes. I do n next three months according to two ment bureaus. eGographer C. D. Sloane estimated that the population would be 100,000,059 at 4 p. m., April 2. Government Actuary J. S. McCoy, of the treasury department, calculated that it would be 100,016,000 on February 1.

Gutierrez Still Claims Presidency Washington.—Gen. Eulalio Gu rez, elected provisional president Mexico by the convention at Agua claim to that onice with a procla-are from Mexico City. In a proclarrez asserting that he is the legally chosen executive, charges that the convention, which reassembled at Mexico City was under military coercion. He formally declared Villa, Za- Smith's amendment to provide that pata and other generasi deposed from their commands.

Speculation is Cause.

Washington—The Department of Justice investigating at President Wilson's direction the recent rise in wheat and flour prices, asked the agriculture and commerce depart-ments for all available information relating to production, export and im-port in the last two years. It became known that the effort to discover if thown that the effort to discover if there is any pool operating in the wheat market will center in Chicago and Minneapolis. The Department received a resolution adopted in Chicago recently.

Emergency currency amounting the Minneapolis of Belgium at Liege and is now returning to America. "The people of Belgium never complain, but they never laugh," he said.

HEAVY ENGAGEMENTS IN THE ARGONNE, AROUND VERDUN AND ALSACE.

WATCH EVERY GERMAN MOVE

Russian and German Troops in Pe-land Placed so Either May Flank Other if Vistula is Crossed.

London.-Although official descriptions of fighting in the west are brief, there is evidence that it is growing flercer at many points. The Germans are showing renewed activity in the neighborhood of Ypres and heavy bombardments of the Allies left wing

re almost incessant.

It is from the center eastward, how-It is from the center eastward, how-ever, that the battles are most bitter. In the Argonne, around Verdun and in Alsace heavy engagements con-tinue apparently without any decision having been reached. But these are merely local affairs compared to what is expected when the ground becomes more suitable for moving troops. Along the Belgian coast every Ger man move is the signal for a renewed

tinually dropping bombs behind the hostile lines.

Dunkirk has been singled out for German air attacks, doubtless because it is believed it is being used by the British as a base of supplies from British as a base of supplies from England while Ostend, Bruges and tion from official sources of the re-ported visit of the Allies' airmen to Essen and Dusseldorf early in the

in Poland. Russian troops north of the lower Vistula are now 50 miles further west than the Gern further west than the Germans in the direction of Warsaw; so that a successful crossing of the Vistula would make a flank attack by either army possible. The Germans are keeping careful guard over a possible passage of the river above Plock, evidently for this reason, but the Russian of icetive appears to like to the postjective appears to lie to the norta rather than to the south. On the whole, however, the Austro-Germans, for political reasons, must divert their attention to the southeast, where the Russians are pressing through the

Russians are pressing through mountains towards Transylvania. According to Russian statements strong Austrian forces already have been encountered and there is a suggestion that the Russians are expe meet serious opposition before g. The attacks in front of Warsaw have grown less frequent and apparently are not being pushed with the same determination as previously. In the Carpathians the armies are

OBREGON FOLLOWS CARRANZA.

Tells Gutierrez He Will Stick to His Former Leader. Washington.—General Alvaro Abregon has spurned overtures from Gen eral Elualio Gutierrez to joint an in and will remain loval to Carranza, ac cording to an nnouncement by

eral Obregon, dated Puebla, was made

public by the agency.

"Deny all versions of the report that I have joined Gutierrez. As always, I have the honor to form a part of the Constitutionalist army worthily commanded by Venustiano Carranza. Generals Gutierrez, Robles, Benavides, Generals Gutierrez, Robles, Benav Blanco, Chao, Zuazua and San have initiated a campaign against Villa and have issued a manifesto dis

Fund For Survivors.

New York.—Madame Slavko Groutch, wife of the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in Serbia, reached here to raise a fund for the restora-tion of families of Serbian farmers to their homes devastated by the war. Before her marriage she was Miss

Mabel Dunlap of Virginia. Democrats Agree on Ship Bill. Washington.—Senate Democrats in caucus reached final agreement on the ship-purchase bill and adopted a resclater it was made unanimous. No of opinion arose on Senator Hoke

Belgians Don't Complain London.—"The impression away from Liege are of wh a people can suffer so much in silence and of admiration for the bravery which enables them to do it." This statement was made by Dr. P. H. Williams of New York, whom, at

purchased ships to private concerns.

George Taylor of Philadelphia, an aeronaut, fell 2,000 feet and was instantly killed in Jacksonville, Fla., Sunday a week when the parachute of his balloon failed to open while he was giving an exhibition. Several persons witnessed the accident. The body struck the earth in a cemetery, where the body of Franye, another aeronaut was found two years ago.