MRS. ROCKEFELLER SUCCUMBS SUDDENLY AT HOME AT PO-CANTICO HILLS.

### HUSBAND AND SON ABSENT

Oll Magnate in Florida When End Came-Sister at Bedside-Wife of World's Richest Man Was Seventy-Six Years of Age.

New York, March 15 .- Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, wife of the richest man in the world, is dead. She passed away Friday morning at 10:20 at the Rockefeller home at Pocantico Hills, after an illness of several months. She was seventy-six years old last September.

Although Mrs. Rockefeller had been an invalid for many months, it is understood that her death came unexpectedly. Her husband and her son were at Ormond, Fla., and were advised that Mrs. Rockefeller had taken a critical turn for the worse. Mr. Rockefeller and his son immediately engaged a special train Mrs. E. Parmalee Prentice, Mrs. Rockefeller's daughter, and Miss Lucy Spelman, her sister, were the only immediate relatives present when she died.

Laura Celestia Spelman Rockefeller was born in Kadsworth, Ohio, of well-to-do New England parents, on September 9, 1839. She was her husband's junior by two months. As a child she lived in Wadsworth, in Burlington, Iowa, in Akron, Ohio, where her father, Harvey B. Spelman, achieved a competence in the dry goods business, and later in Cleveland. In the grammar school at Cleveland she met John Rockefeller, when they were fifteen years old.

Rockefeller was a country boy. She was the daughter of one of Cleveland's leading citizens. His home was a little farmhouse; hers, one of Cleveland's handsomest residences. Notwithstanding other differences, the awkward youth and the city girl had In common a love of study and simple tastes, and they became fast friends

Young Rockefeller prospered beyond his fairest hopes. As soon as he train. felt that he could ask her to become his wife he did so. They were married September 8, 1864, the eve of her twenty-fifth birthday, and started to keep house in a little two-story brick residence on one of Cleveland's side streets. Upon her marriage she became a Baptist, and to her religion and her home she devoted her entire

The surviving children are Alta, wife of E. Parmalee Prentice; Edith, who married Harold Fowler McCormick of Chicago, and John D Rockefeller, Jr.

### U. S. MAN SLAIN IN MEXICO

J. B. McManus Murdered in Home at Mexico City by Zapatistas-U. S. Flag on House.

Washington, March 15.-President Wilson and his cabinet, in session on Friday, were informed of the assassination by Zapatistas in Mexico City of John B. McManus, an American citizen, of Chicago; that the American flag was ignored and insulted, and that the United States consular scal on the residence of McManus was violated when he was shot. The cabinet discussed the case at length. Later Bryan announced that the demand for punishment and indemnity would be insisted upon. The American demands were served by Brazilian Minister Cardozo directly upon General Salazar, the Zapata general in command of Mexico City.

Two thousand Mexicans stormed the national palace in the capital to seit was followed by a riot in which of East Prussia. Gustavio, the chief of police of Mexico, was stabbed. Two Mexicans were injured. It was said that when the Zapatistas had control of the city Mc-Manus had trouble, and when they attacked him in his home he killed three of them. After killing McManus | French. the slayers are said to have looted the house.

### 173 DIE ON BRITISH CRUISER

Commander and 172 Others Go Down With the Bayone-Torpedoed by German Submarine,

London, March 15.-The admiralty issued an official statement reporting the loss of the auxiliary cruiser Bayone while on patrol duty. Evidence points to her having been torpedoed by a German submarine. But 27 of the Bayone's crew of more than 200 were saved. Fourteen officers drowned, including the commander. The Bayone was a steel twin screw steamer of 5,984 tons. She was buflt in Glasgow In 1913, was 416 feet long.

Threatened Strike is Averted. Milwaukee, Wis., March 15 .- The threatened brewery strike was prevented when the brewery owners and the workers signed a three-year contract, which calls for an increase in wages of \$2 per week.

General Joffre Thanks Woman. Paris, March 15 .- General Joffre, the French commander, has sent a letter to Mrs. Clara W. Lopp of New York, thanking her for the large supply of tobacco she gathered for distribution among the soldiers.

SECRETARY BRYAN WARNS AMERICANS TO FLEE.

Obregon's Troops Evacuate Mexico City and Carranza Denies Ald to Periled Foreigners.

Washington, March 11 .- Develop ments came swiftly on Tuesday in the Mexican crisis. Here they are:

1. Secretary Bryan announced be had warned all Americans in Mexico City to depart, promising to keep open communication for them. 2. Secretary Daniels ordered the bat-

tleship Georgia and cruiser Washingministration to bring Carranza to

3. Carranza resented latest United States note, but told Consul Silliman claimed that she carried no contrahe would reply to it formally. He said band of any kind. Official and diplo-Obregon had not kept food supplies out of capital.

4. Obregon and his Carranza troops reported to have evacuated Mexico until the facts are fully established. City and Zapata forces to have occupied the place.

Dispatches came through an embassy on Tuesday night from three that she carried 193,582 bushels of newspaper correspondents in Mexico | City announcing the receipt of the Bryan warning, but stating it was impossible for anyone to depart even if he wanted to do sp.

The Villa agency, however, announced that Zapata forces had begun rich officers report that, on the ground repairing the railroad northward, that she was carrying contraband of Communication with the border would be restored in six days, the message the South Atlantic on January 27,

### NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

San Bernardino, Cal., March 12 .-According to reports received from of a furious mob. Several persons have been killed and many others badly wounded. Every available officer has been sent there by a sp-cial

The rioters took possession of the railroad buildings and cut the telegraph wires. No particulars as to the cause of the disorder are known here.

Washington, March 13 .- The state department was notified on Thursday by Senor Riano, the Spanish ambassador, that four Spaniards had been assassinated in Mexico City. He also reported that residences in the suburbs had been pillaged and burned.

Madrid, March 12.-Fourteen persons were killed and 18 injured in officers. the wreck of a passenger train on the Vigo-Orense line. A landslide caused the accident.

ranza authorities at Campeche have off Chile. seized the American schooner Susie B. Dantzler from Pascagoula, Miss., and are holding Captain Dethloff a prisoner on charges of having violated upon the result of that inquiry." Mexican navigatio. laws, according to news received here.

### BERLIN CLAIMS BIG VICTORY

Germany Asserts Foe Lost 45,000 in Big Battle in Champagne District -Own Losses Were Heavy.

Berlin (Wireless to Sayville), March 12.-An official statement issued by the general staff on Wednesday declares that the three weeks' fighting in Champagne has resulted in a victory over the French equal in importance cure the liberty of 250 priests said to to the recent victory over the Rusbe imprisoned. The effort failed, but sians in the Mazurian Lakes district

The German losses are admitted to be greater than the German losses in killed and at least twenty persons the Mazurlan fighting, but on the other hand the French losses are estimated at over 45,000 men.

Reference is made to the enormous amount of ammunition used by the

It is Feared That Indians Ambushed the Eight Men-General Scott's Efforts Unsuccessful.

Bluff, Utah, March 12.- The party of eight deputies believed to have been ambushed by Indians near Douglas Menin railway junction." Mesa have not been heard from, and their fate is unknown. Marshal Nebeker has sent out parties to look for them. It is expected that Marshal Nebeker will advance against the Indians about Saturday, General Scott's efforts to effect peace have been unsuccessful. A Ute that came into Bluff said that the Indians had procured plenty of ammunition from Mexican sheep herders.

Jess Willard Leaves for Havana. El Paso, Tex., March 13 .- Jesse Willard is off to Havana. He left on the Sunset Limited on Thursday afternoon accompanied by Tom Jones and Mrs. Jones and will travel by way of Key West, Fla.

Mrs. Schieren Dies. New York, March 13 .- Just 24 hours after her husband died, Mrs. Louise A. Schleren, widow of the former mayor of Brooklyn, passed away in her Brooklyn home, victim of pneu-

GERMAN CRUISER SUNK AMERI-CAN VESSEL AFTER SAVING THE CREW.

### RAIDER AT NEWPORT NEWS

Prinz Eitel Friedrich Is in Need of Repairs and Supplies-Owners of Boat Declare It Carried Cargo of Wheat -No Contraband Was on Board.

Washington, March 12.-The Ger man cruiser Prince Eltel Friedrich arrived at Newport News on Wedneston to Vera Cruz in consonance with day, bringing the captain and crew this program and the plan of the ad- of the American grain vessel William P. Frye, which the German warship sunk at sea on January 27.

The owners of the vessel have matic headquarters were much perturbed over the matter, but nobody was willing to make any comment

The customs officers at Seattle wire that the manifest of the William P. Frye, which was loaded there, show wheat.

The Frye sailed from Seattle on November 4 for Queenstown and Falmouth. She passed Tatoosh, Wash., the next day and had not been heard from since. The Prince Eitel Friedwar, the warship stopped the Frye in took off Captain Kiehne, his wife and crew, and then sunk the freighter.

The Frye was valued at \$150,000 and her cargo at \$280,000. The Prinz Eitel Friedrich put in at Newport News, presumably for coal

and supplies. She also is said to be in need of repairs and may intern here. She is reported to have 326 French and Russian prisoners of war Blythe Junction, a town 130 miles aboard. One report, which was unfrom here, the place is in the hands confirmed, has it that the big steamer was chased to the mouth of Chesapeake bay by a British cruiser.

Immediately after she dropped anchor the coast guard cutter Onondaga went alongside. While at sea the German cruiser had been painted white on one side and black on the other.

The Prinz Eitel Friedrich started out on her career as a warship from Tsing Tao. She formerly was a regular liner of the North German Lloyd. She reached Tsing Tao shortly after the outbreak of hostilities and the German marine authorities at that port equipped her with naval guns and turned her into an auxiliary cruiser. She carries a crew of 350 men and

The cruiser sailed from Tsing Tao before the Japanese attacked that port and early in November she was report-Berlin (via Amsterdam), March 11, ed off the western coast of South The debate opening in the reichstag | America, where for several months she probably will be of short duration, all has been active in the pursuit of Britparties having agreed to support the ish and French shipping. One of her declared that additional provisions ized his previous flights. New Orleans, March 11.-The Car. cember of the British steamer Charcas

> Washington, March 13 .- "A most searching inquiry will be made and whatever action is taken will be based

President Wilson issued this statement on Thursday regarding the sinking of the American sailing ship William P. Frye by the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich. The president took the initiative in directing the investigation and will have a personal hand in it. That the United States will call on Germany for proper amends and reparation for the sinking of the American ship was the consensus of official and diplomatic circles in Washington.

### MAKE GAINS IN FLANDERS

British Forces Make Material Advances Against the Germans-Take 700 Prisoners.

London, March 13.-Material adances for the British forces and the destruction of the Coutrai-Menin railway junction in West Flanders is anthe war office on Thursday. The statement follows:

"An advance was made by British U. S. DEPUTIES STILL MISSING forces on March 4. The Indian corps, operating over a front 4,000 yards long. gained three-quarters of a mile on Wednesday, taking all the German trenches and occupying positions formerly held by the Germans. Seven hundred prisoners were taken. British airman destroyed the Courtrai-

### BATTLES WELSH TO DRAW

Willie Ritchie Holds Champion to ar Even Break in Ten Tame Rounds of Milling.

New York, March 13 .- Willie Ritchie and Freddie Welsh boxed a tame tenround draw in Madison Square Garden on Thursday night before a big crowd.

Mystery for Chicago Police. Chicago, March 15 .- The police faced a deep 'mystery in their investigation of the death of F. C. White, whose body fell or was hurled from the seventeenth floor of a down town office building.

To Kill Rockefeller Herds.

New York, March 15 .- Virtually all of Westchester county was quarantined because of the discovery of hoofand-mouth disease among herds there. Order affects estate of John D. Rocke-

SLAYER OF STANFORD WHITE PAID TO FLEE ASYLUM.

Defense Loses Fight When Conspiracy Charge Is Denied-Millionaire Planned Escape.

New York, March 12.-The story of his escape from Matteawan, of the plot leading thereto and the subsequent flight into Canada was told by Harry Kendall Thaw before Justice Alfred Page in the criminal branch of the supreme court.

Thaw denied conspiracy. He assumed all credit for the escape. He admitted paying Richard Butler \$6,000, out of which Butler was to reward the others and gave Richard, alias 'Educated Roger," Thompson, the chauffeur, a "present of \$1,000 in addition to \$10 to \$15 daily wage."

Thaw declared that he had been advised, prior to his escape, by the late Alfred Henry Lewis, that there was no law in New York state making it a crime to escape.

Thaw declared that his plan to escape was worked through "one of his agents," H. A. Hoffman of Poughkeepsie, once undersheriff in Dutchess county. Hoffman, he declared, hired the men, arranged for the motor cars and at his (Thaw's) direction stationed the cars outside the gates of Matteawan on the morning of August 17, 1913,

Stanchfield in his cross-examination for the defense tried to show that Thaw was sane at the time of his escape, realized that he was sane, and that as a sane person was justified in leaving Matteawan.

The ruling out of evidence to show Thaw sane, a vital blow to defense, came during the cross-examination of Bernard H. Kelsey, deputy sheriff of Colebrook, N. H. Stanchfield asked Kelsey whether Thaw did not appear entirely rational. Deputy Attorney General Cook objected and the crucial battle was precipitated. Justice Page sustained the objection. The jury was excluded during the arguments.

## SEEK AID FOR DRUG VICTIMS

Chicagoans Say Additional Provisions Must Be Made for the Care and Cure of Sufferers.

Chicago, March 11 .- While thousands of Chicago drug users were cursing the new Harrison antidrug act, which has cut off their supply, and a movement looking to the repeal of the law was being discussed, leading physicians, health officers and humanitarians declared that the end justified the

With 24 victims, nine of them wom-Health Commissioner George B. Young | graceful descent which had character. of the sufferers.

Michigan City, Ind., March 11 .-Mrs. Mabel Hartman, aged fifty, shot supply of morphine ran out. She ate | ment transport docks. 20 grains daily.

"First Chief" of Mexico Denies Danger in Mexico City-Advises All Aliens to Leave Country.

Vera Cruz, Mex., March 12.—General Carranza on Wednesday issued his reply to the note of Secretary of State Bryan demanding an amelioration of the chaotic conditions in Mexico City. The first chief emphatically denies

that General Obregon has inclted the hungry populace of the Mexican capital to commit outrages. Far from preventing the entrance

of food into the city, the first chief declares, General Obregon has facilitated such importations in every way.

General Carranza says that when the evacuation takes place every facility will be afforded to foreign residents to depart. Carranza also said nounced in an official statement from that it would be advisable for all aliens to leave the country.

### EXPORTS SHOW BIG INCREASE

January Total Is \$62,000,000 More Than Corresponding Month in 1914, Report Shows.

Washington, March 12.-Marked increases in exports of manufactures of nearly every description during the month of January have been announced by the department of commerce. January exports were shown to be valued at \$263,600,000, or \$62, 000,000 more than exported in January, 1914.

Iron and steel products shipped abroad exceeded in value the total for January a year ago by about \$1,-800,600, exports of brass goods doubled in value and fruit and nuts increased by more than \$1,000,000.

\$250,000 Left to "Hobo."

St. Louis, March 15.-James Eads How, founder of the Brotherhood Welfare association and known over the country as the "millionaire hobo," was given \$250,000 by the will of his mother, Mrs. James Flintham How.

Have Operation on M'Adoo.

Washington, March 15 .- An operation for appendicitis was performed on Secretary McAdoo at a hospital here on Friday. The physicians issued a bulletin saying the operation had been successful.

# JOHN D.'S WIFE DIES TOLD TO LEAVE MEXICO DESTROYED U. S. SHIP COST H. K. THAW \$6,000 L. BEACHEY KILLED CONDENSED NEWS

AVIATOR PLUNGED TO DEATH IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY.

# USED MONOPLANE FIRST TIME

During Ak-Sar-Ben Bird Man Looped Loop Over Omaha-Flew at Lincoln During Fair.

San Francisco, Cal.-The spectacular career of Lincoln Beachey, one of the most daring of American aviators, was ended Sunday, March 14, when he fell to his death at the Panama-Pacific exposition in sight of thousands of spectators. Beachey was completing his second

flight of the day when the accident occurred. Having previously electrified the crowd with a series of aerial somersaults, the airman sought to add an additional thrill by making one of the sensational perpendicular drops which usually featured his flights.

The fatal fall was attributed to the fact that Beachey intrusted his life for the first time to a new monoplane.

On the first flight all went well and the aviator's familiar trips were indulged in with the exception of the perpendicular drop. This Beachey



LINCOLN BEACHEY.

had saved for the climax. It proved too much of a strain for the frame of the monoplane.

The machine was at an altitude of about 3,000 feet when Beachey shut en, in the Psychopathic hospital, and off his power. For several thousand a rush of others expected as soon as feet it dropped head-on for the earth their supply of "dope" is exhausted, and then the aviator grasped the con-County Judge Thomas F. Scully and | trol levers to adjust the planes for the | ling.

exploits was the sinking early in De | must be made for the care and cure | At that poine the wing crumpled like a collapsed umbrella and the aeroplane turning over in its fall, plunged into San Francisco bay, narrowly the shoulder with a shot gun by his herself through the heart because her missing a vessel lying at the govern-

Thousands of spectators rushed to the nearby waterfront, but the excep-CARRANZA REPLIES TO BRYAN tion of a few splintered fragments of the aeroplane floating on the surface of the bay, no sign of the wrecked machine could be seen. Launches put out immediately, equipped with grappling hooks, and a boat's crew from the battleship Oregon, which was anchored in the stream a short distance away, joined in an attempt to recover the body of the aviator, who was strapped to his machine under forty feet of water.

Divers from the Oregon, searching the shallow inshore waters of the bay, fund the crushed form of the airman entangled in the twisted rods and torn canvas of the machine. With axes the divers freed the body from the wreckage and brought it to the sur-

Lincoln Beachey, the most prominent of American aviators, looped the loop over Omaha last fall during the Ak-Sar-Ben carnival. For three days he looped the loop as many as five times in succession, over Omaha's highest buildings. He also flew at the state fair at Lincoln.

Hindenburg Wins Victory. Berlin.-Von Hindenberg, using the same tactics that resulted so successfully in the Mazurian lakes fighting, has forced the Russians who swept westward toward Augustowo to retreat more than twenty miles. They have lost at least 20,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners.

without regard for the Germans' strength about Augustowo, rushed westward to pierce the German line. Part of a Russian division was annihilated; the other Russian forces cut their way out after desperate fighting. They abandoned dead, wounded and war munitions.

Five Ships Sunk,

London.-The submarine U-29, one of the largest and fastest of German undersea craft, had a successful three days' off the Scilly Islands and in the English channel, where on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, she succeeded in sinking four British steamers and one French steamer and in damaging three others. The German commander gave the crews or most of the steamers time to leave their vessels and in some cases towed the ships' lifeboats with the crew to passing steamers.

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

Mrs. Harrel Beyars, 79, pioneer of Douglas county, died at Valley. An epidemic of measles prevails at

Beatrice Henry Perry, 70 years old, dropped

dead at Litchfield. Building material has arrived at Gandy for a new depot.

C. E. Dedrick has been neminated postmaster of Superior.

J. A. Dobson, editor and banker, of Ulysses, died at his home there. Superintendent L. E. Chadderdon

Work on the new \$115,000 federal building at McCook will begin soon. The new Lincoln high school has a couple of rooms dedicated to housekeeping.

has been re-elected at Oxford.

Bellevue college's new \$20,000 gymnasium will be finished as soon as

During the recent snow storm students in Upfand schools studied "Snow Round.' Cherry county commissioners have

purchased ten road scrapers and a road plow. Northwestern station at Hooper

vas entered by thieves and \$11 was laken. The Lincoln county fair will open

at North Platte August 30, and will last four days. Edgar has voted bonds to amount of \$13,500 for erection of new city

electric light plant. Roy M. Briggs of Fairfield has been appointed cashier of Deweese state

bank at Deweese. The Northwestern Nebraska Medical association held its annual meeting at Valentine this week.

The business of the Valentine postoffice has reached such a capacity that the office has been made one of the second class.

Mrs. Louisa Hollenbeck, oldest resident of Stove Creek precinct, near Elmwood, has just celebrated her eighty-third birthday. The Madison Telephone company

now has a modern switchboard, the

lamp signal system replacing the old magneto battery or ringing system. Western newspapers, including the Norfolk Press, are endeavoring to persuade the farmers to name their farms and get a trade mark for their

products. The County superintendent in Hall county recommends playground apparatus for rural schools

John M. Devine of Lincoln has sold land in Colfax county for \$140 an acre that he paid \$12 an acre for. Work has begun on Fairbury's new

\$3,000 tabernacle. Revivals will be

held March 25 to April 25.

A grand jury has been in session at Wahoo about two weeks. Thus far nine men have been indicted for gamb-

The fourth carload of supplies for the Belgian war sufferers has been sent from Omaha by the Franco-Bel gian Relief society. Irving Hook, of Dodge, was shot in

brother, Lloyd, who was endeavoring to kill some sparrows. The methods of treatment for the smuts of various Nebraska cereals

may be obtained in detail from Bulletin 131, which may be had of the bulletin clerk, University Farm, Lincoln. The roof of the garage of H. F. Barfknecht at Nelson collapsed under

the weight of snow and damaged several cars to the amount of \$1,000. Kearney Commercial club has approved the proposed merger of Kearney and Union Valley Telephone com-

panies Henry Wohlers, a farmer living two miles southwest of Avoca, suffered serious internal injuries, when his team ran away, dragging him for Delivery by merchants at Auburn has been abandoned until snow melts and the condition of the roads is improved.

Miss Louise Williamson was given first place in the annual declamatory contest conducted by the Albion schools.

Miss Clara Howard of Lincoln has been appointed librarian of the new \$13,000 Carnegle public library at Columbus.

The United Commercial Travelers' council No. 152 of Fremont, has passed resolutions protesting against the bill in the legislature to raise passen-

ger rates to 21/2 cents. T. F. Ryan, living near Stella, lost eight head of fattening cattle last

week with the mad itch. The Plattsmouth Commercial club has taken up the matter of establishing a pontoon bridge across the Mis-The Slavs who crossed the Bobr, souri river as soon as that waterway

becomes navigable. Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company must pay Alva Jackson, laborer, \$12,000 for the loss of his right leg, according to a verdict returned by a jury in District Judge

English's court. When Commander J. P. Walsh left Humboldt for Grand Island to take up his duties at the Old Soldiers' home, he was accompanied to the train by members of the local Grand Army post of which he is a member.

Hugh Baer, living near Eustis and three of Everett Deboor's boys, who had been out shoveling snow to enable Mr. Baer to move to a farm further south of Eustis, started home along the Burlington railroad track when they were overtaken by the snow plow, Hugh Baer was killed and one of the Deboor beys fatally fo-

jured.