SHOT SELF TO DEATH

E. P. CUMMINGS, HEAD OF MICHI-GAN SCHOOLS, ENDS LIFE AS BROTHER DRINKS POISON.

COMMITS DEED AT CHICAGO

Nothing Found by Police to Indicate Suicide Compact-Shot Once Before -Believed His Case Was Hopeless -Wrote Two Letters.

Chicago, April 3.-Edward P. Cummings, superintendent off schools of Lansing, Mich., shot himself to death in the Stratford hotel here. At practically the same time Dr. Herbert Cummings, his brother, swallowed poison in Grand Haven, Mich.

Nothing has been found to indicate a suicide compact. Police and relatives believe neither brother knew of the other's act. Doctor Cummings is still alive, but his condition makes discussion of the death of his brother impossible.

E. P. Cummings, who until last November was president of the State Teachers' association of Michigan, feared he was losing his mind, according to the belief expressed by his physician and close friends in Lansing.

It is said that for many months Mr. Cummings has been under a severe nervous strain. His mother, suffering from a mental derangement, caused him considerable anxiety while she was residing in his home.

Mr. Cummings had been at Daytona Beach for two months in an effort to recuperate, following injuries eccived when he shot himself last December. According to friends and relatives, at that time, he shot himself accidentally while cleaning his shotgun after a hunting trip. Part of his heart was torn away and the fear that he never would recover his strength as a result of his injury, is said to have been one of the causes of his suicide.

Doctor Cummings swallowed the poison while recovering from injuries sustained recently when he slashed his wrists with a knife. The Grant Haven police assert he previously had made four attempts to end his life.

Cummings registered at the hotel as "R. S. Brown, Detroit."

He left two letters-one to his widow and the other to Mr. Seagrove. In them he said he killed himself because he "didn't want to become a burden to his family and the state."

FRENCH DRIVEN FROM TOWN

Germans Capture Strong Position at Malancourt-Another Town Is Menaced-Paris Admits Loss.

London, April 3.—The crown prince has resumed his great drive on Verof the River Meuse.

ancourt, ten miles northwest of Verdun, was captured by the Germans on Thursday night. Frontal attacks by French out of the village, an important highway communication point. manding the highway. The Germans captured 328 prisoners.

Three heavy German infantry attacks were preceded by a terrific bombardment from German batteries on the heights surrounding the town. The German war office announced defensive positions on both sides were captured.

The French hold on the village of Bethincourt, two miles east of Malancourt, is seriously threatened by the capture of Malancourt.

French experts estimate that the Germans have lost 20,000 men in the renewal of the struggle about Verdun.

Paris, April 3.-French troops have evacuated the ruined village of Malancourt the war office announced on Thursday.

The Germans drove the French out of the village at night, attacking heavily three times after a violent

In massed attacks the enemy advanced on Malancourt, attacking in three different places. After a terrible struggle, raging for several hours, the French advance guard battalion evacuated, having inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

299 ARE SAVED FROM SHIP

Liner Chiyo Maru Grounded in Fog on One of the Loma Islands South of Hongkong.

Shanghai, April 3.-The large transpacific passenger liner Chiyo Maru grounded in a fog on one of the Lema islands, south of Hongkong. Nine tugboats and launches from a British torpedo-boat destroyer have gone to its assistance and are taking off its 299 passengers from San Francisco and

Begin Suit to Bar Liquor. Butler, Mo., April 3.-Injunction

suits have been filed here by Prosecuting Attorney DeWitt C. Chastain, seeking to prevent three railroads from transporting intoxicating liquors into the county.

Forty-Five British Sailors Drown. London, April 3.-Forty-five sailors of the British cruiser Conquest were drowned through the capsizing of a cutter during a gale, it was officially towed by the cruiser.

WILL THE DOVE GET A LOOK-IN



WAITE KILLED PECKS 27 KILLED IN WRECK

MADE HIM DO IT.

Dentist Says He Gave Both Victims Germs and Fed Poison Also to Father-in-Law.

New York, March 30 .- Dr. Arthur Warren Waite confessed on Tuesday that he killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Hannah Peck, with disease germs and murdered his father-in-law, John E. Peck, with arsenic.

In making the confession he laid the groundwork for his defense on the plea of mental irresponsibility. He attributed two natures to himself-a good and an evil me-and said that the evil nature, a stranger to his reai self, dominated him when he committed the crimes.

The essential part of the dentist's confession was made to District Attorney Swann and Assistant District At- clared the first section of train No. 86. dun with furious attacks on both sides torneys Mancusco and Brothers in the after stopping at the interlocking general disposition to avoid specula-The strongly fortified village of Mal- Walter R. Deuel, who has been en- at five or ten miles an hour. The sec- over extension in any quarter. This gaged as counsel for Doctor Waite.

massed German legions drove the Doctor Waite had been removed, and Twentieth Century Limited bound for found the man lying on a bed rubbing | Chicago, was approaching. The Twenhis hand across his forehead, seeming but the French still hold redoubts com- ly in a shaken and uncertain condition. "Don't you remember me?" asked

Mr. Brothers. "You talked to me last Friday." "Did I?" asked Doctor Waite. There

was a moment's pause before Doctor | tion of train No. 86. Waite spoke again. "Oh, but that doesn't matter," he

said; "it's all over now I did it all. I killed Mrs. Peck and Mr. Peck. The man from Egypt made me do it. He was after me for a long time. I couldn't shake him off. I wasn't able to get rid of him until last night.

"He's gone new, but I couldn't get away from him for a long time. don't know what his name was. asked him and he didn't tell me. I was afraid of him. I told Clara about

By "Clara" Doctor Waite meant his wife, who is now in Grand Rapids.

Representatives of the district attorney's office are searching for the undertaker who embalmed the bedy of Peck. Mr. Swann declared Waite had told him that he had made an agreement with the undertaker that for a consideration of \$9,000 the latter would testify that he had used arsenic in the fluid with which he embalmed Peck's body.

Earlier in the day Doctor Waite talked freely to his brother and Raymond C Schindler, the private detective employed by the Peck family.

More Airships for Mexico.

San Diego, Cal., March 30 .- Capt. V. Clark, aeronautical engineer of the signal corps aviation school here, and Lieut. Thomas DeWitt Milling, junior military aviator and instructor in flying, have received instructions to proceed to Washington to inspect. purchase and test a number of new aeroplanes to be sent to the expeditionary forces operating in Mexico.

Pullman Shops Strike Ends.

Chicago, April 1.-Five hundred strikers of the Pullman car works. who struck two weeks ago for an increase in wages from 20 to 25 cents an hour, returned to work. They agreed to accept a two-cent increase.

Train Robbers Take Mail.

Shreveport. La., April 1.-Robbers boarded Texas & Pacific mail train No. 23 at the station here as it was pulling out. They bound two mail announced. The cutter was being clerks and took two pouches of regis-

DECLARES "MAN FROM EGYPT" THREE FAST TRAINS IN CRASH IN OHIO.

> Rear Collision Between Two East-Bound Trains Sideswiped by West-Bound Twentieth Century Limited.

Cleveland, O., March 31.-State, federal and railroad investigation of the double wreck on Wednesday on the Lake Shore railroad at Amherst, O., near here, which cost the lives of fully twenty-seven persons and injured forty, was begun here.

Railroad officers declare the blame for the crash which piled up the Twentieth Century flyer and two other crack Lake Shore passenger trains into a tangled heap of junk probably will be shared by two railroad employees.

The railroad company, in an official ond section ran into the first. Two The lawyers walked into the private | rear cars of the first section fell over room of the alcoholic ward, to which on the west-bound track just as the tieth Century collided with part of the wreckage on the west-bound tracks. The Twentieth Century was derailed except for the three rear cars. All of the passengers killed or seriously hurt were in the rear car of the first sec-

CHAIN 0F AERO RELAYS

American Army Aviators Establish New System to Expedite Work.

Field Headquarters American Punitive Expedition, Colonia Dublan, by Motor to Columbus, N. M., April 1 .-A complete chain of aviation relays from the American border to the front has been established. The main base is at field headquarters. The advantage of the relay is that it enables the planes to travel with fairly light loads from one station to the next.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES

Paris, April 1.-The Russian hospital ship Portugal has been torpedoed and sunk. There were many wounded soldiers on board at the time.

Berne, Switzerland, April 1 .- Two aeroplanes of unknown nationality. dropped five large bombs at dawn this morning on the Swiss village of Porrentruy, near the French frotier. Some damage to property was caused. London, April 1.-Two thousand munition workers are now on strike in the government gun factories in the Cl; de district and reports from Glasgow said the labor troubles threatened to spread. Less than 400 strikers bave returned to work in spite of the pressure of union leaders.

Planes for Big Warships.

Seattle, April 3.-The Puget sound navy yard has been informed that all build launching ways on the deck.

Quake Shocks Recorded.

Washington, April 3.-The seismograph at Georgetown university recorded severe earthquake shocks lasting almost an hour. It was estimated that the quake took place some 3,300 miles from Washington

CRISIS MAY NOT YET ENDED.

CONSERVATIVE SIDE IS SEEN

Less of Speculation Seen, Althoug! Business Is Increasing-Must Have Positive Proof in Matter.

Western Newspaper Union News Service ment has informed Ambassador Gerard that it is without official informa tion concerning the explosions which damaged the British channel steamer Sussex and sunk the British horse ship Englishman, both of which were carrying American citizens. In a dis patch dated Thursday, Mr. Gerard said the German government had only newspaper reports of the two cases and were making an investigation which will be concluded within a few days. The Berlin foreign office promised to inform Mr. Gerard when the inquiry is completed. It is realized here that it may be a week before all the German submarine commanders who might have been concerned have the opportunity to report.

Must Be Positive Proof.

Washington.-President Wilson and his cabinet have discussed the evidence thus far received by the state department in the cases of recent disasters of merchant ships carrying American citizens. In the absence of conclusive proof of submarine attacks no action was taken. It is understood that the course to be pursued by the United States, should the indications be sustained by evidence now being gathered, was considered at length. After the meeting it was authoritatively indicated that no step involving serious consequences was imminent; that the administration was determined to proceed only after definite facts were before it, and that there would be no action unless there was positive proof that a submarine commander had acted in violation of the principles of international law.

CONSERVATIVE SIDE IS SEEN

Business Still on the Bulge, but Less of Speculation.

New York,-Dun's review for last week savs:

It is reassuring at a time of unprecedented business activity that conservatism is increasing rather than diminishing. Confidence is widespread in the continuance of record breakstatement explaining the wreck, de- ing achievements in production and distribution, but there is now a more presence of former Assistant Attorney tower at Amherst, had started ahead tive excesses and to guard against spirit of caution is manifested in the effort to check the rapid rise of prices in the steel industry as well as in the textile markets, and other leading lines. Evidence appears that quotations have outrun the views of some buyers, who proceed more slowly in making forward commitments; yet in the main, demands still seem insatiable and manufacturers have of necessity turned numerous contracts away. Almost without exception mills, shops and factories are crowded to their utmost capacity and overtime is in force wherever possible, but in many cases operations continue to be hampered by the scarcity of raw materials, by labor troubles and by a shortage of skilled hands.

Zeppelins Raid English Coast.

London.-The coast of Scotland and the northern and southern countries of England were attacked by Zeppelins Sunday night, according to an official announcement by the secretary of war. The raid was the third in so many successive nights. Raiders reached the coast of Scotland-the first time they have been over that country and the farthest north Zeppelins had yet traveled. Other raiders visited northern and southeastern counties of England. Although many bombs were dropped, official details were lacking up to the time of the filing of this dispatch as to the number of the raiders, the casualties from the bombs or the damage done

Captures Steamer Single Handed. Lewes, Del.-Ernest Schuler, a German, held up the captain of the British steamer Matoppo, shortly after the vessel passed Sandy Hook, bound from New York for Vladivostok, with a cargo of munitions and war materfal. Schuler, who was a stowaway, put the wireless out of commission, locked the captain in his room all night and searched his papers and the ship's safe. The Matoppa passed out of Sandy Hook at 6 o'clock Thursday night and the attack upon the captain was made two hours later.

Berlin.-James W. Gerard, the American ambassador has presented to the foreign office his government's large war vessels will carry aero request for information as to whethplanes and equipment for launching er any German submarine had torthem. Orders have been received to pedoed the cross channel steamer Sussex or the British horse ship Englishman. The answer, according to Overseaes News agency, will be delayed for some time in order to allow the naval authorities to make the necessary investigations. The tenor of the note handed the foreign office by the ambassador is friendly throughSTATE'S OCCUPATION TAX

Agriculture Not Only Source of Nebraska's Wealth.

After looking over the corporation tax records of his office, Secretary of State Pool is convinced that Nebraska does not depend for its wealth upon agriculture alone. He finds that miscellaneous corporations are paying occupation tax to the state on a total capital investment of \$221.536,666, according to their own reports, while railroad corporations are paying on a total capitalization of \$610,573,730 used in their Nebraska business.

Mr. Pool does not think these corporations would report more investment than they actually have in Nebraska, since they have to pay tax on all capital employed in business in Washington.—The German govern this state. He believes, if anything, they would hold the amounts down.

As insurance companies, express companies and some others are exempt from the occupation tax law, the secretary of state figures that the total investment of corporations in Nebraska is at least a billion dollars.

Clean Up and Stay Clean.

Clean up and keep clean is the gist of a statement made by Dr. H. B. Cummins, secretary of the board of secretaries of the state board of health. Dr. Cummins has watched with interest proclamations by the governor for a clean up week, intended as a fire prevention measure, and orders from the state hotel commissioner for owners of hotels to do some spring cleaning. As a sanitary disease prevention measure, Dr. Cummins advocates cleanliness throughout the year, not two baths a year, though he is not objecting to that many baths. He asks people to begin May 1 to clean up, clean out and keep clean for one year. He believes the people will, if they pursue this course, be so well pleased that annual clean up proclamations will not be neces-

Ballots Must Show Affiliation. Names of men who are democrats cannot appear upon republican ballots, neither can republican names appear upon democratic ballots and members of neither party can be filed as progressives, according to a ruling of Secretary of State Pool.

The action followed the protest of Chairman Corrick of the bull moose state committee against the decoration of the ballots of his party with both republican and democratic names. Most of those whose names had been filed for the honor had been withdrawn at the wish of the candidates themselves, but the names of Charles Sloan and Moses P. Kinkaid had both been left on because no such action had been asked for by those congressmen.

The step means that no man can certify to affiliation with one party in this state and then ask to be put on the ballot of another party with which he does not actually affiliate and with which his party does not affiliate.

Public School Gardens for Nebraska. Twenty-two towns in Nebraska will conduct public school gardens this summer, similar to those arranged last season in co-operation with the agricultural extension service of the College of Agriculture. Each town will hire a garden supervisor. The towns that have undertaken the work and the names of the supervisors are: Alliance, E. Q. Perry; Holdrege, R. A. Stewart; Kearney, G. R. Parsons; Stromsburg, Charles Seemster; Neligh, Mrs. Ida McClintock; Howells, J. V. Srb; Fairbury, J. E. Benson; Beatrice, H. N. Thomas; Blair, E. H. Kellog: Columbus, S. L. Stoddard: Crete, E. A. Gregory; Auburn, G. E. Heacock; Superior, C. E. Andrews; Ashland, Mrs. L. Camp; Central City, A. Crago; Peru, L. F. Carey.

The board of educational lands and funds approved reappraisement of state lands in Logan and Thomas counties for rental or leasing purposes. The land in question is suitable only for grazing purposes and is being leased for a few cents an acre. The rental price in Logan county was raised from an average of 3.8 cents an acre to 61/2 cents an acre. In Thomas county the rental price was raised from 21/2 to 31/2 cents an acre. The appraised price of 17,860 acres in Logan county was increased from \$9, 112 to \$19,272, a total increase of \$10, 060, or 109 per cent. The appraised value of 25,590 in Thomas county was increased from \$10,315, to \$15,050, an increase of \$4,735, or 46 per cent. While the land rents for only a few cents an acre the increase in the annual rental in the two countles is

Secretary of State Pool has ordered another 10,000 automobile number plates in addition to the 70,000 he purchased for the current year. He has only about 7,000 of the first lot still on hand, and it is apparent that more will be needed, as applications for licenses are still coming in at a rapid rate. Mr. Pool thinks that even the additional 10,000 may be used up before the end of the year, in which case he will have to order a third batch. Last year the secretary of state's office issued 59,140 automobile ltcenses.

Sass Assumes Duties.

President J. A. Ollis and Secretary W. R. Mellor, of the state board of agriculture, accompanied Jacob Sass, the newly elected treasurer of that body, to Seward on Monday to check him in. The books, papers and records of the late G. F. Dickman, who was treasurer at the time of his death, and the amount of money he had on deposit, were to be audited before turning them over to the new official. Mr. Sass lives at Chalco and is a member of the legislature from Sarpy county.

GripStill G HangingOn!

Back aches? Stomach sensitive? A little cough? No strength? Tire easily? All after effects of this dread malady. Yes, they are catarrhal. Grip is a catarrhal disease. You can never be well as long as catarrh remains in your system, weakening your whole body with stagnant blood and unhealthy secretions.

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It's the one tonic for the after effects of grip, because it is a catarrhal treatment of proved excellence. Take it to clear away all the effects of grip, to tone the digestion, clear up the inflammed membranes, regulate the bowels, and set you on the highway to complete recovery.

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improve the complexion, brighten the eyes. SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE. Genuine must bear Signature

STRANGE SIGNS ON SHIPS

Have Little Meaning to the Uninitiated, But Are Plainly Understood by Sailors.

Strange signs frequently hang from ships which puzzle even dwellers in seaport towns to guess the meaning of. A basket slung from the mainmast head is a sailor's sign to notify that the cargo has been loaded or discharged, as the case may be, and that the ship is ready to start on her next trip. This she cannot do until the usual board of trade formalities have been observed, and the ship's papers, which, while a ship is in port, are deposited with the board of trade, have

been returned to the captain. A generally mysterious emblem is a besom lashed to a mainmast or bridge railing. This is to signify that the ves-

sel is for sale. Occasionally a dark blue stripe may be seen running fore and aft on a vessel; as a matter of fact, this is a sign of recent bereavement. Blue is the sailor's mourning, and the stripe of this color takes the place of the black margin or band used by the landsmen as a notification of death.

It is not at all difficult for a man to have the patience of Job-if the boils are on his neighbor.

A neutral is a man wno tries to get on both sides of a fence at once.

WISE HOSTESS Won Her Guests to Postum.

"Three great coffee drinkers were my old school friend and her two daughters.

"They were always complaining and taking medicine. I determined to give them Postum instead of coffee when they visited me, so without saying anything to them about it, I made a big pot of Postum the first morning.

"Before the meal was half over, each one passed up her cup to be retilled, remarking how fine the 'coffee' was. The mother asked for a third cup and inquired as to the brand of coffee I used. I didn't answer her question just then, for I heard her say a while before that she didn't like Postum unless it was more than half coffee.

"After breakfast I told her that the 'coffee' she liked so well at breakfast was pure Postum, and the reason she liked it was because it was properly made.

"I have been brought up from a nervous, wretched invalid, to a fine condition of physical health by leav-

ing off coffee and using Postum. "I am doing all I can to help the world from coffee slavery to Postum freedom, and have earned the gratitude of many, many friends." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Postum comes in two forms: Postum Cereal-the original formmust be well boiled. 15c and 25c

Instant Postum-a soluble powderdissolves quickly in a cup of hot water, and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. 30c

and 50c tins. Both forms are equally delicious and cost about the same per cup.

"There's a Reason" for Postum.

-sold by Grocera.