# BRITISH IN DOUBLE PUSH ON BAPAUME

## Seek to Drive Germans From Town by North and South Attacks

## TEUTONS STRIKE BACK

### Berlin Reports Violent Fighting on Both Banks of Ancre

LONDON, March 3.

General Haig has begun a campaign to squeeze the Germans out of Bapaume.

North and south of the German stronghold the British are attacking in an effort to throw a noose about the town and force its evacuation by the Germans. Haig is using the same tactics employed so successfully by the French and British in the capture of Combles earlier in the Somme offensive.

Dispatches from the front today confirmed reports that the Germans have halted their retreat and were making a stand. Heavy German guns withdrawn in the earlier days of the Teuton retirement are deluging the British positions with shells. They are making it exceedingly difficult for General Haig's men to throw up new works in the midst of the sea of mud before Bapaume.

The Germans evidently are preparing to make a strong stand at Bapaume. Occupation of the town by the British, it is now believed, may be postponed at least a fortnight. It was pointed out at the war office today that the "squeezing operations" now being conducted by General Haig, though necessarily slow, will bring Bapaume into British hands at a minimum loss of British lives.

BERLIN, March 3.

Violent infantry fighting has again broken out on both banks of the Ancre, it was officially announced today. The British suffered severe losses and left in German hands sixty prisoners and eight machine guns.

The War Office also announced the repulse of English attacks near Hulluch and Lievin and elsewhere in Artois.

### *GERMANS GAIN MILE ON 2-MILE LUTSK LINE*

BERLIN, March 3.

German storming detachments tore a gap nearly two miles wide and about a mile deep into Russian positions west of Lutsk fortress and returned with 122 prisoners and four machine guns, after destroying Russian dugouts, it was officially announced today.

"The occupation of Kut-el-Amara by the British was to be expected," declared the official press agency quoting the newspaper Aftonbladet, "since it was the British aim to redress General Townshend's capitulation. The success was only a moral one, and attained at an expensive price. Further consequences may hardly be expected."

PETROGRAD, March 3.

A German battalion after a strong hour's artillery preparation entered Russian first line trenches around Slavontin, but were driven out by a counter-attack, today's official statement declared.

# 64TH CONGRESS DIES AT NOON TOMORROW

## Theoretically, That Is—Clocks to Be Set Back—No Extra Session Until June, Unless——

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The second session of the Sixty-fourth Congress will adjourn sine die at noon tomorrow. Adjournment actually may come several hours after noon Sunday, but tonight the Congress clocks will be stopped and set right again only after the present Congress is history.

There will be no extra session until June at the earliest—unless international possibilities make it essential that Senate and House meet sooner.

President Wilson today sent word to his legislative leaders that he would not call the Sixty-fifth Congress into extraordinary session unless the present Congress fails to pass the armed neutrality measure. It is confidently predicted by leaders of both parties that this bill, as the President wants it, will go through both Houses.

The first work of the next Congress, after the month or more that may be necessary for organization, will be to pass any appropriation bills lost in the ruck by the dying Congress.

Even if the army appropriation bill—one of the most important which Congress handles—is lost, the President is determined not to call the extra session Senator Lodge and other Republican leaders have been openly fighting for.

### *War Demands Ring on Senate Floor*

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note to Mexico inviting that country to join in war upon the United States," Brandegee continued. "And we heard on this floor that it was a forgery and that it was concocted in England. The President says it is genuine. I am willing to take his word for it."

At this juncture, Senator Sherman, of Illinois, interrupted him to have read the press dispatches from Berlin stating that Secretary Zimmermann had acknowledged his overtures to Mexico.

"Japan has denied any knowledge of the plot. I ask the Senator from Connecticut whether he attaches any importance to the fact that so far our great and good friend Carranza has not yet been heard from," said Senator Sutherland, of Utah.

When Senator Brandegee was about to answer, Senator Stone interrupted to ask Senator Sherman through what channels the press dispatches came.

"The regular news channels,' answered Senator Sherman.

Resuming, Senator Brandegee said Germany abandoned ruthless submarine warfare only for six months so as to build submarines.

"Yet," he continued, "the President of the United States comes here last Monday and says our ships are timidly remaining in port and asks for authority to furnish them with defensive arms in case they are necessary.

"Good God! Isn't it necessary? If you prevent an armed assassin from cutting your throat won't you have to fight? Or will you lie on your back and have your throat cut? If Germany sinks one of our armed ships there will be war."

### Mrs. Green's Millions Exempt

TRENTON, N. J., March 3.—Although Mrs. Hetty Green spent much of her life in and about Hoboken, she was not a legal resident of this State, Controller Bugbie has decided, and New Jersey will make no effort to levy an inheritance tax upon the millions she left. Mr. Bugbie said he believed Mrs. Green was a resident of Bellows Falls, Vt. The State already has collected a tax of $80,000 upon stock held by Mrs. Green in New Jersey corporations.

### No Change in Sugar Prices

NEW YORK, March 3.—Fine granulated [illegible] with quotations

# BERLIN NOW ADMITS PLOTTING MEXICAN WAR AGAINST U. S.

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that in case the United States declared war against Germany we prepared measures of defense. I fail to see how such a 'plot' is inspired by unfriendliness on our part.

"COMMON WAR PRACTICE ONLY"

"It would mean nothing but that we would use means universally admitted in war in case the United States declared war.

"The most important part of the alleged plot is its conditions and form. The whole 'plot' falls flat to the ground in case the United States does not declare war against us.

"And if we really, as the report alleges, considered the possibility of a hostile act by the United States against us, then we really had reasons to do so."

"An Argentine newspaper which printed a story a short while ago really revealed the 'plot' when telling that the United States last year suggested to the American republics common action against Germany and her Allies," the Foreign Secretary continued. "This 'plot' was apparently not conditional in the least. The news as published by the newspaper La Prensa well agreed with the interpretation given, for instance, by the American newspaper man, Edward Price Bell, London correspondent, who said that the United States was only waiting for the proper moment in order opportunely to assist the Entente.

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER MAN QUOTED

"The same American stated that Americans from the beginning of the war really participated in it by putting the immense resources of the United States at the Entente's disposal and that the Americans had not declared war only because they felt sure that assistance by friendly neutrality would be during that time much more efficient for the Entente than by direct participation in the war.

"Whether this American newspaper man reported the facts exactly we were at a loss to judge in satisfactory fashion, since we were more or less completely cut off from real communication from the United States.

"But there were other facts which seemed to confirm this and similar assurances. Everybody knows these facts and I need not repeat them.

"The Entente propaganda services have sufficiently heralded all these pro-Entente demonstrations in the United States. And if you link these demonstrations, together with the actual attitude of the United States, then it is obvious that the consideration was not frivolous on our part of what defensive measures we should take if we were attacked by the United States."

# DEFENSE OF GERMAN INTRIGUES RIDICULED IN AMERICAN CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Attempted justification by Herr Zimmermann, the German Foreign Minister, of Germany's effort to line up Mexico and Japan against the United States found no response in Washington officialdom today.

The insinuations by Zimmermann that there was "justification" for Germany's action in the activity of the United States in South America met with sharp denial. The facts as shown by the records, known to the entire world for months, were cited as complete refutation of the Zimmermann accusation.

The United States approached the Latin-American countries of South and Central America and called a convention to arrange to meet the changed trade conditions growing out of the European war entirely in the open.

The Pan-American conference held in this city met in the open at all times. It was a general discussion of ways and means for assisting each other commercially. And at no time was the slightest suggestion from any point that the conferences were in the interest of any of the European belligerents. As a matter of record, officials pointed out today, the plans of the conference found their chief opposition in Great Britain. The British Board of Trade was open in its opposition, and in some of the South American countries, notably Argentina, British banking affiliations withdrew their support from Argentina merchants who had agreed to do business with the United States.

Reports from inspired sources at the time, which intimated that an offensive and defensive alliance might be the outcome of the conference, met with denial by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, who had been most active in arranging the conference. He held then that the spirit of the Monroe Doctrine would prevent any arrangement other than a trade agreement, and that is as far as the conference ever went.

The further declaration by the German Foreign Secretary that the United States had been waiting for the opportune moment to enter the war on the side of the Entente is sufficiently refuted. State Department officials assert, by the records of the submarine dispute between this Government and Germany since the sinking of the Lusitania and also by the private utterances of the President himself.

It was pointed out that at every opportunity the President went to the utmost limits to prevent an open break with Germany, even going to the extent of giving warning of what might be expected in the correspondence that followed the sinking of the Sussex.

Secretary Lansing, while declining to be drawn into any controversy regarding the relations between the United States and the South American republics, made it plain that so far as we were concerned the entire truth as to the Zimmermann plot against this Government was known to the Administration.

"It is immaterial whether Mr. Zimmermann denies or confirms the matter. We know it to be true."

That is the position of the United States. It does not care what action Germany takes about the plot. There is no question of how it was planned and the object that was expected to be attained in the opinion of the United States Government. And having acquainted the nations of the world with the facts this Government waits developments no matter what they may be.

### *GERMANS STILL HOPE U. S. WILL NOT FIGHT*

BERLIN, March 3.—Failure of the United States Congress to give full support to President Wilson's program in dealing with Germany has aroused hopes here that war between the two countries may yet be averted.

The newspapers comment cautiously on Washington reports, stating that the House refused to vote the President all the power he asked. They regard this news as optimistic, but are awaiting the action of the Senate with great interest.

The newspaper Germania, organ of the Catholic party, rejoices over the refusal of the House to follow President Wilson's bidding and accepts this as an indication that the people of the United States are opposed to war with Germany.

### *JAPAN NEVER RECEIVED WAR NOTE, MOTONO SAYS*

TOKIO, March 3.—Declaring Japan has received no such proposal as that bared in German Foreign Secretary Zimmerman's letter to the German Minister at Mexico City, Viscount Motono, Japan's Foreign Minister, today asserted the whole plot "showed the mental delusions under which Germany is now laboring."

"The entire scheme is absurd," he declared. "First it was absurd to suppose that Japan would desert her Allies and join with Germany. Secondly, it was absurd to imagine that Mexico could induce Japan to follow such a course.

"No proposals of any kind have been received from Mexico. The fact that Germany supposed such a course of events possible shows the mental delusions under which she is now laboring."

### *HINT ZIMMERMANN NOTE INTERCEPTED AT BORDER*

NEW YORK, March 3.—That the Zimmermann letter proposing that Mexico and Japan make war with Germany on the United States was intercepted on its way to Mexico City by American secret service agents at San Antonio was hinted today by a well-known Mexican, who recently arrived here from Mexico City.

"That's a question that's been bothering a lot of us Mexicans," said he, "but the San Antonio story seems to be a pretty well-grounded suspicion."

A hundred persons, many of them Germans, applied for and received passports to Mexico from the Mexican Consulate in New York in the last twenty-four hours.

### *COSTA RICA BLOCKED BERLIN WAR MOVES*

WASHINGTON, March 3.

That the Costa Rican Government is aware of "German activities" in that country just previous to and since the European war broke out was the authoritative statement made today by a diplomatic official here.

Within the last few months the latest evidence of German activity, this official said, was a request of the Costa Rican Government from a presumably American firm for a concession to establish a high-power wireless station in the Central American republic near the Panama Canal.

A week or two before the war started a previous similar request for concession had been made. Both requests were turned down.

Both requests were made, the Costa Rican Government has every reason to believe after investigation, in the interests of Germany.

[illegible] Government protest, the Costa Rican Government believes, would have built the wireless station had the requests been granted.

The Costa Rican Government turned down the requests after its officials had consulted United States officials and after the latter had been told the company wanting the radio concessions would balk at making operation of the station conform with "certain understandings" between Costa Rica and the United States.

Another sign of German activity was in the purchase of the ship Marena Quesada in the United States and attempt to place her under Costa Rican registry.

Temporary registry was obtained from the Costa Rican consul in New York, but upon the ship's arrival at Port Limon application for permanent registry was rejected, it was said, the ship was to be used as a supply boat for German raiders.

Later the New York Costa Rican consul was dismissed from the service.

The people of Costa Rica are said to be almost unanimously in sympathy with the Allied cause.

### *U. S. POLICY WILL FIX CHINA'S WAR ATTITUDE*

PEKIN, March 3.

The course German-American relations take within the next week or ten days undoubtedly will have much to do with the success of the Entente's efforts to bring China into the war against Germany.

Definite promise by the Allied powers that the Boxer indemnity payments will be suspended during the war has strengthened the Allied cause materially, but many officials advise the Government to await action by the United States.

### *U. S. CRAFT HUNT U-BOATS IN WATERS ABOUT CUBA*

HAVANA, March 3.—United States destroyers are searching adjacent waters because of unconfirmed reports that German submarines are in the vicinity, it was learned today.

The destroyers are attached to the fleet of United States warships surrounding Cuba because of the revolutionary disturbances. They are seeking to learn also whether the U-boats have any bases in the keys off the Bahamas, Cuba or Yucatan.

United States officials here attach no great importance to the arrest of Pablo Dreher, a German, charged with conspiracy in connection with the revolutionary plots. Dreher was a character around Havana and did not associate with Germans of high standing. It is not believed he had any official connection with the German Government. It is charged that he acted as agent for General Jose Miguel Gomez, rebel leader, in obtaining supplies.

### LEAVES $1000 TO BAPTISTS

#### Will of Emma Botten Shows Gift to Germantown Church

A bequest of $1000 to the First Baptist Church of Germantown is a part of the will of Emma Botten, 59 Church lane, which, as probated today, disposes of an estate valued at $30,000. Another will containing charitable bequests was that of Rosanna Gruss, 977 North Sixth street, which leaves $250 to St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum and $100 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

Other wills probated were those of James Mickle, Eighth and Chestnut streets, which in private bequests disposes of property valued at more than $100,000; Anna B. Fisher, who died at the Hahnemann Hospital, $35,000; Camilla J. Eddowes, 2037 West Ontario street, $15,000; Cecilia A. Dewess, 2719 North Twelfth street, $8600; William A. Foley, 822 Almond street, $5000; Ellen Stallsmith, 3216 Brandywine street, $4000, and Sarah Rogard, 882 North Tenth street, $3500.

# FRENCH WOMEN RELIEVE MAN SHORTAGE

Many positions filled by males in the munition factories have been taken by these patriotic women. The photograph shows one of the female workers driving an electric truck in a shell factory.

# PRESIDENT WILSON WILL TAKE OATH OF HIGH OFFICE ON TWO OCCASIONS

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man, of North Carolina, and Representative Rucker, of Missouri. In the second will be the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall, and Senators Hoke Smith, of Georgia, and Warren, of Wyoming. Representatives Garrett, of Tennessee, and McKinley, of Illinois; Colonel Robert Harper and Secretary to the President Tumulty will occupy the third. In the fourth vehicle will be Colonel W. W. Harts, President Wilson's military aid; Dr. Cary T. Grayson, his personal physician, and Commander R. L. Berry, U. S. N.

# VANGUARD OF PHILADELPHIANS OFF FOR THE INAUGURATION

The vanguard of Philadelphia's participants in the inaugural Monday left for the capital this afternoon, when detachments from the Pennsylvania National Guard entrained for Washington. They will be followed tomorrow by a thousand or more Democrats.

Trouble in inducing members of the Philadelphia battalion of the Sixth Infantry to take part in the inaugural parade was smoothed out by inducing men from other regiments to fill depleted ranks caused by many of the men in the Sixth refusing to go. The reason given by the rebellious guardsmen was that they had been mustered out but three days and wanted to spend some time at home.

The headquarters' staff, supply company, machine gun company and the Philadelphia battalion of the Sixth entrained at Fortieth street station, while companies of the Schuylkill Valley battalion left Broad Street Station, picking up the Philadelphia men at West Philadelphia. The battalion from the First Infantry left at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and the battalion from the Third will leave at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. The troops will be in charge of Brigadier General Price and will return Monday night.

STATE OFFICIALS PLAN TRIP

Governor Brumbaugh, Major General Clement, division commander; Brigadier General O'Neill, commander of the Third Brigade, and their respective staffs are expected to attend the inauguration.

Three large Philadelphia Democratic clubs, with bands, banners and uniforms, will be in line next Monday. They will be joined by several hundred members of ward clubs. The Women's Democratic Club of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Women's Woodrow Wilson League and a suffrage delegation whill leave here to participate in the festivities. They will march in the women's division of the parade. The Philadelphia delegation will leave at various times from tomorrow until Monday morning.

The first of the Democratic organizations to go will be the Jefferson Club. It will leave Broad Street Station tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock under the leadership of Democratic City Chairman Lank. All, except the sixteen women who will go along, will be attired in silk hats, gray spats, gloves and scarfs.

The women paraders will wear white silk uniforms of military pattern and will carry white parasols. They will be headed by Mrs. Carrie Hersh, daughter of James Gillespie, of the Jefferson Club.

The John A. Thornton Marching Club will leave at midnight tomorrow from Broad Street Station, with Postmaster Thornton as marshal. They will be clad in steel-gray uniforms.

The Fifth Congressional District Inaugural Marching Club has been holding meetings periodically for several months to plan the part it will take in the celebration.

More than 300 Democrats of the wards of the northeastern section of the city will march under the banner of this organization, of which Nicholas Albrecht will be marshal. Ex-Congressman Michael Donohoe will parade with this club, and will be present at the luncheon to be given the club in Congress Hall before the parade begins.

Ex-Congressman J. Washington Logue will take his entire family to Washington for the festivities, and he will personally participate in the celebration.

BOY SCOUTS TO GO

A number of Philadelphia Boy Scouts, representing the various troops, accompanied by a band of eighteen pieces, will leave tonight and tomorrow morning in two delegations for Washington. They will be in charge of Samuel G. Friedman, a member of the Philadelphia Council. During the parade the boys will do patrol duty along the line. Assisting Scoutmaster Friedman will be Scoutmasters C. V. Dealy, Walter M. Reeves, Alfred H. Loeb, H. T. Powers, G. M. Lancaster, Jr., R. G. Lacey and Assistant Scoutmaster Raymond G. Richter.

Several hundred Philadelphia women will take part in the mammoth parade. The suffrage delegation will be augmented by the delegates now in Washington attending the National Convention of the Congressional Union. For the first time in the history of such celebrations librarians will be represented among the marchers by Miss Enid Ackerman, of 138 South Fiftieth street, who will take part with the suffrage delegation. Many of the women will leave tomorrow for the inauguration. Among them will be:

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| Mrs. M. R. Sullivan | Miss Clara VanGunten |
| Miss Mary A. Cobble | Miss R. Virginia Jones |
| Dr. Sarah H. Lockrey | Mrs. A. R. Harmon |
| Dr. Miriam M. Butt | Miss Helen A. Munro |
| Miss Laura Butt | Mrs. R. W. Fowler |
| Mrs. Francis L. Noble | Miss Mary C. Bassler |
| Miss Edith Hilles | Mrs. Albert Rolin |
| Miss Helen W. Beck | Mrs. Wm. E. Groben |
| Mrs. G. K. Hallman | Miss Cora Eiff |
| Miss Sarah G. Tomkins | Miss S. M. Ingalls |
| Miss Edith Emerson | Miss Ethel Berry |
| Mrs. L. L. Voss | Miss Ada Zilday |
| Mrs. W. J. Hall | Mrs. William Uhl |
| Miss Ellen L. Leaf | Mrs. L. P. Bartlett |
| Mrs. Mary C. Dowell | |
| Mrs. James H. Toner | |

### *MEXICO PAYS TRIBUTE TO NEW U. S. ENVOY*

GUADALAJARA, Mex., March 3.—United States Ambassador Fletcher formally presented his credentials to First Chief Carranza today, marking the complete restoration of diplomatic interchange between Mexico and the United States, and the final step in entire recognition of the Carranza Government.

The event was made the formal occasion for a ceremony of great pomp. Ambassador Fletcher was received with extraordinary honors, accorded the salutes of a general of division in the army and granted respectful tribute by officials and the people at large.

Fletcher's first official act as Ambassador was expected to be presentation of an inquiry at the Mexican Foreign Office requesting a statement from that Government as to its position with regard to the United States. The inquiry was ordered from Washington in view of the revelations of Germany's attempt to align Mexico and Japan against America.

In view of the Government's disavowal that such a plan was ever broached by the German Ambassador, a formal answer reiterating Mexico's complete friendship for the United States is expected at once.

The formal speeches to be interchanged between First Chief Carranza and the new Ambassador were awaited with interest.

### Another Extra for Reynolds Tobacco

WINSTON SALEM, N. C., March 3.—The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 3 per cent and an extra dividend on 2 per cent on common stock, also the regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock. Last December an extra dividend of 5 per cent on common was declared. Dividends are payable April 2 to stock of record March 21.

### Sugar Futures Irregular

NEW YORK, March 3.—The sugar futures market opened irregular, 3 points lower to 3 points higher, with sales on the call 3350 tons. Wall street showed a disposition to buy moderately in April, May and July, but trading was not at all active, ring traders awaiting developments in the Cuban situation next week.

### Pigs Highest Since Civil War

PITTSBURGH, March 3.—The price of live pigs in the Pittsburgh market today is $14.10 per 100 pounds, the highest since the Civil War, when they sold at $14 flat.


TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

DEATHS

CLIFTON.—March 3, at 1331 N. Frazier st., WILFRED P., husband of Mabel Clifton (nee Schultz) and son of Elizabeth R. and the late John K. Clifton. Notice of funeral later.

HELP WANTED—MALE

HAMMERMEN, HEATERS, HAMMER DRIVERS, HELPERS. APPLY 2800 E. TIOGA ST.

INSIDE MAN wanted for hardware store. Holden Bros., 4325 Frankford ave.

TIME CLERK wanted; give nearest phone number and experience. P 924, Ledger Office.

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ROOMS FOR RENT

55TH AND POWELTON AVE.—Desirable front room for gentleman; private, adult family; [illegible]


# MOKEMACHER CHORTLES IN GLEE OVER BLISS AS SNOW PROPHET

## Forecaster With Mornamillion Instruments Falls Behind Ole Simeon's .500 Per Cent Prediction—Useless Cost to Uncle Sam, He Says

MOKEMACHER'S SNOWFALL AVERAGE

| Falls Won. | Falls Lost. | Average. |
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OLD Simeon M. Mokemacher, snow storm prophet de luxe, grinned sardonically today. He sat is front of his hut, improvised out of cast-off lumber, wash-boiler tin and sheet iron, on the calm heights of a Manayunk cliff. His throat fluttered in and out. His chest rose and fell. His cheeks puffed out until they looked like a big, ripe apple. A ripple ran along his stomach muscles. It was plain that the great man, formerly of Andalusia, Pa., more recently of Stonehouse lane, down Neckers' way, was holding back quarts of merriment.

The strain became too much for the old man, proud possessor of the famous snow-foretelling pipe, the man who taught onions to warn of approaching snowfalls by bristling their fine hairs. The explosion came. A huge guffaw burst from Simeon's lips. He rocked to and fro. His eyes watered mirth.

"Ho! ho! ho!" roared Mokemacher. A goat browsing amid a pile of debris fled at the terrible sound. "Ho! ho! ho!" came from the lips of the old man. 'Nother one to my credit. See those big flakes that began to fall along about ten minutes to four yesterday afternoon? Well, that makes the third of the six I predicted. There's be three more snowfalls in Philadelphia before we git to warm weather. Three more, mark me lad, three more. There's three blue streaks left on my ole pipe and that tells the tale."

THREE MORE SNOWS

"But, why," asked the reporter, "why did you laugh so heartily, Mr. Mokemacher? There's nothing funny in three more snowstorms for the people of Philadelphia. It means wet feet and slushy crossings and pavements to be cleaned and all sorts of disagreeable things."

"I wasn't alaffin' about that, me lad," said old Simeon. "I was alaffin' at pore ole George Bliss, the Government weather forecaster down in the Postoffice Building. The Government pays him big money every month to tell the people what's agoin' to happen so they can put on their gumshoes and sich. An' he's got machines that cost nigh about a million dollars. An' he don't tell 'em. Why? 'Cause he can't. That's the farnation truth. An' here I sit, not costing anybody a cent an' I says six more snows and I tell by my ole pipe what didn't cost a cent 'cause it was give to me. And here's three of 'em and the other three'll be along soon."

"An' even after snow does begin to fall this Bliss feller, he don't know what to do. He runs around in a circle an' barks somethin' dreadful at the flakes a-fallin' right outside his ornate ole office. An' he looks wise, an' his high-paid assistants looks wise and he calls the nineteenth assistant assistant forecaster in an' he says: 'How does it look?'

"An' the nineteenth assistant assistant says, 'It looks bad for you, a-missin' this one on.' An' Bliss, drat him, he gets angry an' he says, 'I'll beat that ole Manayunk codger anyway. I'll retrieve my forecasting fortunes by a-sayin' somethin' big. So this what he says."

Here the old man picked up a morning paper and solemnly read this forecast sent out by Mr. Bliss last night, while the snow was falling heavily:

The snow will continue to fall throughout today (Saturday and until tomorrow.

"Look about you," cried Mokemacher. "See any snow a-fallin'? Course not. It stopped before that there Bliss fellow crawled into his bed after a-foolin' the whole of Philadelphia. 'Continue to fall throughout today and until tomorrow.' Ho, ho, ho."

"I played a trick on that there smart Bliss. I thought he didn't know a darn thing about the weather. So I fixed it to expose him and his danged instruments. I got a friend to call him up on the phone down there in his swell office, with silly things and paper tapes and red ink lines and thermometers and barometers and everything else that costs money and a big red mahogany desk and reports and maps with tracks of drunken men strung every which way all over them.

QUIZZING BLISS

"This friend of mine, he says:

"'This you, Mr. Bliss?'

"'Yes,' says Mr. Bliss, real sweet like. 'What you want?'

"'I want to know,' says my friend, 'how many more snowstorms the great United States Government says we're agoin' to have this winter.'

"'Nobody but a blamed, blamed, blamed fool would ask such a blamed, blamed, blamed, blamed question,' Mr. Bliss says to my friend. 'Nobody knows, nobody can tell. It's in the lap of Nature, where no man has yet been able to peek for snowstorms.' You're a boob,' an' up went that there receiver with an awful bang.

"Now Mr. Bliss didn't use exactly these words. He was more polite like, but that's the way the translation of which he did say come to me. That's why I had to laff. The joke's on ole George Bliss, and it'll be on him three more times before the spring flowers poke their little heads above the sod.

"Yes, siree, three more snowstorms. My ole pipe says so and my ole pipe's got more weather wisdom in its ole bowl than ole George Bliss and all his ole strummets put together has got in theirs.

"I think," said Mr. Mokemacher, in conclusion, "that the next snowfall, from the looks of the top one of three blue streaks left on my ole pipe bowl—there was six last week—I think the next snowfall will come along here some day very soon. It might be next Monday and then again it might be along about the middle of next week.

"Pore ole George Bliss. Ho, ho, ho."

# JERSEY METHODISTS WILL MEET AT SHORE

## Three Hundred Ministers to Hold Yearly Session Next Week

ATLANTIC CITY, March 3.—Three hundreds pastors who sleep in the "spare rooms" of entertaining parishioners when they hold their yearly sessions elsewhere than in frivolous seashore cities, are going to live in high style in hotels and parade the Boardwalk between sessions when they come here next week for the eighty-first annual session of the New Jersey Methodist-Episcopal Conference. The hegira shoreward will start tomorrow, for while the conference does not get under way until Tuesday night, Bishop Joseph Berry, who is to preside, will preach tomorrow evening in the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Probably Governor Edge will be invited to drop down to his home town and say a few words to the clergymen while they are here.

The Rev. Heber D. Ketcham will deliver the conference sermon on Tuesday night.

Prominent Methodist laymen are coming from all over the State on Friday next to record their yearly demand for a voice in conference deliberations. As the pastors hold the whiphand and laymen have not been counted in on the yearly get-together, the lay brothers probably will get the "glad hand" and that's about all.

# What's Doing Tonight

Germantown Academy has gymnasium exhibit, School House lane and Green street. Students and friends.

Pitman Masonic Club banquet, Rittenhouse Hotel. Members.

Philadelphia Orchestra concert, Academy of Music. Admission charge.

Sigma Alpha Phi Fraternity dance, Adelphia Hotel. Members.

Tau Delta Phi, of U. of P., dinner, Adelphia Hotel. Members.

Sigma Epsilon Delta dinner, Adelphia Hotel. Members.

Annual dinner Dunlap School Association, school building, Fifty-first and Race streets. Members.

Saturday Fireside Forum, Central Y. M. C. A. Free.


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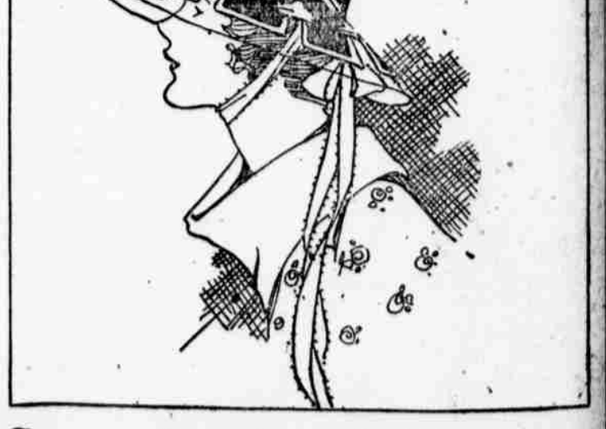
Beginning Monday



Strawbridge & Clothier

Opening Exposition of Paris Hats for Spring

Our Millinery buyer arrived from abroad on the *Finland* on Wednesday. Most of the Paris Hats had preceded him—more beautiful and more distinctive than ever. A splendid display, to which the women of Philadelphia and vicinity are invited next Monday.

MARKET ST. EIGHTH ST. FILBERT ST.