

FIRE DESTROYS LARGE STOCKS AT CLINTON

Stocks and Buildings of Three Wholesale Houses Burned.

WESTERN GROCER COMPANY HARD HIT

Losses \$100,000 Stock in Fire Which Wrecked Clinton Branch—Gobbie Grocery Company Losses \$200,000

Special to Times-Republican.

Clinton, Nov. 17.—Fire which completely wiped out the stock of the Clinton Grocer Company, branch house of the Western Grocer Company, of Marshalltown, also destroyed the Gobbie Grocery Company and the Schall-Hutchinson Candy Company, inflicting a loss of nearly \$500,000.

Only desperate work by the firemen and hundreds of volunteers prevented a general conflagration. The blaze started in the loading shed of the Clinton Grocer Company at 3:15 a. m. and burned its way thru to the interior.

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Plans to Resume Business. Plans to resume business were under way by stricken firms to resume business. The executive committee meeting of the Western Grocer Company, scheduled for Cedar Rapids today, was transferred to Clinton and temporary offices at a warehouse were secured.

Losses and Insurance. The losses and insurance on buildings and stocks follow: Clinton Grocer Company, loss \$100,000; insurance \$74,000.

Gobbie building, loss \$300,000; insurance \$150,000. Schall-Hutchinson building, loss \$12,000; insurance \$5,000.

ALIEN RIGHTS IN DISPUTE.

Hearing of Cases of Sir Edgar Speyer and Sir Ernest Cassel Continued. London, Nov. 17.—The hearing in the cases of Sir Edgar Speyer and Sir Ernest Cassel, to determine whether they should retain membership in the privy council, was continued today.

Council for Sir Ernest contends that the act of 1870, giving all naturalized aliens all rights of native citizens, removed all provisions which might have prevented any alien citizen becoming privy councillors.

The contention was disputed by the opposition that no judgment favorable to the applicants could be enforced as it would involve an order to the crown. The lord chief justice, Baron Reading, announced that the court would assume that when it declared the law, its ruling would be applied, and there would be no possibility that the crown might wet naught a declaration of the court.

STEAMER RUNS AGHORE.

Tuscania, of Anchor Line, in Distress, But is Rescued. London, Nov. 17.—The Anchor Line steamship Tuscania, which left Glasgow, Nov. 16, for New York, ran ashore off the coast of Ireland today and is returning to Glasgow for inspection before resuming her voyage to New York.

SEEK VIEW OF ALLIES.

Japan Desires of Knowing if Chinese Position is Satisfactory. Tokio, Nov. 17.—Japan is consulting with her allies to learn whether they are satisfied with the announcement of the Chinese government that the monarchy will not be restored during the present year. The feeling is

general that no change of government should be made while the European war is in progress.

WAR HITS MISSION WORK.

Dr. Grenfell's Medical Labors in Labrador Greatly Hampered. New Haven, Conn., Nov. 17.—The medical mission conducted in Labrador by Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell has suffered from the effects of the war because many of the young men have enlisted and the market for furs has been ruined, according to a letter received at Yale from Dr. Grenfell.

"Without young blood and vitality it is almost impossible to wrest a living from Labrador," he wrote. "The only new economic demand was for our spruce forest pit props for English and French mines, the normal supply for Norway and Sweden being cut off. The main forward steps of the mission this year was the building of a winter hospital in north Labrador."

ASK REVISION OF LAWS.

Administration Would Change Neutrality Statutes to Meet Conditions. Washington, Nov. 17.—Congress will be asked at the coming session to revise the federal neutrality laws. This is one of the steps decided on by the administration to enable the department of justice to deal more effectively with offenses against the United States growing out of the war.

Under the Sherman law state courts are powerless to act in conspiracies of this character. Such offenses can only be prosecuted in the federal court. Legislation may also be sought to enlarge the powers of the secret service to enable it to cope with conditions growing out of the war.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES STRIKE AS PROTEST

Twenty-five Clerks and Carriers in Fairmont, W. Va., Office Quit Work Because of Discharge of Assistant Postmaster and Three Others.

Fairmont, W. Va., Nov. 17.—Twenty-five clerks and carriers in the postoffice here, practically the entire force, struck today as a protest, it was said, against the discharge of W. H. Brand, assistant postmaster, and three other employees.

About twenty employees still left in the office against Harry Burton, George Cochran and James Hill, resulted in their dismissal a few days later. Postmaster Charles H. Manley found on his desk today a large piece of cardboard, on which was written:

"Your clerks and carriers have quit. Here are your keys." Brand, who was connected with the postoffice for seventeen years, was dismissed recently on the charge that he had given assistance to applicants in civil service examinations. Other charges against Harry Burton, George Cochran and James Hill, resulted in their dismissal a few days later.

Postmaster Manley was compelled to close the office and bring the postal service of the city to a standstill when he discovered that he could not open the safe. It was stated that every striking employee had last night sent his resignation by mail to the department at Washington.

MEXICAN WAR VETERAN DEAD.

J. C. Crawford, Brother of Kansas War Governor, Dies at Fredonia. Fredonia, Kan., Nov. 17.—J. C. Crawford, Mexican war veteran and brother of the late Samuel J. Crawford, a Kansas war governor, died here today, a month before his 90th birthday anniversary. Mr. Crawford was a member of an Indian regiment in the Mexican war, which was in Scott's command in the campaign from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico. He was born Dec. 23, 1825, near Bedford, Ind.

WAR ORDER TURNED DOWN BY FACTORIES

France Falls in Effort to Have United States Mills Turn Out 9,000,000 Hand Grenades—Steel Plants Rushed to Capacity—Foreign Agents Active.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 17.—Agents of the French government have been trying for several days to place an order for 9,000,000 hand grenades, but it is said they have met with little success. Only the shells were wanted, as they were to be loaded in France.

More foreign agents are now in Pittsburgh trying to buy steel products than at any previous time. They include men who are buying materials for Australia, the Belgian Congo and Union of South Africa. Shipments to China have been unusually large during the last few weeks. This export business is not confined to war materials, although munitions constitute a considerable proportion.

War Cotton Burned.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 17.—One thousand bales of cotton in the warehouse of the River Spinning Company were destroyed by fire early today. The company, it was stated, had contracted to supply the allies with a specially prepared product to be used in the preparation of gun cotton.

INDIAN BLANKET FOR BRIDE.

Vice President Marshall Selects Wedding Gift For Mrs. Galt. Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 17.—Vice President Thomas R. Marshall's wedding gift to Mrs. Norman Galt, President Wilson's fiancée, is a gorgeous Navajo Indian chief's blanket, made at the reservation in northeastern Arizona. The gift was sent east today.

Speaker Clark Responds.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Speaker Clark telegraphed President Wilson today he would be in Washington next Friday, to respond to the president's invitation for a conference on the administration program.

SERBIAN ARMY HARD PRESSED

Fate of Nation May Be Decided in Brief Space of Hours.

ALLIED EXPEDITION NOW IS MENACED

Threatened by Flanking Movement Which May Cut Off Retreat—Bulgarian Advances Sever Serbian-Allied Lines—Diplomatic Situation Brighter as Viewed in London—Great Britain Detains Grecian Ships.

London, Nov. 17.—The fate of the Serbian army may be only a matter of hours. Monastir is reported to be in such a perilous position that the consular officials have departed from the city. From the various conflicting reports, the following apparently may be deduced as facts:

The Bulgarians have taken Krusevo, and are six miles west of Perlepe. Thus, the southern Serbian army and its Franco-British allies are confronted with the imminent peril of an outflanking movement. Tetevo is in the hands of the Bulgarians.

The fate of the Serbians holding Babusa pass is more obscure. One report states that the pass has been forced. It seems certain that the defenders at last are threatened so seriously that their position may soon be untenable. With Babusa in the hands of the invaders the fate of Perlepe would be sealed and the road to Monastir opened.

Diplomatic Phase Brighter. While the military situation becomes darker from the standpoint of the entente allies, the diplomatic phase of their campaign is somewhat more favorable. Greece is giving some indication that she is seeking a solution of the problem which would be presented if entente troops should take refuge on Grecian territory.

It is clear the entente powers are bringing considerable pressure to bear on Greece, not the least of which is England's detention in home ports of a fleet of Greek merchantmen. Greek shipping is making enormous profits out of the war and even a temporary check of its activities would mean a great loss.

Battle at Strv River Undecided. On the eastern front interest centers on the attempted recrossing of the Strv, where the Austrians and Germans forward an important success. Petrograd reports merely admit the occupation by the Germans of the village of Podgacze, about five miles from the river, and a slight advance east of that place.

It is asserted the advantage gained by the Teutonic forces in this region is due to the arrival of reinforcements from other sections of the eastern front. From the conflicting reports it may be seen that the east bank of the Strv is held by the Russians, while the battle from the crossing is still undecided.

On the western front activities are limited to rather general artillery exchanges. Arabs Fight For Allies. According to reports from German sources, forward to the Hague to the Central News, 1,200 Arabs have joined the British army in Mesopotamia. This army is said to have approached within a few miles of Baghdad.

Official announcement was made that Premier Aquith, Foreign Secretary Grey, David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, and A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, have arrived in Paris for consultation with the French government.

Joint Council of War. Paris, Nov. 17.—The first meeting of the joint Anglo-French war council was held here this afternoon. Those taking part were Premier Aquith, A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, and Sir Edward Grey, of the British cabinet, while the French participants were Premier Briand; General Gallieni, minister of war; Admiral Lacaze, minister of marine, and General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief.

Great Britain has requested the Spanish government to keep a strict watch along its coast line, especially that of Morocco, to prevent violation of neutrality by German agents who are believed to be supplying submarines with fuel and food at night, says the Madrid correspondent to the Havas Agency.

German View of Balkan Campaign. Amsterdam, via London, Nov. 17.—Continuing his criticism of the Balkan campaign, Major Morant, the military critic, says in the Telegraph: "From a military point of view, never before has an expeditionary army which came over the sea and relied on an insecure base run such risks."

His regards the situation as hopeless for the allies even if Italy is able to send 150,000 troops to the Balkans. Kitchener in Gallipoli? Athens, via London, Nov. 17.—The newspapers here state that Earl Kitchener, British war secretary, has left Mudros for the Gallipoli peninsula.

More Serbians Captured.

Berlin, via London, Nov. 17.—Attempts of the Serbians to check the Austro-German drive have again failed. More than 2,000 Serbs were captured yesterday. Early Peace Proposals. Rome, via London, Nov. 17.—Proposals for a separate peace were made to Italy by Austria at the time the recent

British Hospital Ship Anglia Sunk by Mine; Eighty-Five Lives Lost

London, Nov. 17.—The hospital ship Anglia was sunk by a mine in the English channel today. Three hundred men were saved out of a total of 385.

A Honar Law, secretary for the colonies, was asked in the house of commons today whether the government had received information concerning a report of the sinking of the Anglia. The secretary said: "I am sorry I have no communication I can communicate to the house," he said.

Italian offensive was begun, the Popolo Italia asserts. The paper declares certain territorial concessions were offered to Italy but that the Salandra cabinet refused to consider them.

ON MISSION TO BERLIN.

Former Greek Minister of Marine Said to Be Way to Germany. Rome, via Paris, Nov. 17.—It is announced by the newspapers that M. Stratos, former Greek minister of marine, is on his way to Switzerland, whence he will go to Germany, supposedly on a special mission.

Submarine Driven Off. Rome, via Paris, Nov. 17.—The Italian cruiser Piemonte fired several shells at a submarine which came out to attack her while she was bombarding Deadwater last Friday, says a Salomendi dispatch to the Messaggero. It was believed the submarine was hit.

PRIVATE BIDS TOO HIGH.

None Within Maximum Price as Fixed in Battleship Specifications. Washington, Nov. 17.—None of the bids by private ship yards for construction of the two super dreadnaughts authorized by the last congress, submitted to the navy department today, fell within the limit of \$7,800,000, fixed as the maximum cost for hull and machinery of each ship.

Bids submitted by the New York, Philadelphia and Mare Island navy yards, however, all fell within the limit, most of them being below \$7,000,000. Three private companies submitted bids for one ship each.

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MEETS.

National Organization Convenes in Annual Session at Dayton. Dayton, O., Nov. 17.—Final sessions were held here today by the national convention of city managers, and members of that body who will meet later in the day with the National Municipal League at Dayton.

Discussion in the meeting of the city managers today was on the subject of budget making. Publicity work under the manager plan was discussed.

PAY TRIBUTE TO NEGRO EDUCATOR

Prominent Men in All Walks of Life Attend Funeral of Booker T. Washington—Fully 8,000 Persons Visit Tuskegee to Pay Respects to Racer Leader.

Tuskegee, Ala., Nov. 17.—Prominent men from all walks of life, whites as well as negroes, attended the funeral of Booker T. Washington, the noted educator, race leader and author, which was held this morning at Tuskegee institute, which he made famous.

Fully 8,000 persons came to Tuskegee to pay their last respects to Dr. Washington. Only 2,500 could get into the chapel to hear the simple Episcopal funeral services and here the many old plantation songs which Dr. Washington loved so well.

Members of the faculty, prominent citizens and the executive council of the institute formed in front of the administration building and marched to the chapel. The students followed.

Chicago Negroes Honor Dead.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Business houses controlled by colored persons were closed for one hour here today during the funeral of Booker T. Washington.

WILL RELEASE TRIEST.

Princeton Student, Held in British Detention Camp as Spy, Gains Freedom. New York, Nov. 17.—Friends of Wolfgang G. Triest, a New York contractor, received word from London today that Mr. Triest's son, Kenneth W. Triest, formerly a Princeton student, will be released from the British detention camp at Chatham on Friday and will start for America with his father on Saturday.

PURSUE VILLA'S COLUMNS.

Carranza Forces Unite in Campaign Against Retreating Villa Troops. Washington, Nov. 17.—Carranza forces in northern Mexico, today's war department dispatches show, have their campaign against the retreating Villa columns in full swing. Villa himself was reported near Magdalena. General Cardenas, with 2,000 troops, has left Naco to begin the engagement with Villa, and General Obregon is expected to leave today with several thousand reinforcements.

ANOTHER POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Safe at Arnold's Park Destroyed and Contents Taken. Arnold's Park, Nov. 17.—Burglars blew open the safe at Arnold's Park postoffice at 2 o'clock this morning, wrecking the safe and securing a large number of stamps and considerable money. The safe was completely destroyed.

THIRTY-ONE MEN BURIED IN MINE

Hope of Rescuing Miners Entombed at Ravensdale, Abandoned.

RESCUE PARTIES FACE GREAT TASK

Recovery of Bodies Made Difficult by Tons of Wreckage Obstructing Mine Channels—Many Buried 1,500 Feet Under Ground—Mine Supports Torn Away by Force of Explosion Which Caused Disaster.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 17.—Rescue parties which had been laboring in ninety minute shifts all night, were still working today in an effort to recover the bodies of twenty-five men buried under tons of debris in the Northwestern Improvement Company's coal mine at Ravensdale, thirty-five miles southeast of here. An explosion in the mine yesterday killed thirty-one men and injured three others.

The bodies of six, including Foreman P. J. Kane, were recovered last night, and the rescuers had hope of reaching two more within a few hours, but the others were so far back in the wreckage choked level, 1,500 feet under ground, that it was feared it would take many hours to reach them.

Reports of Fire Untrue.

Reports that fire in the mine was delaying the rescuers were declared to be untrue. The report gained credence because a great cloud of smoke poured out of the main slope when the explosion occurred and from the fact that the bodies recovered were seared by fire. This was explained, however, as due to the sheet of flame which swept thru the mine when the explosion occurred.

The cause of the explosion is still unexplained, although it is believed that coal dust was ignited by a "windy" shot. Rescuers, led by Superintendent W. D. Scott, were unable to reach the third level by the main slope because of the wreckage and had to break their way thru an auxiliary slope.

Mine Supports Blown Away.

The force of the explosion tore down timbers and supports all thru the mine, and the rescuers had to build new supports as they cleared away the wreckage. Expert rescue teams from the United States bureau of mines station at Seattle and from coal camps on both sides of the Cascade mountains were rushed to Ravensdale to assist in the rescue work.

Believe Entombed Men Dead.

After entering the third level, where Foreman Kane's body was found, the oxygen helmeted announced that there was no doubt that all still in the mine were dead, and the workers devoted their time to clearing away the debris.

Those whose bodies have been recovered are: P. J. Kane, foreman; C. D. Davis, pumpman; John Ervington, laborer; Dominick Novella, timberman; M. Pennski, laborer; Michael Ramshack, time keeper.

Approximately \$124,000 will be paid from the state industrial insurance fund to the families of the men who lost their lives. The law gives \$4,000 for each man, provided he is married, and a lesser amount for single men. Only seven of the dead men were single.

GIVES UP RELIEF WORK.

Madame Sembrich Retires From Polish Campaign Because of Illness. New York, Nov. 17.—Because of ill health, Mme. Macella Sembrich has resigned as president of the American Polish relief committee and vice president of the Polish victims relief fund. All her professional engagements have been cancelled until the beginning of January.

Madame Sembrich has worked unceasingly for Poland since the beginning of the war. She is suffering from a nervous breakdown and a bronchial affection, and has been advised by her physician to go south.

WILSON INTERCEDES FOR HILLSTROM

President For Second Time Asks Governor of Utah to Delay Execution of Swedish Citizen—Action Creates Much Surprise—Hillstrom to Die Friday.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Wilson today urged Governor Spry, of Utah, to reconsider the case of Joseph Hillstrom, a Swedish citizen, sentenced to death next Friday for murder. The president sent the following telegram: "With unaffected hesitation but with a very earnest conviction of the importance of the case, I again venture to urge upon your excellency the justice and advisability of a thorough reconsideration of the case of Joseph Hillstrom."

Hillstrom is an I. W. W. worker, in whose behalf the president appealed to Governor Spry several weeks ago on the ground that the prisoner had not been given a fair trial. A few days ago Mrs. J. S. Cram and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, of New York, again urged the president to ask the governor to intervene. The American Federation of Labor also asked intervention for Hillstrom.

Action Creates Surprise.

Salt Lake City, Nov. 17.—President Wilson's telegram requesting a re-con-

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The Weather. Sun rises Nov. 13 at 6:49, sets at 4:41. Iowa — Rain Wednesday; colder in west portion; Thursday fair and colder; strong shifting winds.

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consideration of the case of Joseph Hillstrom had not been received by Governor Spry at 11 o'clock this morning, and his information concerning the message came thru the Associated Press.

The president's second intervention in the case caused great astonishment here, as Hillstrom's execution has been deferred fifty days already and no new facts or reasons for clemency have been presented by Hillstrom's advocates.

The case can not be taken into court again, as Hillstrom has exhausted all his legal rights.

RUSH OF WAR ORDERS CONGESTS TRAFFIC

Blockade of Freight in Eastern Cities Causing Serious Concern to Shippers and Transportation Companies. New York, Nov. 17.—Congestion of freight in and around New York continues to be so great as to cause shippers and transportation companies serious concern. It is attributed mainly to the rush of food stuffs and war munitions for shipment to belligerent nations.

It was stated today that one railroad has upward of 7,000 loaded cars blocked between Pittsburgh and this city and that several hundred freight cars with locomotive parts and railway equipment for Russia are included in the blockade.

The president of one of the big roads declared that hundreds of loaded cars with shipments for Russia were sent to Seattle from Pittsburgh, an unusual course.

BUENZ TRIAL OPENS MONDAY.

Officials of Hamburg-American Line Charged Customs Violations. New York, Nov. 17.—The trial of Karl Buenz, managing director of the Hamburg-American line, and other officials of the company under indictment for conspiracy to violate the customs regulations, today were set for next Monday by Judge Howe of the federal district court. The basis of the charge is the filing by defendants of alleged false manifests and clearances to cover shipments of supplies from New York to German cruisers operating in the Atlantic, soon after the outbreak of the war.

This trial, it was announced, will be followed by the trial of Andrew D. Meloy, on a charge of complicity in an effort to procure an American passport for Franz Rintelen, a German aviator, under the name of Edward V. Gates. Rintelen sailed with a Swiss passport, but was taken off the ship and is at present in an English detention camp.

FAMOUS TEACHER DEAD.

Theodor Leschetitzky, Instructor of Paderewski, Passes Away at Dresden. Dresden, via London, Nov. 17.—Theodor Leschetitzky, the famous teacher of the piano, is dead at the age of 85. He lived for many years in Vienna, but more recently at a villa near Dresden. He was the principal master of Paderewski.

Leschetitzky made his debut in Vienna in 1845 and for several years taught piano at St. Petersburg conservatory.

HENYEI TO MAKE DENIAL.

Declares Charges of Lou's Loeb, Immigration Inspector, Are Untrue. Cleveland, O., Nov. 17.—Albert Henyei, Hungarian labor leader and adviser, charged yesterday by Louis Loeb, city immigration inspector, with having solicited a bribe of \$5,000 to end the munitions strike of Hungarian machinists at the Theodor Kuntz auto body plant here, is to appear before Mayor Newton D. Baker this afternoon to deny the charges.

Dissolve Guggenheim Company.

New York, Nov. 17.—The Guggenheim Exploration Company, which is a holding company for some of the more important interests represented by the Guggenheims in their various copper mining operations, is to dissolve, according to announcements made today.

ARMY MEN ON LONG FLIGHT

First Aviation Contest to Start Tuesday From Fort Sill.

SIX MACHINES TO FLY TO SAN ANTONIO

First Flight Squadron of United States Army Anticipate in Imaginary War Maneuvers—To Be Followed by Auto Trucks Containing Supplies and Repair Kits—New Branch of American Military Service to Undergo Test.

Fort Sill, Okla., Nov. 7.—Fort Sill was bustling today in preparation for the departure of the first air squadron of the United States army, which tomorrow will fly to San Antonio, Tex. The flight was originally set to start Nov. 20, but fine weather and the fact that everything was ready caused a change in plans. Six aeroplanes will make the journey.

The aerial journey will be made under conditions as nearly like those encountered in actual wartime as possible. The start is expected to be made on Nov. 20. Bad weather or delay in completion of hangars, barracks and quarters at San Antonio, however, may delay the trip. The distance to be covered is 450 miles. Stops will be made at these points in Texas: Wichita Falls, Bowie, Decatur, Fort Worth, Cleburne, Hillsboro, Waco, Georgetown, Austin and possibly at Granger and Temple.

Like Real War Game. The flight is intended to give a line on just how army aviators may be expected to work during a war. It is desired to test to the utmost the ability of the fliers to follow a previously designated route over unknown country; it will give an opportunity to try the army transport system under stipulated war conditions, since trucks following the aeroplanes will be forced to make an average of eighty miles a day on land; it will test the power of the motors to stand-up under service conditions and the resourcefulness and adaptability of the army flying department, particularly its supply department.

To each aeroplane will be assigned one truck as tender, carrying the crew, tools, spare parts and other supplies. A newly developed machine shop truck, carrying a lathe and forge, will be along to maintain the squadron on the way. For minor repairs to aeroplanes forced to land thru motor trouble, a corps of six motorcycles carrying repair kits, and all capable of great speed, will be depended upon.

The First Aero Squadron, signal corps, U. S. Army, the official designation of the flying unit, the squadron is divided into six flying sections, a transport section, a supply section, an engineer section charged with motor repairs, and a headquarters section. The officers are Captain B. D. Foulouis, commanding, and Lieutenants T. J. Milling, C. G. Chapman, J. E. Callberry, T. S. Bowen and I. A. Rader. Captain Foulouis is the oldest military flyer in the United States in point of service. With Orville Wright he completed the first cross-country flight made by military aeroplanes. This was made at Fort Myer, Va., in 1903.

Not Part of School.

As the first army squadron is for service with field troops, it must be separated from the army aviation school at San Diego, Cal., where opportunities for the preliminary training of aviators are excellent, but where no large bodies of troops are available for reconnaissance work, observation of artillery fire, and many other important duties demanded of the military aviator.

The invention of an automatic survey camera has occupied much of the time of the aviators. This apparatus, when set in operation by the pilot of the aeroplane in which it is installed, takes a continuous series of photographs of the ground underneath the line of flight. The photograph can be made ready instantly on landing and gives a connected group of overlapping pictures to which a scale can be applied and from which the range to any point shown on them can be at once obtained. In addition to this survey camera a telephoto lens can be put in operation which will search out with precision impossible to the fast traveling aviator, the ground below for evidence of concealed troops, batteries and convoys. Similar experiments will be continued at San Antonio.

JERSEY DEMOCRATS CONFER.

Meet With President Wilson to Smooth Out Party Difficulties. Washington, Nov. 17.—To smooth out difficulties in the way of party success in New Jersey was the object of a conference at the White House today between President Wilson and democratic leaders of that state, including Governor Fielder.

Governor Fielder has announced he will not be a candidate for the United States senate. He decision, he said, is irrevocable.

Other participants in the conference included State Chairman Goscup and Thomas H. Bierch, United States minister to Portugal, who is in this country on a vacation.