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telephone calls from oflclals and prominent men inquiring to the truth
of the reports of the reports.
American Ambassador Gerard and
Foreign Secretary von Jagow Foreign Secretary von Jagow de-
clared, however, that no such intimations had come to them.
Though the report that congress
may force President whlson to yleld may force President Wilson to yield
to Germany roused hope here of a peaceful settiement of the contro-
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to warn Americans to keep off armed tenemy ships and the consensus of opinion is that the recall of diplo-
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effect upon German-American negoerfect upo
tiations. Ambassador Gerard, despite his re-
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CLASH WITH PROE (By United Press Leased Wire.)
Portland, Feb. 26-Twenty Poruand, Feb. $26-T$ wenty-ive
studen of the freshmen class of
 a professor compared the gray mat-
ter of a student to that of a frog. Furthermore, the studentbody
may back the freshmen, and all the
classes may go on strike this atterchasses may go on strike this atter-
noon.
Protessor MacLaren was explaining to the physiology class ehe elien
of light on the skin of trogs, when a frog Jumped out of the glass case
and tried to get away, Arehibald Mc-
Dos. Donald, a student, saw a chance to
get funny, and by mitating the antics of the frog, kept the class in
nproar. Professor Maclaren sald
McDonald did not have any more gray matter than the frog.
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manded an apology from teh pro manded an apology from teh proreshmen went on strike. Pleketi were posted this morning to discour-
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ing class.

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- Crab net San Franclsco, Feb, 26.-A crab
isherman and his net prevented Charies Rickett from making good
on a three-tlme attempt to kill bem ele by slashing hits wrists, taking notson and fumplng in the bay.
The crab fisherman hauled him
out in a net.


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ally plottera plan a now campalga of deatruction, was bellieved toda following the scutting of a lughter carrying 150 allise motor trucka, and a tire aboard the British munk-
tons stearmer Ivington in the lower bay last night.
The mooringa of the lighter were
ut and the vessel was then soutled In mid-stream. Shorthy after ward, the mington, anchored in the
lower bay, was found to be afre. The blazo was soou extingulbhed by a
biter tire tug.
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Simultaneously, District Attorney
Cropsay of Kings county recelved an innonymous letter, recalling the re-
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ress is urging a prompt demand upn Portugal to release Interned TeuForelgn Secretary von Jagow lacks confrmation of the selzures, sald a dispatch today.
Madrid dispatehes sald that Portu-
suese authorities trankly suese authorites trankly admit they
expect Germany to declare war on Portugal.
"I want to Insare".
"Yes, fire or life?
"Both-I've got a wooden leg."
New rope may Rope
 it for an hour or two in wate He-Do you belleve in in timself? She-oh, no! I belleve to Encouraging Cholly. Trm dongg my liest to teolly. thead," ass.
serted Cholly. "Well, beaven kows sou need one!" assented Dolly.
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was somewhere in the house 1 could dellver my speech. Wite-No, dear;
jou know very well the last tiree cooks jou know very well the last three cooks
lett because they thought I was har
boring a lungtic boring a lunatic.-Judge.

${ }_{-}^{\text {ears }}$ Well, I was wid not to stay out
late and i was tieve in preparedness."-
Baltimore American.
Baitimore American.
Natural Result.
"What happered when t .
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"Why, what atwa
"Why, what always bappens when
you put your foot down on a match? ou put your foot down on a match?
Chere was an explosion."-Kansas chty
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without counting sacritices
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