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WEATHER FORECAST. North Carolina—Rai ntonight, Friday much colder and cloudy; probably rain. South Carolina—Rain tonight, Friday probably fair and colder.

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NO OVERT ACT YET, SAYS WASHINGTON

CALIFORNIA ARMED FOR DEFENSE BUT DID NOT USE GUNS

Only American Thought to Be On Board Saved, Though Accounts Conflict WASHINGTON EXPECTS BREAK SOON TO COME Consul Frost Reports Everstone Was Sunk Without Warning as Well as the California—Pathetic Scenes in New York and London

NO OVERT ACT SO FAR. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 8.—On the basis of reports received on the destruction of the California and other ships, so far, it is stated authoritatively that none of the cases constitutes the overt act which will lead to war with Germany. Officials openly express the belief, however, that the overt act is merely a question of time.

SENATE KILLED BILL FOR VERDICT BY TEN JURORS

But Gave Life to the Scales Act for State Board of Charities EDUCATION BILLS DEBATED IN HOUSE Argument Not Concluded and Not Reached—Prohibitionists Put on Fighting

GERMAN PATROL TAKEN BY FRENCH AT VERDUN

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Feb. 8.—A German patrol was captured last night by the French, near Bonzee in the Verdun sector, today's official communication says. Patrol encounters occurred during the night in other parts of the front.

WOMAN IN CASE ON STAND IN THE "LEAK" INQUIRY

Mrs. Visconti Faces the Problem But Gives Very Little Information SAYS CHILD WAS HER INFORMANT Price Placed on Stand and Made Fiat Denial Under Hot Fire From Counsel Whipple

NETHERLANDS ALSO CANNOT ACCEDE

Reply In Negative to Request Made By President Wilson (By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 8.—The Netherlands Government through the American legation at the Hague has formally declined to accept President Wilson's suggestion that it follows the course of the United States and break off diplomatic relations with Germany.

READY TO FIGHT FOR THE LAND OF THEIR ADOPTION

German-American Alliance Endorses President and Pledges Support WILL RAISE TROOPS FOR WAR IF NECESSARY Delegates From Twenty-eight States Meet in Philadelphia And Shout For America

SIXTY SHIPS HAVE FALLEN VICTIMS

Germany's New Submarine Policy Has Reaped a Big Harvest So Far (By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 8.—Sixty ships have been sunk by German submarines or mines, according to a compilation made here from cable reports since the German blockade order took effect on February 1. Fifteen vessels reported as lost since Tuesday brings the total tonnage of the victims of the German navy up to 119,043.

STEPS TO PROTECT BANKS FROM RUINS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 8.—The Federal Reserve Board had taken steps to safeguard any member bank threatened by a run by foreign-born depositors and will aid any bank in the country whose stability has been threatened.

AMERICAN NEGRO KILLED ON THE TURINO

(By Associated Press.) London, Feb. 8.—(5:41 p. m.)—American negro fireman on the Turino, George Washington, was killed, according to a report received today by the American embassy. One of the survivors is Colvin Bay, an American citizen of Fillmore, Utah. Washington was one of the three firemen who were killed. According to the information received by the embassy, his wife is now in Liverpool. An effort is being made by the embassy to find her.

UNDERSEA BOATS KEEP UP AVERAGE

Report of Lloyds Shows Conclusively That Subs. Still On Job (By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 8.—Lloyds' report for the third day of Germany's new submarine campaign shows that the undersea boats are maintaining the average of destruction set by the Berlin naval experts as necessary to success. The third day's reported losses totalled 27,985 tons and the preceding two days totalled 56,600.

BEST RECORD IN UNITED STATES

Wilmington Customs House Gets Blue Ribbon From The Government (By George H. Manning.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—Senator Overman has written Colonel Walker Taylor, Collector of the Port of Wilmington, congratulating him on the increase in the business at that port and in the customs receipts during the past year in comparison with former years.

RUSSIANS MAKE A FIERCE ATTACK ON THE TEUTONS

Storm Position in the Carpathians and Capture First Line Trench THEY WENT THROUGH PLENTY BARBED WIRE German Counter-Attack Reported Unsuccessful — French Active at Verdun and Capture German Patrol (By Associated Press.) Petrograd, Feb. 8.—Via London.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press)—Russian detachments yesterday attacked the Teuton positions near Kiriababa in the Carpathian mountains, says the Russian official statement issued today, and despite artillery and rifle fire and mine explosions, dashed through the barbed wire entanglements and occupied the German first line trench. A German counter attack was not successful.

GERMANY HOLDING GERARD IN BERLIN AS A HOSTAGE

Other Americans Being Detained Pending Assurance of Bernstorff's Safety. REPORT CAUSES A SENSATION IN LONDON Washington Govt. Thinks Situation Due to a Misunderstanding That Will Soon Clear Away (By Associated Press.) London, Feb. 8.—The German government will require guarantees that Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador at Washington, and the men on German ships in American ports will be permitted to leave the United States before allowing Ambassador Gerard and other Americans in Germany to depart from that country, according to the Copenhagen Politken, as quoted in a telegram sent by Ambassador Gerard to the American legation at Copenhagen. All Americans in Germany, including those captured by the German raider in the South Atlantic, and taken to Germany on the Yarrowdale, are said to have been detained as hostages.

AIR-TIGHT "DRY" BILL IS PASSED

South Carolina House in Line for Rigid Prohibition Law (By Associated Press.) Columbia, S. C., Feb. 8.—The Richey air-tight prohibition bill passed the House of the South Carolina Legislature today, and was ordered sent to the Senate.

FRANCE WILLING FOR BERNSTORFF TO PASS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 8.—France has formally granted safe passage through the allied blockade for Count von Bernstorff and his suite. Similar action is being awaited from Great Britain.

GREAT BRITAIN WILLING FOR BERNSTORFF TO GO.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 8.—Notice that Great Britain also has granted safe passage for Count von Bernstorff and his staff, was received later at the State Department. France had already granted it.

SECRET WIRELESS UNEARTHED IN BRAZIL

(By Associated Press.) Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Feb. 8.—At the suburban town of Nicerthero on the bay, five miles east of Rio Janeiro, there was discovered today a wireless telegraph station which was established to communicate with German ships which are being detained in the harbor.

JUDGE DOUGLAS DEAD. (By Associated Press.) Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 8.—Judge Robert M. Douglas, son of Stephen A. Douglas, died here today, aged 68.