

+ is merely a question of time. ÷

(By Associated Press.) London, Feb. 8 .- The Central News

says the California's life boats, on the port side, were launched and that some of the passengers and crew were able to get away on them. A few who fell into the water were res-l ed through second reading. cued. There was no panic and although a number of passengers were bill on the calendar and making spe- Thomas F. Logan, a Washington newsinjured, all acted in a calm and cour- cial order for the Page bill, providing paper man, also was to appear today. ageous manner. After being in the boats a short time, they were picked up by a steamship and landed last evening. The purser's body was brought to land

The California was armed for defense, but did not have an opportunity | petition change their system of choosto use her guns, as no submarine was seen.

ouay side, where the survivors were tion by the people. Page spoke first landed. Many were only scantily clad for it, and urged, as its chief strength, for such severe weather.

care for the injured, who were removed to hotels or hospitals.

How Washington Views It. Washington, Feb. 8 .- While regard- morning.

ing the destruction of the California as plain evidence that Germany has fully abandoned her-pledges to the national law

All hope, if any ever existed, that] Germany might modify her campaign of gazoline, naptha, 'benzine, and of ruthlessness has vanished and there is no doubt here that it will be only a matter of hours or days before an American ship is sunk or American lives are sacrificed.

The only effect so far of the destruction of the California has been 10 quicken the preparation the goverament is making for the expected eventuality.

The latest report on the destruction of the California, received this morn-Consul Frost, at Queenstown, puts the night in other parts of the front. number of survivors at 162 and the missing at 41.

It says the ship apparently was torpedoed about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Other reports today from Consul Frost on the sinking of the British ship Eavestone say that she also was destroyed without warning. This point had not been cleared up in previous advices.

President Wilson received the lattsi official reports on the sinking of the California before breakfast and

ed the Burnett bill, providing for veragree, but gave life to the Scales bill,

tis, and public welfare.

system of accounting and authorizing the Corporation Commission to ex-

the machinery for popular county for two hours without a vote the

Page bill. The provisions of that measure were that counties may upon ing school boards from the appoint-

ment by recommendation of the mem-There were pathetic scenes at the bers of the General Assembly to electhat it does not disturb any county Nurses and doctors were waiting to that does not desire the change. It merely aids those that do. The House could not finish the argument, and adjourned until 10 o'clock Friday

> It was expected that the liquor bill, restricting the possession of whiskey

to half a gallon a year and defeated United States, it was stated that the in committee Wednesday by 11 to 7, Government will not be hurried into would be returned with a minority war until there is undisputed evidence report, but it has not been done. of violation of American rights by de-i Prominent prohibitionists declare struction of American ships or loss of that they will demand another hear-American lives, in violation of Inter- ing and if it fails will insist upon a State-wide referendum.

Grant, of New Hanover, introduced a bill today providing for inspection other fluids used for power or illuminating purposes.

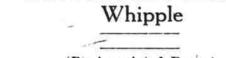
GERMAN PATROL TAKEN BY FRENCH AT VERDUN

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Feb. 8.-A German patrol was on the matter of the President's peace captured last night by the French, note?" he asked.

near Bonzee in the Verdun sector, to-, day's official communication says. Pa- phatically. ing at the State Department from trol encounters occurred during the



Made By President children. Wilson



(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 8 .- Hearings by by Dr. Charles J. Hexamer, the presidicts in civil cases when ten jurors, the Congressional "leak" investigating dent. The Alliance is said to have a committee were continued today with membership of 3,000,000. After the committeemen seeking further testi- session today Dr. Hexamer issued a which creates a State Board of Chari- mony from the State Department em- statement in which he said:

ployees who aided in the transmis-

drawer in his office practically all day back up our American government By displacing the Oates educational December 20, was heard again today. with our lives and our means."

Therew sill was some doubt today whether the committee would bring he inquiry to an end by Saturday. election of school boards, the House whether the committee would bring this morning was enabled to debate the inquiry to an end by Saturday. The Republicn members insist that they will not agree to close the hearings until the origin of the alleged "leak" is conclusively proven

When the leak investigation commit tee questioned Mrs. Ruth Thomas Visconti today on who gave her the information on which she reported to Thomas W. Lawson, that Secretary Tumulty and others had profited in the Stock Market on advance information of President Wilson's peace note, she declined to answer in public on the grounds of her "Constitutional rights,"

but offered to testify in secret session. She did say, however, it was no one in official life. The committe went into an executive session to consider it. Mrs. Visconti finally gave the name of her informant to the committe in confidence, writing it upon a piece of

Counsel Whipple questioned price

Tumulty from December 18 to December 20 the "peace note leak period."

"Did you at any time between December 18 and December 20 have any conversations with Secretary Tumulty

"None at all," declared Price, em-

In answer to questions by Counsel Whipple, Price testified that he never used any information he got from Secretary Tumulty to send to brokers, and said he had repeatedly warned the houses he sent information to that

he was giving only his opinions.

peated a remark made by one of Price's Hurstwood, 1,229; Turino, 2,702.

egates from 28 States, hastily called

"Our delegates feel that we have The measure providing for uniform sion of President Wilson's peace note. been greatly misunderstood and un-John H. James, chief of the de- justly criticised during the war, but partment's information bureau, who if it comes to war with Germany, our lin naval experts as necessary to suctestified yesterday that printer's proof actions will not by susceptible to any amine the books of counties was apss- of the peace note lay in an unlocked further inisunderstanding for we will

FALLEN WIGTIMS

Germany's New Submarne as the campaign progresses. 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

paper, but with the understanding that German navy up to 119,043. Thirtythe committee may, if it deems advis- three, or more than half of this numable later, make the name public. She ber, were British vessels; five carried able later, make the name public. She was then excused temporarily, while W. W. Price, a correspondent who was then excused temporarily, while the flags of other entente belligerents, she told Lawson acted as a go-between owned in other neutral countries. The for Tumulty, was recalled to the stand. only American ship thus far lost in the submarine war zone is the Housabout his conversations with Secretary atonic, owned by the Housatonic Steamship Company. She was sunk

by a submarine off the Scilly Islands on February 3. The British liner, California. 8.662 tons, is the largest of the vessels thus

far reported sunk. The list includes five small British fishing boats and four British trawlers, names of which were not given.

The following are the names, Nationalities and tonnage of the vessels

British-Ravensbourne, 1,500; sonite, 589; Violet, 150; Trevean, 3,-081; Dundee, 2,278; Ida, 500; Port Adelaide, 8,181; Floridian, 4,777; Wart- and in the customs receipts during the Price turned over his bank books enfels, 4,511; Cliftonian, 4,303; Warley past year in comparison with former to the committee to show he had made Pickering, 4,196; Palmleaf, 3,206; Bel- years. no profits and explained the entries. ford, 1,905; California, 8,662; Crown Colonel Walker Taylor wrote to Sen-

Norwegian-Heimland I., 505; Jerv, endar year, 1916.



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 Ber-

The third day's reported losses totaled 27,985 tons and the preceding two days totalled 56,600.

At such rate the destruction of 1. 000,000 tons a month, which is the German aim, would seem about to be accomplished. German naval experts contend that such an average would cut England off from the world and, from Copenhagen gives the same reend the war by her starvation.

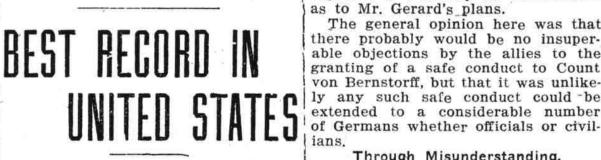
It is realized here, however, that Americans in Germany and adds that the British Government is not lacking in measures to keep the sea lanes open | to send telegrams in code. and that these will become apparent

MEMBERS OF BRITISH VESSEL PICKED UP

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, Feb. 8.-Six men of the crew; ant developments. of the British ship Dauntless, were picked up after she was torpedoed by a German submarine, the Havas agency announced today.

Two members of the crew were killed and the captain seriously wound- to American diplomats in all States aviation grounds at Mariakeke.



The Government

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.-Senator Taylor, Collector of the Port of Wil-Es- mington, congratulating him on the increase in the business at that port

1 112: Hecla, 524: Portia, 1 127; Ymer, The cost to the Government for col- taking the German ships. Moreover,

from that city.

hostages.

can legation at Copenhagen.

ing those captured by the German

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch

adjacent to Germany for information

extended to a considerable number

Through Misunderstanding.

Gerard, American consuls and the

American sailors brought in on the

prize ship Yarrowdale, are being in

Germany until assurances have been

received from here as to the safe de-

parture of Count von Bernstorff and

the German consuls, and the safety of

German war bound ships in this coun-

It was said at the State Department

today that sensational reports have

become current in Germany that the

German ships have been confiscated

and their crews seized. Pending con-

firmation Germany has detained the

Americans. Officials here are inclin-

ed to minimize the importance of the

detention because they believe it

wounding eight men. Two of our aviamen on German ships in American tors dropped bombs on the enemy's ports will be permitted to leave the United States before allowing Ambas- airdrome in the town of Kobilnik. "Northeast of Kirlibaba our advance sador Gerard and other Americans in detachments made a rush on the en-Germany to depart from that coun-

emy's foremost trenches, being met try, according to the Copenhagen Politken, as quoted in a Retuer dispatch by fire and mine explosions. Our troops dashed forward with the gaps in the wire formed by the explosions This information. The Politken says, is contained in a telegram sent and occupied the trench. A counter by Ambassadov General to the Ameri- attack by two enemy companies with the object of Againing the trench fail-All Americans in Germany, includ-

ed.' "Rumanian Front-There has been raider in the South Atlantic, and infantry fighting."

"Caucasian Front-Attempted attaken to Germany on the Yarrowdale. are said to have been detained as tacks upon our detachments by two Turkish companies in the vicinity of Safker, 16 miles southwest of Gumuskhaneh, were beaten back by our port regarding the detention of fire."

French Made Capture.

Ambassador Gerrard is not permitted Paris, Feb. 8.-On the Verdun front Disputches reporting that Germany last night there was somewhat spiritis holding Mr. Gerard and all Ameri. | ed fighting with artillery and grenades cans in Germany as hostages for the in the region of Hill 304, and Avocourt safe return of Count vonBernstorff wood. We captured a German patrol and a large number of Germans near Bonzee.

eclipsed all other news in the even-In Alsace patrol encounters occurring papers. Talks in the streets soon led in the sectors of Metzeral, Aspach became focussed on possible result- and Seppois. The night was calm on the remainder of the front.

On Tuesday night one of our aviat-The American empassy here is without confirmatory advices regard-lors threw down six bombs on the miling the detention of Mr. Gerard, but litary establishments at Lahr, Grand some anxiety was manifest and it was Duchy of Baden. On the same night learned the embassy had telegraphed one of our squadrons bombarded the

The general opinion here was that there probably would be no insuper-able objections by the allies to the granting of a safe conduct to Count **BILL IS PASSED**

Washington, Feb. 8.-Ambassador 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.

The bill prohibits the importation into or storage in the State of any intoxicants whatever, except for scientific, sacramental or medical uses. The bill was recommitted after second reading and many legislators at largely has arisen from a misunder-that time believed it had been practic-

ened out. It has been officially announced that there is no intention of FRANCE WILLING FOR

Wilmington Customs House

Gets Blue Ribbon From (By George H. Manning.)

Qverman has written Colonel Walker

It came out, in the executive session Prince, 5,218; Azul, 3,074; St. Ninian, ator Overman stating that the receipts of the committee and not in the record 3,026; Corsican Prince, 2,776; Saxon at Wilmington had been increased that the name Mrs. Visconti wrote on Briton, 1,327; Vestria, 1,021; Eave- from \$18,000 for the twelve months Reply In Negative to Request that the name Mrs. Visconti wrote on billon, 1,021, 1 conta, 1,918; period before he took hold, to \$679,- standing and soon will be straight- ally killed for this session. 265 for the last six months of the cal-

decided nothing defent	Price said he had talked about the 1,122, Then H 2144, Congol 200	· locting this amount was eight and dignat	thes have been conveyed to DERIGIOFF IO FASS
decided nothing definite could be de-	price said he had talked about the 1,112; filter, including 1, 2,144; Songal, 2,089 peace note to his family, but that the 1,123; Thor II., 2,144; Songal, 2,089 extent of his remark was to say that Wasdale, 1,856; Rigel, 1,771; Tamar if he had had money to risk he could 453.	, leting this amount was eight and dispat	they through the Chapter and a
termined until more details were re- ceived (By Associated Press.)	extent of his remark was to say that Wasdale, 1,856; Rigel, 1,771; Tamar	, six-tenths mills per dollar, Mr. 1aylor Germa	(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 8.—The Neth	if he had had money to risk he could 453.	said, less, he believes, than the cost sy as	to the courtesies granted to Washington, Feb. 8France has
Americans Among Missing Llands Government through the Ame	ri	,- at any other United States port. former	r German officials in this coun- formally granted safe passage through
New York, Feb. 8.—Official cable can legation at the Hague has form	al- have made profits, but did not. Spanish—Butron, 2,434; Algorta, 2 116; Dos de Noviembre, 1,500; Mac	try, a	and their receipt is expected to the allied blockade for Count yon
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California the British steamship by declined to accept Freshent	TEPS TO PROTECT rena, 1,122.		
California was torpedoed without son's suggestion that it follows t	Greek-Elekon, 1,500; Helicot,	- contains the following today from its Germa	any as to America's attitude. Ition is being awaited from Great whole policy of the State De-Britain.
the united States and breaching were received here today by course of the United States and breaching	BANKS FROM RUINS 500.	Washington correspondent: The	ent is to proceed with the Britain.
and up time to relations with Germa	Dutch Commo 2198: Engilon	"Col. Walker Taylor, collector of the partm	ient is to proceed with the
¹ ^{ne} names of thirteen persons listed. Information to this effect reach	ed 221	port at Wilmington, has made a won- strictl	ly regularity in order to afford
as missing were received as follows: here today in confidential dispatch	Washington Feb. 8.—The Federal Belgian—Marcelle, 219; Euphrate		itely no ground for offense.
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Second cabin-Mrs. E. Smith, Edna from Holland.	Reserve Board had taken steps to 2,809.		* GREAT BRITAIN WILLING FOR +
have and sits. Kidd, Calgary, Al-1 It also was said in the dispatch	ies safeguard any member bank threaten. Russian-Garnet Hill, 2,272; Cer	amounted to \$18,000, but the last six SEC	KEI WIKELESS BERNSTORFF TO GO. +
		months his receipts ran \$679,265. The	EARTHED IN BRAZIL * *
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	to count virtually the bank's entire hold-	Fletcher Confers With Wilson.	We miles case of his salering, a period later at the State Denert
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Miss Madge Roberts, Toronto.	ach Non-member banks needing aid to (By Associated Press.)	Wash gton Feb. 8.—Henry P. telegra	aph station which was estab- 🗣 ment. France had already grant- 🏶
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Steerage-Mrs. Margaret Little and other, so contracted as to make a ch	ar meet such a run, it is understood, Greensbord, T. C., Feb. 6ba	A. Mexico, conferred with President Wil- ships w	which are being detained in the 🗳
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(Continued on Page Eight.) pass.	board through member banks. Douglas, died here today, aged 68.	son today before leaving for mis post. marbor	
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