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# LULL ON ALL BATTLE FRONTS EVIDENTLY ENFORCED BY BAD WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS

Berlin Admits That Steinbach, a Village in Upper Alsace, is in Hands of French, After Hand to Hand Firsting-Day Marked by Artillery Duels, With Oct onal Infantry Dashes for Slight Ga 3.

# GERMAN HEADQUARTERS SAYS SITATION ON THE EASTERN FRONT REMAINS UNCHANGED

American Note Still Occupies Prominent Position, Dividing the chairmen of the Senate and House Attention With Speculation as to What Roumania and Italy Will Do-British Answer Expected to be Sent to Washington Later This Week.

London, January 4. — Latest news from the battle fronts indicate little activity, the lull evidently being enforced by bad weather. Steinbach, a village in Upper Alsace, is in the hands of the French, after hand to hand fighting. This loss Berlin admits.

The day was marked by artillery duels, with occasional infantry dashes for slight gains, but the line from the Oise to the sea was al-

German headquarters declares the situation on the eastern front office of chief operations under the Gutierrez troops. remains unchanged and nothing has reached London to contradict this

Politically, the American note still occupies a prominent position, emergencies. The subcommittee also General Jesus Carranza, brother of the one striking fact was the steady ab- tires, bed blankets and boots. dividing attention with speculations as to what Roumania and Italy provided for an increase of 41 commissioned officers in the marine commissioned of the commissioned officers in the marine commissioned officers in the marine commissioned officers in the commissioned officers in the commissioned of the commissioned officers in the commissioned of the commissio will do. The British answer, it is expected, will be sent to Washing- th epromotion of 110 non-commissionton later this week. It is understood that Great Britain has reached such a satisfactory understanding with Italy with regard to the transshipment of contraband that no cargoes destined for that country have been stopped since December 4.

British officials declare that the relief of American shipping from Navy Department, the Atlantic fleet, the present regulations depends largely on the assurances of neutral states bordering on belligerent countries that they will not assist in supplying Germany. Austria or Turkey with food and war munitions.

# AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL REPORT.

### Reviews Situation in Eastern Theatre "Usual Artillery Engagements and Sec-From Her Viewpoint.

Vienna, via Amsterdam to London, lanuary 4. - The following official communication was issued this evening: "In severe battles in the district south of Gorlice, fought under the worst weather conditions, our brave troops assured themselves through getting possession of a high line of hills a base for further operations.

"In the Carpathians there has been 'In the Upper Ung valley there have

been only small engagements. During the battles in the Northern theatre at Christmas time we captured 37 officers and 12,698 men."

## FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT

### Artillery Fighting Along Proceeds Intermtitently.

Paris, Jan. 4 .- The official statement given out in Paris this afternoon shows that the artillery fighting along the front is proceeding intermittently and at some points with particular vio- with the chief wounded, and all doculence. There seem to have been few infantry attacks recently. The French admit failure in an effort to occupy a German position in the Meuse country. They claim, however, further progress

The following official communication was issued by the war a office tonight: "The only reports which have been received up to the present have reference to upper Alsace where engagements of steady violent nature continue in the region of Germany (Senn-

Last night our troops lost, then regained the territory around the church t Steinbach. This morning they oc-

upied the entire village. "The German works to the east of Cernay captured by us yesterday were ost for a brief period following a very violent counter attack, but the Germans were not able to maintain it, and

### this position remains in our hands.' GERMAN SUBMARINE REPORTS.

### That She Engaged and Sank British Battleship Formidable.

An official announcement made public through the official press bureau today says:

English channel off Plymouth the Britsh battleship Formidable. "The submarine was pursued by Brit-

ish destroyers, but escaped undam-

## Germans Lose Alsatian Town to the French Forces.

captured by the French.

# NATIONAL DEFENSE

men of Committees.

Vaval Subcommittee Winds Up Its Work on Appropriation Bill-Cooperation Retween Executive and Legislative Sought.

Washington, Jan. 4 .- Cooperation beween the government's executive and legislative branches in appropriations for national defense is the object of a copy of a mail report from Charge a conference arranged today between Secretaries Garrison and Daniels and military and naval committees.

The conference will be held tomorrow night and besides the four committee chairmen, other Democratic leaders have been invited. It is generally when the Zapata forces entered the expected an ffort will b made to balance the various appropriations in conformity with a general policy to promote the nationa ldefense, plans for Mexican efficials who threatened to exwhich will be submitted to President ecute him and, according to official re-Wilson for final approval. Various ports received today, he is now in the bills for increase in the regular army will be one of the principal topics.

While this conference was being planned the House military committee today heard Representative Gard- ing to State Department advices. The ner, of Massachusetts, advocate him Mexican convention re-assembled today proposal for a commission to investi- and discussed credentials of delegates. gate the country's military preparedness and the naval subcommittee | ment had any further advices as to the wound up its work on the naval appro- situation at Naco, but the belief prepriation bill.

the naval bill a provision creating the arrival of Gen. Juan Cabral with 8,000 Secretary of the Navy with a four year tenure of office and to be held by a rear

Naval Reserve Provision Adouted. The administration provision to creduce ultimately a reserve of 25,000 former men of the navy, was adopted with amendments.

ed officers.

Lack of coordination between the and Congress, is charged by Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight, in charge of the Naval War College, in a report dated at Newport, December 16 and embodied in the revised record of hearings made public tonight by the committee. Admiral Knight's statement was brought out by telegrams sent by Sec-

retary Daniels to Admiral Knight and to Rear Admiral Fletcher, asking "whether there is lack of cooperation in the administration of the Atlantic fleet and what the "Naval War College say it should accomplish," while Admiral Fletcher reported the same day from New York that he knew of no lack of cooperation at the present time and believed "that the present coordination meets with the war college's full approval." Admiral Knight made

this statement: Admiral Knight's Statement. "The war college believes that lack of coordination does exist in the fleet; between the Navy Department and the fleet and between the Navy Department, the fleet and Congress. The college does not regard this as a new siuation, although it happens to be at this moment unusually acute. The remedy rests partly with the fleet where everything that can be done already is in preparation; partly with the department where plans already have been formulated for more extensive maneuvers than ever before, and chiefly with Congress, where there already is pending a bill for a council of na-"On our extreme left wing, our tional defense which more than all troops passing through the whole of other agencies combined would make Bukowina, have occupied the town of for a coordinary of all government Suczawa, one verst (two-thirds of a agencies many of which lie far out-(Continued on Page Two.)

# WRECKED CREW BURIED BENEATH THE DERRICK HEARD BY COMMITTEE

# Been Killed at Morganton.

Two More Said to be Under Wreckage, While a Sixth is Rescued With Both Legs Broken-Der-

rick Stuck.

Morganton, N. C., Jan. 4-Members of wreck near here on the Southern Rallway, were buried beneath their derrick, 934. compared with \$158,357,918 for the to hoist an oil tank car from the bottom of a 50-foot embankment, was

overturned by its load, and three men ures were said to confirm the depart- are known to have been killed. The body of Ernest Lewis was rereported to be under the wreck. The conductor of the wrecking crew,

Thomas McNeely, of Asheville, had both legs broken and suffered internal ident of the German-American Alliance, injuries from which he may die. Two derricks called out from Asheville have been unable to life the first the adoption of one of the resolutions. na, commanding the Gutlerrez force atderrick and digging has become so

# CONFER TONIGHT ON DEPLORABLE HAVE

gation in Mexico City.

## GARDNER GIVES VIEWS IMPROVED IN A WEEK SPECTACULAR

According to State Department Advices, Situation in Better Than When Report Was Mailed-Carranza's Brother Hostage.

Washington, Jan. 4-Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, transmitted to the State Department today Hohler, of the British legation in Mexico City, saying conditions there week ago were deplorable.

High commendation was given Eduardo Iturbide, former governor of the Federal district, for his efforts in saying the lives of Britons' and Americans city. Since then Iturbide has succeeded in getting out of the hands of the United States.

Since Charge sent conditions have improved, accord-Neither the War nor State departvails that an adjustment of the diffi-The subcommittee incorporated in culties there would be reached on the

Eliseo Arredondo, of the Carranza camp, issued a statement tonight sumconfirming reports of the capture of first chief, by General Alfonso Santisioned officers in the marine corps, and banez, in San Geronimo, state of Oaxaca, on December 30th. The general and his son and nephew are being held as hostages, but his entire staff has been executed by Santibanz, who has ate a naval reserve, designed to pro- been Carranza commander of the Isthmus of Tehuantenec. The statement

> "The first chief has received word from Santibanes that if he will pardon his treachery and allow him to retain his military office, he will release Gen. Carranza and his two relatives. He makes the threat that unless his conditions are met he will execute Gen. Jesus Carranza and his son and nephew.

> Carranza's reply was: 'Such traitorous conduct can receive no pardon. If my brother's death is a our principles and the establishment to sacrifice his life for his country.' "The first chief, as soon as he was ware of the plight of Gen. Carranza, ordered troops to the isthmus. This

morning they routed Santibanez's column near San Geronimo and the traitor with 150 men fled to the town of Chihuitan, in the mountains of Oaxaca.' Collector of Customs Arrested. Eagle Pass, Tex., Jan. 4.—Enrique Bresada, collector of customs at Pie-

dras Negras, the Mexican town across the border from here, was arrested there late today. At the same time Carranza officials began an investigation of alleged smuggling of corn, wheat and live stock from Mexico through Piedras Negras to Texas.

Urged by German-American and Irish-American Bodies.

### Three Men Known to Have Bearings on Pending Resolutions to Restrict Shipment of Arms and Munitions to Belligerents Are Begun by Committee.

Washington, Jan. 4 .- Hearings on pending resolutions to restrict the export of arms and munitions to European belligerents began today before the House foreign affairs committee. Delegations from New York, Philadelwrecking crew sent from Asheville phia, Chicago and Baltimore, representlate last night to clear up a freight ing German-American and Irish-Amer- States w, and General Villa have ican organizations, appeared before the

> All urged immediate action on Representative Bartholdt's resolution to empower the President to prohibit ex- permanently prevent further firing inportation of war supplies. They in- to American territory by Mexican facsisted that the United States was not tions fighting along the international observing strict neutrality because the Allies alone could obtain supplies.

Tomorrow's sessions will conclude covered about noon today while Signal- the hearings. Witnesses will include a El Paso tonight and General Villa is was bringing 7 cents in the United man Bailey and an unknown negro are delegation from St. Louis and Repre- on his way north, due to arrive at the States. Germany would consume 500 lative programme and plan for presentative Metz, of New York, and Lo- border Wednesday. The conference million pounds of cotton if she could venting hasty action on the ship purbeck, of Nebraska. C. J. Hexamer, of Philadelphia, pres- | al of the Mexican chief.

presented memorials adopted by that two weeks trying to bring about an Fletcher began, "England had 5,000 and organization in many states urging agreement between Governor Maytore- Germany 2,000 vessels in the over-

# BEEN CONDITIONS THE WHEAT MARKET

Bread in Europe.

Home Demand General-May Deliveries \$1.34% a Bushel, Which Still is 50 Cents Lower Than Point

Chicago, January 4 .- Europe's bitter need of bread resulted today in specacular buying of wheat, and caused new war prices here in earnest. It was pointed out, however, that the tip top quotation attained today, \$1.34% for May delivery, was still roundly 50 cents a bushel under the \$1.85 forced here in 1898 by Joseph Leiter, during a world-

Notwithstanding that wheat today at over Saturday night, the upturn apparently had little if any effect on farmers. Country offerings were decidedly meager, as they have been for some time past.

Although the prime impetus for high prices today came from seemingly unlimited export demand, the home detoo, were said to be anxious buyers, fearing that the tremendous export call would leave them short of supplies. Roughly, the total sales to Europe toat 3,000,000 bushels. Of this aggregate tercepted by the Allies. 750,000 bushels was definitely known to be for the relief of the starving people of Belgium.

Experienced observers failed to no sorption of every bushel of wheat offered for sale.

ate opening of the Dardanelles, and it tries other than Italy. seemed to be taken as a certainty that owing to prohibitive vessel rates, Ar- plying to American cargoes, it is said, even of contracts already made, especially with Italy, where embarrassment will be serious if large amounts expected prior to March 1 from Argentina are not reached as bargained for.

reached \$1.31% on the Merchants' Exchange here today, the highest price necessary step towards the triumph of recorded for wheat since war began. The increase was attributed to heavy of peace, I am willing that he die. And export demand, and to the eliminated know that my brother will be willing Argentine competition, as a result of high ocean freight rates.

### MAURICE DEICHES RELEASED ON \$,000 BAIL UNTIL JANUARY 11.

## New York Lawyer Charged With Conspiracy in Fraudulent Passports.

New York, Jan. 4 .- Maurice Dieches, New York lawyer, arrested in Philadelphia Saturday night, was arraigned here today on a charge of conspiring to defraud the government in connection with the issuance of fraudulent passports. He was released on \$5,000 ball for a hearing on January 11th.

and material, witnesses arrested by Federal agents in an effort to break up an alleged conspiracy to furnish German army officers and reservists \$30,000,000 for the purchase or charwith American passports to enable them to return to Germany from this country without danger of molestation by the Allies. Other arrests probably

will be made soon. Federal Attorney Marshall said today hat Deiches, prior to being arraigned, had waived immunity and made a statement to him. Its nature could on motion of Senator Fletcher, acting not be determined.

# SCOTT AND VILLA WILL CONFER ON THE BRIDGE

# American Territory.

Chief of Staff of U. S. Army and Mexican Leader on Way to El Paso to Hold Conference on "Half Way Ground."

Washington, Jan. 4 .- Grig. Gen. chief of staff of the United arranged to onfer on the international bridge at El Paso with a view to arriving at an understanding that will line.

will be held immediately on the arriv- get it, he said, and the South had 15 chase bill. Present were Senators Gal-

General Scott has been at Naco for "The principal evil growing out of tacking the Mexican town of that only six." He said that American mer-

# GREAT BRITAIN'S REPLY OF MOST FRIENDLY. CHARACTER

# REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE IS FORTHCOMING

BUYING Great Britain First Submits Outline to France.

> Communication Will Probably Be Sent to Washington This Week-No Cargoes Destined for Italy Intercepted Since Dec. 4.

London, Jon. 4 .- The British governnent's reply to the American note concerning contraband probably will be sent before the end of this week. An outline of the reply has been submitted to France, which is greatly interested because of the activity of French ships in searching mixed car-

A statement probably will be issued shortly showing that Italy has arrived at an understanding with England and the other Allies concerning contraband satisfactory to all the countries af-

It can be stated authoritatively that only five cargoes destined for Italy mand was general, and especially so in have been stopped at Gibraltar since the last hour of the session. Millers, November 15. Two of these were released within three days and the others as soon as the allaged contraband could be removed. Since December 4 no carday in the United States were estimated goes destined for Italy have been in-

Rubber cargoes destined for American firms and held in English ports ports. Secretaries Bryan and Redfield probably will be released soon or purtice any unusual excitement, despite the | chased by Great Britain which needs swift upward swing of the market. The much rubber for the manufacture of

Constant negotiations are in progress between the Allies and the neutral Eu-Talk among brokers centered almost ropean countries situated near Germany vholly on the idea that for the time be- looking to a tightening of the export ing the United States was virtually the regulations which will prevent Amerionly big exporting nation in the world. can shipments from reaching Germany Nobody seemed to look for an immedi- and Austria through neighboring coun-

A loosening of the regulations apgenthat would be unable to take care by British officials, will depend largetral countries that they will not as-(Continued on Page Two.)

Is Prediction of Ambassador Spring-Rice, Who Visits State Department.

## REGARDS U.S. NOTE MILD

## American Government to Certify to Cargoes.

Collectors at Ports Will Receive In. structions-Exporters to be Urged to Make Affidavits Telling Contents of Shipments.

Washington, Jan. 4-Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, called at the State Department today for the first time since the United States sent its protest on shipping to Great Britain. He conferred with Counsellor Robert Lansing. Though he has received no instructions concerning the answer to be made to the American note, the British ambassador indicated it would be of a most friendly character. It is understood that Sir Cecil regards the

American note moderate in tone That Sir Edward Grey, in his talks with Ambassador Page, similarly showed that England received the American tended to ameliorate the shipping situ-

ed also today from high officials. Another development regarded as affording a solution of one point under dispute is Washington's decision to certify American cargoes as to their exact contents before leaving American and Acting Secretary Peters of the Treasury Department, conferred today issued tomorrow urging co-operation between American exporters, shippers and the government in regard to manifests of neutral ships used to carry

American cargoes. Exporters will be urged to accompany the products with affidavits telling exactly the contents of their shipments. Treasury officials will be instructed to certify that the manifests

contain the articles mentioned. The following statement was issued by the State Department today fore-casting further action by the Treasury Department in steps to ameliorate the (Continued on Page Two)

# St. Louis, January 4. - May wheat SHIP PURCHASE BILL NOW BECOMES FOREMOST ISSUE

By Decisive Vote it is Made the Unfinished Business Before the Senate, to be Supplanted Only by Appropriation Bills-Showing Indicates Hard Fight Ahead, and Republican Opponents Predict Weeks of Debate.

Washington, Jan. 4 .- Government | American flag were not obtainable at purchase of ships as proposed in the any price. Deignes is one of eleven defendants administration bill to create a shipping board, finance a \$10,000,000 shipping ator Fletcher asserted, had not met corporation and expend not to exceed the needs of American manufacturers. tering of ocean carriers, became today the foremost issue before Congress.

> made the Ship Purchase bill the unfinished business, to be supplanted only portation of general cargoes. by appropriation bills. This action, chairman of the commerce committee, lack of ships." precipitated a showing on the part of Charging that an effort was being made publican members, among them Senators Gallinger, Lodge and Root, served notice that the measure would be fought to the last ditch.

Minority members of the committee To Bring an End to Firing Into filed a report, written by Senator Bur-Perkins, Smith, of Michigan, and Oliver, asserting that the plan proposed would not relieve shipping conditions, because it would be impossible for the government to get ships enough to do many weeks will be consumed in de enough good. It pointed also to dangers of international complications arising, declaring that "every craft set affoat by the government would add cussed at length, and objections to such one more risk of our being drawn into the present war.'

Senator Fletcher, who has charge of the bill, and who recently conferred with President Wilson concerning it. urged the measure in a lengthy speech their pronunciamento of opposition. He declared the war has produced a "ship famine" and that the interests of all people in the United States demanded that the government take immediate action to supply ships to carry American products demanded in the markets of Europe and South America. He instanced the fact that cotton sold at General Scott left Naco, Ariz., for 19 cents a pound in Germany when it

times that amount to sell. "When the war began," Senator seas trade while the United States had

The emergency bill opening American registry to foreign-built craft, Sen-He read lists of the 105 ships which transferred their flags to show that none was a first class cargo boat, that over 50 per cent. of these were ships of By a vote of 46 to 29, the Senate companies which needed them for their own business, and consequently added nothing to the facilities for the trans-

"We must see to it," he said, "that war between other countries shall never again cripple our industries for

An amendment to the bill submitopposition senators which gave certain ted by Senator Stone designed to preindication that there were breakers vent secret shipment of contraband to ahead for the proposed legislation. foreign ports, would authorize the President to designate from time to to rush the bill with undue haste, Re- time ports where customs collectors would be required to inspect all cargoes before loading. Heavy penalties, would be imposed upon shippers and vessel masters for violations of the provision.

Discussion of the bill was deferred late in the day to make way for the urgent deficiency appropriation bill and other appropriation measures probably will be taken up as they come from the House. Republican leaders insist that bate on the measure.

In the minority report government ownerships feature of the bill was disa policy were enumerated as follows:

"Subtraction from the field of personal endeavor, destruction of individual initiative and motive for effort the constant tendency to maximum costs, multiplication of government emloyes and officials, increased opportunity for corruption, labor problems administrative and executive ineff! ciency, restriction of the motion to invent and improve the facilities of service, etc., and in general it may be said that industries reach their highest perfection and greatest efficiency when allowed to develop in the free play of

economic forces." A group of leading Republican senators met tonight to discuss the legis linger, Root, Lodge, Weeks, Brandege and others. It was agreed that the appropriation bill would require considerable discussion. "There will be plenty to talk about besides ship purchase," said Senator Gallinger.

Berlin, Jan. 5, (Wireless to Sayville) A German submarine boat reports

wireless to the admiralty in Berlin it has torpedoed and sunk in the

# Peters, in charge of customs, the fig-FALL OF STEINBACH ADMITTED.

Berlin, Jan. 4 (By Wireless to London)-Steinbach, the Alsatian town on the heights between Thann and Sennbeim, for which desperate fighting has been going on for several days, was officially admitted by the German headquarters' statement today to have been

The French also took possession of at 7:30 o'clock destroyed the Ven Vonde the heights to the west of Sennheim, bullding and another adjoining, occubut the Germans in a counter attack
with the bayonet succeeded in regaining the position. The statement says
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# RUSSIAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

ondary Action" Reported. Petrograd, Jan. 4.- The official communication issued from general quarters tonight follows: "During January 3 no important change took place on the left bank of

the Vistula. In many sections there have been the usual artillery engagements and secondary action. "More desperate fighting took place on the night of January 2-3 in the region of Bolimow, where the Germans. after an energetic attack, forced one of our trenches but were immediately dis-

lodged from it by our counter attack, abandoning six machine guns and a number of prisoners. "In West Galicia on January 2 we made progress again taking more than a thousand Austrian prisoners and several cannon and machine guns. In the region of Uzsok Pass we took an equal number of prisoners and captured several guns and rapid firers. In this action an entire Austrian battalion with 11 officers surrendered. In this region the staff of a column of the enemy,

ments well into our hands. mile) distance from the Austro-Rou-

TRAIN AT PEMBROKE, N. C.

WOMAN JUMPS FROM A. C. L.

manian frontier.'

Suddenly Becomes Demented. Will Probably Die. Rocky Mount, N. C., Jan. 4 .- Yesteray afternoon, while train No. 89 on the Atlantic Coast Line was at or near Pembroke an unknown Italian woman. accompanied by her two daughters, on a trip between Washington and Tampa, Fla., suddenly became demented, rushed to the platform and jumped headlong from the train, suffering fnjuries which are expected to prove fa-

The name of the injured woman was Mrs. Aloperono. She was en route to Tampa to visit her son. NECESSITY FOR WAR REVENUE

carried on to Florence to a hospital.

The woman was picked up and

BILL IS DEMONSTRATED

Big Decrease in Customs Revenues as Compared With 1913. Washington, January 4. - Customs evenues for the six months ending December 31 last amounted to \$107,732,- which early this morning, in trying

last six months of 1913. At the office

of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury

ment's estimates, and to show the ne cessity of the war revenue bill.

FIRE AT CHARLOOTE

Two Buildings DWestroyed Last Night at Loss of \$60,000.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 4 .- Fire, which originated in the dry cleaning establishment of Ben Vonde tonight tonight

# Daniels, Garrison and Chair- Says Report From British Le- Result of the Bitter Need of