end of your business, but in the profit

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GERMANS MAKE DESPERATE EFFORTS TO DRIVE WEDGE THROUGH ALLIES' DEFENSE

With Partial Success.

BUT LOSSES ARE SEVERE

Anglo-French Navy Reported as Destroying Forts at the Dardanelles.

Prepare for Call.

London, Feb. 2. - The Germans have been making desperate efthe extended deadlock on the eastwavs preceded by artillery activand France, and while in almost every case they have thus won a fighting was concluded the French, trenches temporarily lost, and in

British and French official reports,

The German artillery has sub--which suggests that the moment has arrived for another effort to get across the Yser, and thence to

the French coast ports. French Return Fire

he railway station at Noyon, one of the German military centers behind been made the Russian lines in Central olish Capital has been of a desperate

oth north and south Field Marshal von indenburg made a desperate effort. hich apparently is to be renewed to reak through to Warsaw and thus not only gain a great military and political dvantage for Germany but at the same ime, release the pressure on Hungary nd East Prussia, in each of which reclons the Russian troops are slowly mishing forward.

The fighting west and southwest of he Polish has been of a desperate haracter and the Germans at first were successful but the Russian offtal report declare that the Russians counter attacks regained most of he lost ground. The report adds that Committee of 72 Has Been Working on the German losses were colossal". "Making Progress"

The German official account simply says of the fighting there: "Making

A German submarine was still at the in the English channel yesterital ship Austrias. The German substeamers in the Irish sea, has not been withdrawn. Traffic in those valers, however continues somewhat members of the board of aldermen deestricted, ship owners perferring to ten in port all but the fast steamers of 72 is preparing is not democratic which, it is believed can elude the sub- in principle and will not be for the best

hal an attempt will be made to sink iransports and have advised neutral shipping to keep away from the North West coast @ France. Report reaching Holland say the new read regulations in Germany have so much unrest that 12,000 specconstables have been appointed to ward Berlin bakeries. It is also said has following the action of the gov-

The Germans have issued a warning

ment in commandeering cereals, the Mary authorities are confiscating all leasils containing metals useful for heir purposes. It is recognized that these are precautionary measures and not due to any immediate short-

Copenhagen newspapers have a Constantinople report that the Angloneh fleet has destroyed four Dardnelles forts and that there is a panic he Turkish capital, where defeats Siffered by the Turks in the Caucasus Azerbaijan are just becoming

With the opening of the British partament today the political truce was "mened. The government, while as-An indication of possible action by Mr. Royal as a "thimble-headed simp," haly is to be found in a notification and "an insulting little idiot." Mr. Royissued to Italian reservists in England al had a claim for the coal company to prepare to join the colors.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 2 .- J. A. Black,

Terriffic Offensive Movement ENGLAND DECLARES

Navy Instructed to Seize All Shipments to Germany.

THE WILHELMINA CASE

Italy Notifies Reservists to Ambassador Page Cables State Department Concerning Order-Exception to be Made in the Case of American Steamer.

Washington, Feb. 2 .-- Ambassador Page, at London, cabled the State Deforts the last few days to break partment today that the British fleet had been ordered to treat grain and flour cargoes destined for Germany or ern and western fronts. They have Austria as conditional contraband, subdelivered a series of attacks, al- ject to seizure and confiscation. This step, the ambassador explained, was taken because Germany had decreed ity, on the Allied lines in Flanders confiscation of all grain and flour to conserve the nation's food supply.

Since the publication of the German order, the ambassador here, Count Von preliminary advantage, before the Bernstorff, has personally assured the American government that no foodstuffs imported from the United States British or Belgians have regained or other neutral countries would be seized by the German government and press dispatches have announced the some cases have occupied the Ger- issuance of a modifying decree mak-

Ambassador Page said Great Britain In these attacks, according to had agreed that an exception would be made in the case of the steamship Wilhelmina, now bound from New York the Germans have suffered severe for Hamburg with grain and other food, because she had sailed before the German decree was issued. The vessel would be seized, it was said, but she would be released and her cargo purected the Belgian positions in chased at invoice price by the British government. Warning was given, Flanders to a severe bombardment however, that hereafter similar shipments as well as the vessels would be

seized and confiscated. This announcement added a new phase to negotiations that have been in progress intermittently since the beginning of the war in regard to the right of neutral states to ship food to belligerents. In the British note regarding the Dacia it was stated that it had been decided not to interfere In return the French have bombarded with such shipments provided they were intedded for non-combatants and not for the army and government with which England was at war. It was intimated then, however, that exceptional conditions might warrant some

> The State Department has not decided what shall be done. As a preliminary, it has advised the W. L. Greene Commission Company of St. Louis, owners of the Wilhelmina's cargo, of the British government's determination to appropriate the cargo and pay

Ambassador Page has been asked for further information on the general sub-

CHARLOTTE ALSO IS WORKING ON NEW CHARTER

Draft Several Months (Special Star Correspondence Charlotte, N. C., Feb, 2 .- The board last night appointed a committee to draft and recommend certain changes in the present charter of ay and the French officially report the city of Charlotte, following an attempt to torpedo the British hos- extended debate on the merits of a charter which a committee of 72 parine U-21, which recently sank three citizens were elected more than a year ago to draft and submit to the people bill and upon what points of revision. seen since Sunday, and it is presumed and on which the committee have been engaged for several months. Several

> interests of the city, if adopted. NICHOLLS MAKES GOOD.

clare the charter which the committee

South Carolinian With British Army

Has Been Promoted. Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 2 .- Montague M. Nicholls, of Spartanburg, who went to England soon after the outbreak of the European war and enlisted in the British army has taken the oath of allegiance to Great Britain and been promoted to the rank of second lieutenant tion was contained in a letter received by his family today .

Until a year ago, when he resigned Nicholls was a cadet at the United States naval academy and the star quarterback of the navy team of 1913. He captained the team in the Army-

Navy game of that year. "THIMBLE-HEADED SIMP."

High Point Lawyer, Thus Described, Brings Suit for \$5,000.

(Special Star Telegram.) Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 2 .- Walter S. mining all responsibility for the war, Royal, a High Point attorney, has sued omed the oppositions support and N. P. Farlow, secretary-treasurer of deavor to avoid controversial matters. a coal company Mr. Farlow referred to

against Mr. Farlow's company. Pittsburg, Feb. 2.-The crest of the Wheeling, W. Va., was elected pres- floor which began descending in this be no objection to a declaration of polof the Independent Tobacco Man- district yesterday, was expected to pass icy" to the effect that the government night the Potomac river was about 13 district and authorize bond issue. the independent Topacco Man- district Jestella, was about 15 district Jestella, was about 15 district was about 16 district was about 16 district was about 16 district was about 17 district was about 18 district was abou Association of the United the point where the Wood F. Axton, of Louisville, ly tomorrow. The weather bureau versy." s elected vice president and Rawlins forecast a maximum of 29 feet at the Best, of Covington, Ky., secretary- point, Early tonight the guage passed 27 feet.

FATE JF SHIPPING BLIZZARD SWEEPS GREAT NORTHWEST

Caucus Last Night

Extraordinary Efforts Exerted by Administration Leaders to Save Bill

includes parliamentary to bring support for the measure to bly will pass Wednesday, leaving gen- chinery for clearing lands.

every member to secrecy. tration. It was reported later than into amend the bill to conform with sug-

tomorrow" can not divulge our plans".

"Does the plan contemplate winning votes for the bill?" "We expect to hold ve had for the bill" said Senator Kern. "Do you mean the 42 votes which stood fast Monday afternoon? "That wouldn't be enough", Senator

"Is there hope for the bill?" the Sentor was asked "Hope, defined" the Senator replied,

desire" One Plan as Suggested conference was that an effort might tee to return it to the Senate immediately with amendments. These amendguard neutrality with regard to pur-

Later it was learned that when the Clarke motion to re-commit comes up the hope that the flood's crest will not Senator Fletcher will move as an amendment be included which will not commit the government to a perman-

the undertaking be fixed. This, it was said, would be fixed result of cellars being flooded. either at 18 months or two years. Upon these amendments it was said administration Democrats pin their hope than in winning over Progressive Re-

publican support. Preliminary Skirmishes.

firm until satisfactory terms should be

The majority conference appointed a special committee of three, Senators duct negotiations with senators of both what support could be gained for the This committee, after a day of conferences told the second caucus tonight that some progress had been made and that they hoped for ultimate success.

permanent venture. Favors Slight Changes. ever, he did not receive with favor the though it was intimated "there might

Another amendment, proposed as a

GO-OPERATIVE FARM

by Representative Stacy.

REUNITE PARTY TRAINS ARE HELD FAST STATE TO BE DIVIDED

Flood of Petitions Urge Enactment of Anti-Saloon League

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 2.-Representative Stacy introduced a bill in the development in North would authorize the formation of agricultural districts on the order of drainage districts for the specific purpose of purchasing jointly by the farmers of a locality stump pullers and other ma-

There have been heavy snow storms | the enactment of the State Anti-Saloon ber far exceeding the record for any day since the influx of such petitions

> The Senate launched a long discussion of the bill that had already passed the House to divide the State into two judicial districts. Senator Gardner opened the discussion with a vigorous argument and led the fight for it. Senator Weaver, of Buncombe, opposed the bill being supported by Senators Mcis unconstitutional. The bill passed 34 the floors of the two houses.

for arbitral courts and, after several counties had demanded exemption and of such importance should be thoroughly discussed, it was passed over to an other day. The Asheville commission govern

ing, being an agreed measure, that gives the people of the mountain metropolis the right to vote on adoption of the commission government. Long of Union, offered a bill in the House to limit freight trains to 50 cars A new bill by Long, of Halifax, would penalize clerks of courts for failure to transmit appeals to the Supreme

ment bill was introduced in both hous-

es and is expected to have smooth sail-

Court in proper time. Senator Cooper's bill in the Senate to establish a system of pensions for the Wilmington police force, and Representative Stacy's bill to make the term of office of the New Hanover auditor four years instead of two, are two more New Hanover bills in the legis-

lative hopper. More Pay for Adjutant General. A bill introduced by Representative Nettles, of Buncombe, today would increase the salary of the Adiutant General of the North Carolina National Guard from \$2,000 to \$3,000 on account of the great increase in the work and responsibility of the office the past few months, especially by the requirement tant General must have direct charge of the properties of the Guard in the

The House Proceedings

House was convened at o'clock by Speaker Wooten. Wire communication was maintained Anti-Saloon League legislation asked tonight to all parts of the West, al- to stop the delivery of liquors for the petitions presented. Superintendwith the showing that is being made. | ports for their bills. There was favorable report for the tier of states. In Wisconsin several tingent on the profits of the agency. It North Carolina; Mrs. Eugene Riley, of pended the satchel from the inside of and ten per cent contingent on profits. New Bills Introduced

> New bills were introduced as Rennett-Incorporate certain Mont-

gomery county churches. Winslow-Amend the 1905 act Amend the act authorizing

school district.

Thomas-Extend the time limit with- in the House. in which the treasurer of Anson Clayton-For the relief of the clerk

of the Hyde county superior court. McBryde-Prescribe the official duties of school officials in Hoke county. Puett-Amend the drainage laws of Gaston county (two bills). Authorize Toronto, Can., Feb. 2 .- Train service Dallas to issue bonds for floating debt. Douglass-Appoint justices of the

North of Toronto there was no pros- Authorize bonds by the commissioners measure now before the State Legisla- that Van Horn was aware of this set Nettles-Increase the salary of the purposes. Adjutant General of North Carolina. Allred-Incorporate Benson school

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GERMAN OFFICER DARINGLY ATTEMPTS DESTRUCTION OF CANADIAN RAILWAY BRIDGE

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw

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President of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, who vesterday addressed joint committees of the North

Carolina General Assembly in behalf of a hotel here. Van Horn submitted "cause," but apparently without avail, as both committees immediately to arrest, but immediately provoted to report the Woman's Suffrage bills unfavorably, though notice of minority reports was given, which means Michael and McNider, insisting that it that the issue will be fought out on

islative Committees.

THEN BOTH VOTE "NO"

Following Arguments by Half a Dozen mittees Vete to Report Bills Uufavorably-Majority Reports

Howard Shaw, president of the Na-

gress and seemed immensely pleased joint committee at least favorable re- York City arriving here Saturday night

Mrs. Goodno, of Raleigh, president of explosive. Womans Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Al. Fairbrother, Greensboro, were heard in the most stirring appeals and ed to drive about 30 miles to Princeton room and voted unfavorable reports for | Attorney General William R. Patan-

The Senate committee on election minority favorable reports to give the certain his detention

WESTERN M. E. WOMEN URGE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE BILL against him. Adopt Resolution in Their Meeting at

(Special Star Telegram)

sionary Society of the Western North Bailey-Extend the corporate limits Carolina Conference of the Methodist timed. Up to a few days ago, it was by Wilson and levy of a special tax, a resolution strongly favoring the men were withdrawn. A suggestion

ceeding here.

Joint Property of American and Canadian Railroads is Damaged by Dynamite.

JUST ANOTHER PROBLEM

Escape of Werner Van Horn to American Side Involves U. S.

Arrested, But Declares His Act One of War.

Vanceboro, Me., Feb. 29. — Another international problem, incident to the war, was thrust upoa the United States today by the action of Werner Van Horn, who, operating on the Canadian side of the border, dynamited the railway bridge over the St. Croix river, and then escaped into Maine.

A few hours later, in a room at claimed himself an officer of the German army, and set up the claim that he committed an act of war, and, having fled to a neutral country, could not be surrendered legally to an enemy of the Father-

The Canadian authorities took a different view of the matter, and immediately instituted proceedings to extradite the prisoner on a charge of destruction of railroad property. Pending the outcome of these efforts. Van Horn is held at the immigration office here, in custody of a deputy sheriff.

Not Badly Damaged.

The bridge which Van Horn sought to destroy was not greatly damaged. Within a few hours cars were shunted across, one at a time, the passengers walking over on the ice. By morning railroad officials said the bridge would be strong enough for trains to use it

jointly by the Maine Central and the Canadian Pacific railways and is on the fore that body. Many suffrage advo- from Western Canada to the maritime shipped large quantities of war materials for the Allies which were dispatched from St. Johns and Halifax.

According to the police, Van Horn,

and staying at a hotel. That same Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, head of the night by appointment he met at the This done, he planned to go to Lam-

gall tonight ordered that Van Horn be held until further orders.

No Formal Charges Made.

Up to tonight Van Horn had not seen a lawyer and appeared indifferent as to what charges may be preferred

The attorney general of New Brunsofficials of the Canadian Pacific Railroad here, asking them to make a complaint against Van Horn which might be the basis for extradition proceed Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 2.-By a rising ings to be begun forthwith. Ottawa

The attempt on the bridge was well State of alcoholic drinks for beverage feature of the case also is receiving attention of the New Brunswick offi-

When Van Horn was searched the ovan, manager of the American New police claim to have found upon him had found no trace of him tonight.

From Being Pigeon Holed-Plans Kept Secret

Washington, Feb. 2 .- A plan guarded with the utmost secrecy was adopted by administration Democrats of the the Middle Atlantic states, New Eng-Senate in caucus tonight to break land and throughout Canada. Rain, down opposition to the Government sleet, snow and wind have disrupted Ship Purchase bill. The programme railway traffic, hampered wire comwhich will be actuated tomorrow afternoon in the Senste, and according man, however, holds out hope of speedy to leaders of the party is calculated relief, predicting that the storm proba-

After reaching an agreement the caucus adopted a resolution pledging Kern, chairman of the caucus, announced that secrecy was necessary for the obvious reason that to make the plans public might mean their frus-

"We will get into the bill in the Sensaid Senator "That positively is all that can be said. The opposition did not confide to us what they intended to do last Monday. For the same reason we

Kern replied. is a combination of expectancy and

be made to amend Senator Clarke's notion to re-commit the bill by adding instructions to the commerce commit- the Allegheny. Many manufacturing ments are said to be on lines to safe- temporarily. At Martins Ferry, Ohio, chase of belligerent ships and the work and at East Liverpool the munici-

enterprise and that a time limit for

Preliminary skirmishes at the Capitol and White House were begun early in the day. President Wilson conferred with several Progressive Republi- and snow. All companies reported can senators regarding the bill. The Democratic majority considered methods of procedure to regain its lost ground and the seven recalcitrant Demwith the avowed purpose of standing

given them.

Overtures Are Made. Revolting Democrats, Senators Bankon what they might reconsider their Alabama had reached clear water. With a reservation that it attitude. might first be wise to re-commit the pecially in the Northern states where bill, the committee was given to un- snow and sleet covered the rails. derstand there would be no change in the attitude of the revolters unless the measure was stripped of government ownership features and presented pure- Train ly as an emergency undertaking, with n the royal artillery. This informa- positive limitations. One suggestion posed operation of ships after two snow near Maribel from 10 o'clock years. Another was that the government should purchase or acquire none train reached here over the Northwestof the ships of belligerent nations. was proposed by some Progressive Re- account of snow filling a cut a mile county may settle. publican senators. They, however, do not favor the government shipping corporation as a temporary measure and suggested amendments to make it a

> After Senators Norris and Kenyon, the government be prohibited from ac- ing like fine sand and was said to be bonds by Wilson for gas plant. quiring ships from belligerents, al- two feet deep over the tracks.

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DISTRICTS THE AIM

Der Erats Adopt New Plan at Sleet and Snow Many Feet Of Bill Introduced Yesterday

Many Trains Not Heard From and Two Judicial Circuits Bill is Law-Many Hours Overdue-One Fast in Snow Drift for Several Hours-Wires Down.

ter is general from the Middle West to maneuvers, munication and in some sections raised rivers to the flood point. The weather

Deep-Temperatures Drop.

erally fair weather in its wake. in the northern tier of states and there railway traffic either has been almost suspended or greatly retarded. Chicago & Northwestern train, filled bank of snow near Maribel, Wis., from 10 o'clock Sunday night until Tuesday afternoon. Western Missouri, Kansas and Southern Nebraska report that a began

heavy snow storm had set in In the Middle West many wires have been carried down and a fall in temper ature is causing additional trouble. Wire communication from Chicago to many points was difficult. New England Hard Hit.

Northern and Western New York and New England have been hit hard and traffic of all kinds has suffered severe-Ogdensburg, N. Y., reports that ly suspended by a gale and drifting Sleet and snow at Rochester caused one of the worst tie-ups in the history of interurban traffic with that city. Massachusetts and Connecticut points reported similar trying up of traffic on electric lines.

The Monongahela and Alleghany rivers have reached the flood stage as the result of snow and rain. The low lying sections of Pittsburg are inundated One plan suggested following the and trolley and railroad traffic there were at a standstill Tuesday Hundreds of families have left their homes in this section and at points up 4,000 men have been forced to quit length of me in which the govern- pal pumping station and four potteries have been isolated. However, the rain ceased and the temperature having fallen the weather bureau expresses

reach 30 feet. The Raritan river in New Jersey, is also out of its banks and at New ent policy in the proposed shipping Brunswick two manufacturing plants have been forced to close. Considerable damage has been done there as a

COLD IN MIDDLE WEST.

of winning back Democrats rather Temperatures Rapidly Falling-Much Wire Trouble. Chicago, Feb. 2 .- Falling tures through the Middle West today added to the troubles of telephone and telegraph companies, whose service has been hindered for two days by sleet

their wires were breaking with every ocrats conferred among themselves though in many instances the telegraph | beverage purposes consumed fully fifcompanies had to resort to indirect St. Paul and Minneapolis by telegraphing to New York, thense to Winnipeg,

and then to the Twin Cities.

Through Western Missouri, Kansas and Southern Nebraska, it was snowparties with a view to ascertaining ing heavily tonight and the mercury was falling rapidly. Lowering temperatures were reported from Southwestern states and continued snow was reported from the northern feet of snow stands on the level lands. The Goodrich Line steamer Alabama. which left here today for Michigan Camden, Hardwick, cities, had trouble passing through im-Hitchcock, O'Gorman and Vardaman in mense ice fields in Lake Michigan, Captheir interviews with the caucus com- tain Charles Carlin, of the coast guard, mittee, were asked for a stipulation up- reported at dark, however, that the Trains had trouble making time, es-

FAST IN SNOW BANK.

With Passengers Held Fast for Many Hours in Drift. & Northwestern train filled with pasthe government to retire from the pro- sengers was held in a huge bank of last night until this afternoon. ern line for 14 hours. The Green Bay Prohibition of purchase of foreign & Western Railroad was unable to opships now laid up in this country also erate trains out of this city today on

MANY TRAINS OVERDUE.

Only Three Out of Forty-Four Due in Twenty-Four Hours Arrive. Progressive Republicans, had talked throughout Canada has been demoralizwith President Wilson, it was under- ed by the storm today. Only three peace for ministers announced they would the Deep River Chair Company, for stood the President had looked with trains of the 44 due here since 10 county. featily reply to all criticism and en- \$5,000 damages because in a letter to favor on some amendments that might o'clock last night had arrived this afsatisfy their views regarding perma- ternoon. Of the others dispatchers of Wilson. Authorize issuance of bonds Church, in session here, today adopted constantly guarded. Then the watchnency of the project. It was said, how- said they had "no reports whatever". suggestion of a direct stipulation that pect of moving trains. Hail was fall- of Wilson for water works. Authorize ture to prohibit the shipment into the affoat endless rumors of spies and this

> Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 2.-Late tothe western bank for a mile. The rise to fifty. was being watched with alarm and the was feared.

Dr. Shaw Addresses N. C. Leg-

(Special Star Telegram)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb, 2 .- Dr. Anna without uncoupling. by the War Department that the Adju- day addressed a joint meeting of com- New Brunswick. The bridge is owned

Nevertheless the woman's suffrage the Senate and the House by the leg- a man of middle age, and of military islative committees. They are the Hob- bearing, told them that he left Gerteen minutes of the session, and every good bill in the Senate and the Roberts many five years ago and for the past routing. Chicago communicated with section of the State was represented in (of Buncombe) bill in the House. The four years he has been managing a joint hearing of these bills was held coffee plantation in Mexico. Recently ent R. L. Davis, of the Anti-Saloon this afternoon before a brilliant as- he made unsuccessful attempts to re-League, was in the hall while the pre- semblage of women that many sus- turn to his native land. sentation of the petitions was in pro- pected would surely wrest from the

> Seawell bill to make the compensation Woman's Suffrage movement for the east end of the bridge a man unknown of insurance agents contingent on the Nation; Mrs. Archibald Henderson, of to him. The man gave him a satchel basis of 12 1-2 flat and 12 1-2 con- Chapel Hill, head of the movement for containing dynamite Van Horn suscarries a committee amendment to Charlotte, president of the North Car- an end post of the bridge and about make the compensation 15 cents flat olina Federation of Womens Clubs; 2 o'clock this morning discharged the Pegram-Amend the law as to the arguments for their cause and then The night was so cold he abandoned sworn statements of stenographers, the committees retired to committee the trip and returned to the hotel.

> larging the Hertford graded school laws goted 4 to 3 for unfavorable report and the House committee on conbonds by Hertford for, water, and stitutional amendments 6 to 3 for un- preferred against him at first arrange-Facilitate the collection of favorable report. Notice was given on ments were made to have a warrant istaxes in Hertford and Hertford graded both committees that there would be sued if necessary, Denton-Incorporate the Graham bills a footing for fights on the floors Van Horn, the officials state, could Railroad Co., Amend the law as to the in both ends of the Capitol. Lieutenant be charged with damage to a railroad collection of taxes in certain townships Governor Daughtridge remarked when bridge, which is an extraditable ofhe heard this that this means about fense or with damage to property on Jones-Provide for roadmarks in three days of argument in the Senate the American side of the border where Dillsboro township, Madison county, and as much or more time consumed windows were broken by the explosion.

> > Charlotte Yesterday

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 2 .- William Don-

Valentine-Amend the act authoriz- He added that the players would report man who supplied the dynamite. The compromise by Senator LaFollette, most dangerous freshet of the winter ing a bond issue by Hendersonville. in New York on March 1, before pro- police are searching for this man but