

public perhaps a closer view of since the outbreak of war.

Mr. Churchill declared, amid cheering, that Great Britain finally had decided to clamp on every ounce of sea pressure to choke off Germany's food supply in retaliaiev, while Mr. Lloyd-G. orge drew additional cheering when he spoke of loans to countries expected to throw in their lot with the Allies. These countries the chancellor did

Two Dispatches From America. The announcement of the govern-

ecision with relation to Gercod supplies came almost cowith the receipt of two dispatches from the United States, one saying that Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, had informed the Washington government that Germany was willing to abandon her submarine policy provided Great Britain ceased interfering with cargoes of food stuffs other saying that he again had advised neutral shipping to avoid these waters which Germany had declared would become a dangerous mil-

llary area three days hence

Mr. Lloyd-George detailed financia arrangement the Allies decided on at the Paris conference nad put into ound figures what heretofore had been suessed, the remarkable increase in the oductivity and efficiency of the Rusian people by prohibition of the sale vodka. The productivity and efficiency he placed as high as 50 per cent. Great Britain, the chancellor said, had resources which would last for five days and France perhaps sufficient for three years.

Lloyd-George paid tribute to the ourden that France is bearing and gave pledge that the Allies would stand Belgium financially until the time the "settlement came.

Mr. Churchill disclosed for the first the total naval losses in the war. These, he said, were upwards of five usand officers and men, most of them victims of submarines.

Churchill outlined what Great that purposed to do as a counter to an policy. In view of what "piracy and murder," Mr. said it was incumbent on real Britain for the first time to ap-"full force" of her naval powformal declaration to this efe added, "would be made forth-

CHOKE OFF GERMANY'S FOOD

Action Against Shipping to Germany Decided Upon by Allies. , Feb. 15 .- Winston Spencer burchill, first lord of the admiralty, a statement to the House of Comons today, intimated that further acion would be taken by the Allies to prevent the importation of foodstuffs uiral shine to

between Senator Cooper and Represen- territories so far as conditions allowed tative Stacy, the latter insisting on the but if help were needed for purchases the machinery behind the great retention of J. O. Carr on the board. In the passage of words between struggle than had been afforded Senator Cooper and Senator Giles, the only joint loan would be with respect latter said that Senator Cooper had to advances made or to be made to the

nagged him as to his position on the smaller of the allies states. prohibition bill, and the McDowell Sen-The chancellor said Russia had in ator had resented this impertinence, he creased her productivity from fifty said. Senator Cooper retorted that per cent. by suppressing sale of vodka. liquor had not been mentioned before She had had difficulties in financing her the committee. He said Mr. Stacy's bill purchases abroad, and the same thing passed the House Saturday. had applied to France. President Pro-tem Gardner asked to

FROM PLAN TO DESTROY

man Civil Population Were Removed-Developments

in Diplomatic Circles Move Rapidly-Text of Brit-

ish Reply to American Protest Received.

"I am not sure we realize the strains be relieved of the embarrassment of deupon this gallant country," the chancelciding what reference the Cooper bill lor of the exchequer continued. tion of the German st pmarine pol- should have. This was done, the Sen- has had a larger proportion of her ate putting the bill on the calendar. men in the field, and the enemy in oc-Senator White, without reference to cupation of the richest part of her terhe merits of the bill, thought the ritory. Nevertheless, the confidence o Cooper bill should go through the propthe French nation strikes every visitor er channels. He said he would insist to Paris. There is to be seen a calm on the House bill, by Stacy, coming and sincere courage supposed to be inover today, going through the proper combatible with the temperament of channels. Senator Snow thought in the celt, and one hears the general view of the personal feeling between assurance that the German army as

abroad, those who had means would

help to the best of their power. The

Senators Giles and Cooper that the much chance of crushing France as of Cooper bill should go before another overrunning Mars." committee or that it be passed by the With regard to Russian purchases

Senate as the House has passed Mr. the chancellor said it had been decided Stacy's bill. Senator Gilliam thought that the first \$250,000,000 for that pur unusual that a senator cannot send pose should be raised in equal amounts his bill to the committee of his selecon the Paris and London markets. (Continued on Page Two.) (Continued on Page Five.)

GERMANY WOULD RECEDE

special reference to its effects on neutral shipping. The speeches in the House of Comnons of David Lloyd-George, chancel-

lor of the exchequer, and Winston control. "I am not surprised that the direc-Spencer Churchill, first lord of the tors and trustees of the Rockefeller admiralty, the former explaining concerted financial plans of the Allies and Foundation do not know some of the the latter reviewing the naval situa- things brought out at the hearing. They tion and promising the utmost endeay- do not know anything about the founors to cut off all German food sup- dation. They do not see Mr. Rockeplies, temporarily have overshadowed feller twice a year.

"Mr. Rockefeller is a very smart man, war news. The Royal Dutch Steamship Company perhaps the smartest in this country. today suspended service to Havre on But he could not tell the commission account of the German threat; and, according to Berlin dispatches, all a living wage instead of using them Dutch shipping companies have decided in the distribution of a charity that otherwise. The Netherlands has purto suspend service to England after icans have come to look upon as a February 18.

menace. The British steamer Wavelet, from Pensacola, struck a mine in the English Channel. The loss of life numbered twelve, and the steamer was beached.

GERMAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Recites Successes of Her Army and Re pulses of the Enemy.

Berlin. Feb. 15.-(by wireless)-The the author of an industrial act tried war office issued this statement today: in Canada, which was opposed by ev-"South of Ypres, near St. Eloy, the ery labor organization there and which Germans took about 900 metres of the failed signally." Counter attacks enemy's positions.

were without success. "Equally unsuccessful was the enemy's attack in the district southwest

of LaBassee. Several dozen of prisoners were taken by the Germans. "An advanced trench which the Germans lost on February 2nd, near Su-

ENEMY MERCHANT SHIPS "The Germans drove t "The Germans drove the enemy out of Senzern, in the Lauch valley (Alsace). Rempach was evacuated by the nemy

"North of Tilsit (East Prussia) the If Allies' Restrictions on Shipments of Foodstuffs For Gerenemy was driven out of Piktupoen and pushed in the direction of Tauroggen. On both sides of the frontier, in the Easter Lake district, engagements are Complicated Further by Carranza's Dein progress with the retreating enemy. German troops are advancing rapidly everywhere.

> "German detachments marched in the Kolno district against the enemy, advancing beyond Lomza

"In the Vistula district, the Germans gained further ground and occupied Berlin, Feb. 15, (By Wireless to Say- ed interference with legitimate ship-

ville, N. Y.)-"The German reply to the ments, the new note contains a state-Racionz "In Poland, on the left of the Vis ment from Great Britain that the retula, there were no important changes."

GREEK MINISTER LEAVES

Departs From Constantinople Because of Growing Friction.

London, Feb. 15 .- "A Reuter's dispatch from Athens says:

"Difficulties having arisen in regard or fulfillment of the Porte's promise satisfaction to Greece for theinsule to the naval attache of the Green legation at Constantinople, Mr. Panas, the Greek minister, felt compelled to leave Constantinople yesterday, leaving bordinate military chiefs shall discuss the secretary of the legation in charge of the affairs of Greece."

REPORT THAT GERMAN AMBASSADOR IS TO LEAVE IS DENIED

London,' Feb. 15 .- An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company gives the rumor from Berlin that Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassabeen Count

dations, but this much can be said: lish Channel on voyages to the Dutch "The Rockefeller Foundation is en-Indies. Dutch shippers are determined tirely without the realm of government not to change their schedu'es, and the -taking precautions to make their na-

> tionality clear. The full texts of the Dutch protests there might be no further effort to are not available, but the following force a vote on the ship bill in the are the salient points of the contents | upper branch, nor would an extra sesof the note communicated to the Ger-

man foreign office: First-The government of The Netherlands denies the imputations that it why he did not use his profits to pay has been partial to Great Britain in been made, the view was submitted by commercial affairs, in embargo acts, or persons close to the President that the constituted a power which many Amer- sued a strictly neutral attitude.

Second-As The Netherlands government protested against the British de-"The power of the Foundation's clarations of the North Sea as a war money is being used to compete with zone, so it now protests against the the United States government in the German declaration of an enormous nvestigated by the Industrial Relaish Isles as a theatre of war, which tions Commission. The United States beaceful neutral vessels may not safegovernment is spending \$400,000 in its v enter or cross

inquiry. The Rockefeller Foundation, Third-The Netherlands covernment if it will, can spend \$5,000,000 a year. declares that the possible posting of a Its investigation is being conducted by neutral flag by an enemy merchant- ators Walsh, Simmons, Reed, Burton man would not excuse German war-land Weeks. This committee will meet ships in sinking merchantmen, on sus-(Continued on Page Two.)

dows and Tower Darkened.

port That Only Toy Balloons

Were the Craft Sighted

at Brockville.

rier, opposition leader, asked what

parliament

their determination that the filibuster against it should continue. Even some administration senators were inclined to the view that approships will proceed over the usual routes priation measures should be taken, up and rushed through before March 4 Should this result, it was intimated. sion be called to consider it at least for several months.

While no definite announcements on the subject of an extra session have ship bill issue would be taken before the country. It would be shown that the House had passed the bill after a desperate effort had been made to break down Republican opposition in the Senate and that responsibility for failure of the measure was due to a Republican filibuster.

The investigation ordered today, administration leaders suggested, might bring out facts which would throw upon opposition to the bill. ight

Simmons One of Probers.

The inquiry will be conducted by Sentomorrow to mar kout a plan of procedure. Should there be no extra session of the Congress, the committee would be empowered during a recess, as it is conceded that the proposed inquiry could not be concluded by March 4.

Republican opponents of the ship oill proposed, through aresolution of-FEARS AERIAL RAID ered by Senator Barton, the portion of the inquiry which concerns intimations that persons or corporations in the United States sought options on belligerent ships with a view to selling them to the government and that All Foreign Diplomatic Repre- Parliament Sits With Winthese persons or corporations were in some way allied with officials of the government. This resolution, together with another included in that adopted, requesting the Secretary of the Treasury for information on the subject, Every Precaution Taken, Despite Rearoused enlivening debate. Senators Williams and Reed charged they were purposely intended to reflect upon Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Paul M. Warburg, of the Federal Reserve Board.

Another portion of the inquiry resulted from an amendment added to the Washington, Feb. 15 .- Virtually all Ottawa, Ont., Can., Feb. 15 .- Despite Burton resolution by the committee or audit and control, directed against as alleged lobby by the "Shipping Trust" and by corporations that might be their governments to use their own fire balloons, sent up last night at forced to compete with a government discretion about leaving the capital, Morristown, N. Y., had been mistaken shipping line. It also directed inquiry as to what United States senators are stockholders or bondholders of shipping corporations.

Efforts of administration senators to force a cloture rule continued today, the Democratic majority succeeding in fighting its way through a parliamentary ambuscade and forcing the Republicans to renew their filibuster in order to prevent a rule to limit debate.

Pending before the Senate is Senator Reed's motion to order a vote on the ship purchase bill not later than Duchess of Connaught and the Prin- February 19, with a general cloture debate to each senator on any bill to three hours an dan amendment by Senator Cummins which would make the In Parliament today Sir Wilfrid Lau- rule inoperative against a bill on which senators of any party had attempted to bind senators in caucus.

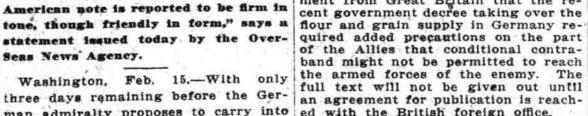
North Carolinians Active.

The House Democratic caucus went into session tonight with Representative Webb, of North Carolina, in charge of the fighting for the special rule to consider the ship purchase bill and Representative Page, of North

statement issued today by the Over-Seas News Agency. man admiralty proposes to carry into ed with the British foreign office. effect its proclamation ordering a submarine campaign on enemy merchant ships, developments in the diplomatic by on the threatened submarine war-

interests of the various belligerents. Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, delivered a note to the

Germany offered to recede from her traband and food stuffs destined to the Otherwise, the note announced, Germa- which revolves the entire question of ny proposes to put into effect the origi- feeding Germany.

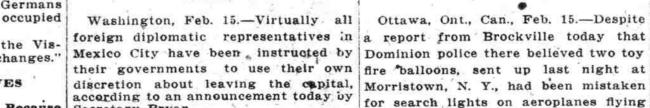


As to the Wilhelmina. Another development bearing directsituation moved rapidly today through | fare was the dispatching of a telegram

the medium of the United States gov- by the State Department today to Amernment, custodian of the diplomatic bassador Page instructing him to submit to the British foreign office, evidence by the owners of the American steamer Wilhelmina to prove that her cargo consists of food stuffs destined

United States which was promptly to non-combatants and is not subject transmitted to Great Britain in which to selzure. The suggestion is made

that unless Great Britain has sufficient grounds-not yet advanced for doing plan of destroying enemy merchant otherwise, the ship be permitted at ships, if restrictions the Allies had once to proceed with her cargo to her placed on shipments of conditional con- destination. From the German point of view, the German civil population were removed. Wilhelmina constitutes a test case on



Secretary Bryan.

ico, reflecting the anxiety of their governments over the situation in Mexico ter supply cut off. The situation has been complicated further by General

diplomatic questions. This deprives the diplomatic corps at Mexico City of the privilege of dealing with General Obregon or the de facto authorities. cess Patricia awaited the return of substitute by Senator Norris to limit The only alternative is a visit to Car-

are unwilling to go.

will leave the country entirely.

not know the plans of the Brazilian minister, in charge of American inter-Bernstorff, the German ambassa-dor to the United States, has been been summoned to Berlin. Countess von Bernstorff, it is overnment does not wook with favor that three aeroplanes had crossed the

for search lights on aeroplanes flying

USE THEIR DISCRETION CAPITAL OF CANADA

The British and Italian ambassadors into Canada, every precaution was tanquired of the State Department dur- ken here tonight against an Aerial

ABOUT LEAVING MEXICO

sentatives So Instructed.

cree That No Subordinate Mili-

tary Chief Shall Discuss

Diplomatic Questions.

ing the day as to its advices from Mexraid. The Canadian parliament met with

City where food is scarce and the wa- windows darkened, the tower light extinguished and Carrapza's decree that none of his su- grounds in darkness.

No lights were shown at the Royal Mint or at Rideau Hall, where the

the Duke of Connaught from Western ranza at Vera Cruz where diplomats Canada.

Some embassies here understand that

diplomats in Mexico City have agreed that if they leave Mexico City they foundation there was for reports that Secretary Bryan said today he did

aeroplanes had entered Canada from the United States last night. Premier Borden replied that he was called on the telephone last night by the Mayor of Brockville, who told him

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The task before us is both anxious nal proclamation, adding also the ambassador, discussed the situation	added, had engaged passage by a to on Carranza's suggestion that the dip- proceeded in the direction of Ottawa.
The task before us is both anxious nal proclamation, adding also the Sir Cech Spring-Rice, the British and grave," said Mr. Churchill. "We strewing of mines in waters surround- mon and Brave," said Mr. Churchill. "We strewing of mines in waters surround- the situation with State Department officials. On all	Throughout the day conferences had
"I'd Stave," said Mr Churchill "We strewing of mines in waters suffound and the strewing of mines in waters	ioin her husband at Washing- I It is expected the situation will be While Parliament was in session, been held continuously by both sides
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never to be the object of warrare ing creat the de-	ton, but she cancelled the book- of fully discussed at tomorrow nights toops, morrise hald in madiness that in the auministration leaders made
never before practiced by a civilized The Ambassador's communication sides, it is admitted here that the de-	in Europe, were held in readiness to vigorous, but unavailing efforts to win
Power So far we have not attempt- was sent from Berlin since the recent velopments of the last few days pre-	er's departure. A State Department statement is- fire on any aircraft that might appear. over Representative Kitchin, of North
	Carolina, leader of the next House.
have not provide on the supplemental to the German foreign American commerce.	sued tonight said: "F. D. Nagel, con- Carolina, leader of the next House.
have not prevented neutral ships from is supplemental to the German foreign trading directly with German ports. We office memorandum on the subject of may be a pronounced statement to	Washington, Feb. 15The cerning whom inquiries have been Washington, February 15 The Am- Late in the day, Secretary Daniels,
have allowed German exports in neu- the new war zones.	German embassy tonight author. A made, has arrived in Monterey and is to any outhonized on of the Navy, made a trip to the Capi-
"" allowed German exports in neuro the new war zones.	Final new close tous the He was closeted with Represent
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the time to pass unchallenged. But a the secretary Bryan tional contraband was indicated at the	the ambassador had been sum- a dispatch dated repruary is from its contingent fund for the relief of lative Ritchin for hearly an nour, but
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nerself nutride of are pointy has placed that acts of protest on neutral shipping, strongly for unrestricted shipment of	 plating leaving the United States for any purpose. It was said that countess Bernstorff had made no and that Carranza troops under com- nand of General Luis Gutierrez have moa. Reports say 2,500 natives there and to keep aloof from active partici- are facing starvation, as a result of pation in the fight. Administration leaders on the House
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hust be reconsidered. A fur- dated December 20th, was willess inon-combatants. The British prelimi-	the near future. Administration leaders on the House evacuated Montclova falling back to which destroyed all food products. The side were declaring that if the ship
devention on part of the Allied was laid before President which is neutral nary reply did not oppose this view. Besides giving statistics on neutral hut said an unconditional acceptance	Hermanas without offering resistance. food stuffs will be shipped tomorrow purchase bill were passed by the House
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