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TWO GERMAN AIRMEN IN BROAD DAY RAID THE COAST OF KELT

Two Women and a Child Injured-"Shattered Glass" Only Material Damage.

AIRCRAFT MAKE ESCAPE

French and Germans Engaged in Furious Combat Between Lens and Arras.

Russian Front Active, With In- Senate Passes Two House Navy Bills. tense Bombardments.

London, Feb. 9. — Two women and one child were injured this afternoon when two German seaplanes raided the Kentish coast. and four near a school at Broad-Stairs. The material damage is said by the war office to have been confined to the shattering of glass.

Attack at 3:30 in Afternoon. The attack was made in broad daylight. At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, two seaplanes were reported approaching the Kent coast and a few minutes military aeroplanes and seaplanes ascended to attack the Germans, but they immediately retreated. As no engagement between the airmen has been reported it is presumed that the Germans

Of the four bombs dropped in Broad Stairs all fell near a school house. The county of Kent forms the southeastern ertremity of Great British, running north to the Thames. It in-

cludes part of the city of London. This portion of the English coast was the object of the last German attacks by aeroplanes made on January 23 and 24, in which one person was killed and six were injured.

Furious Fighting in West.

The French and the Germans have been engaged in furious combat on the tween Lens and Arras, where recently there has been great activity. Berlin Vimy the Germans captured French positions over a length of 800 yards. Paris admits that the Germans, after French trench but says that they were driven out by hand grenade attacks. he road running from Neuville to Thelus, the Germans discharged another nine and then essayed an infantry attack against the French, which was re-

Paris also reports that the French in grenade attack drove the Germans rom a small post between Soissons and Rheims and that the French batteries have badly damaged German organizations in the forest of Apremont, southeast of St. Mihiel.

Russian Front Active. Nothing new has come through conerning the situation on the Austro-Italian line in Belgium or in Asia where the Russians and British at varous points are engaged with the

Two women and one child have been njured in a daylight raid by two German seaplanes which dropped bombs on the outskirts of Ramsgate and near a school house at Broad Stairs, in Kent county, Southeast England. Owing to ill health, General Horace

. Smith-Dorrien has given up his command of the British forces in East Af-He has been succeeded by the Boer General Jan Christian Smuts. Great Britain's reply to the American government's protest against the

British blockade has been delayed and possibly will not be sent to Washington during the present month.

FIRST DAY NEEDLEWORKERS' STRIKE IS WITHOUT DISORDER.

forty Thousand Garment Workers Expect Early Increase in Wages.

he strike of approximately 40,000 neeter working conditions passed without make public without permission from might attach to the Rockefeller offer. lisorder. Three girls were taken into the writer. custody for obstructing traffic by their

were devoted to registration. A de-

VON REVENTLOW HAS FEARS.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 9 .- Count investigation. he Washington government would not blame Germany if they don't let us

of formulas, must be decisive.

DEFENSE BILLS TO

May be Ready for House Within Two Weeks or Less.

HEARINGS NEAR CLOSE

Feature of House Army Bill Will be Proposed Federalization of Militia.

Washington, Feb. 9 .- With President Wilson personally urging both Democratic and Republican members of the House Military committee to wasten preparation of bills to carry out the dropping bombs. Three missiles army's part in the National preparedfell on the outskirts of Ramsgate ness scheme, indications tonight were that the measures might be ready for

the House within two weeks or less. Hearings will come to a close tomorrow or next day and it is understood the main features of the bills are already being gotten into shape by which it is predicted they will receive virtually the unanimous approval of the

The Senate committee has already concluded its army bills and will take up the work of drafting its proposals also the general outline of the plan the minds of the members.

The bills of the two houses, it is expected, will differ radically and the final legislation will be worked out as places of the country is worth one a compromise in conference. Two Navy Bills Pass.

Progress also was made today on the way for construction of battleships par. 43 and 44 at navy yards and providing July class at Annapolis being hasses by the Senate. They passed the House yesterday and lack only the President's signature to become law. Speaker Clark, in line with his recent speech in the House advocating that the personnel at both Annapolis and West Point be doubled introduced a bill today to make such an increase in the

Chairman Hay, of the House military committee, and several of his Democratic colleagues discussed army plans was deevloped, and told that the railwith President Wilson during the day road side would be adequately cared reports that to the west of the town of at the President's suggestion. Tomorrow Representative Kahan, ranking Brandels had expressed the greatest Republican member, and others of the minority, will go to the White House the explosion of two heavily charged on the same errand. It is understood mines, got a foothold in portions of a the President was pleased with the re-Southwest of Vimy in the vicinity of ever, in later proceedings of the committee, that Representative Hay had not been swayed from his opposition to Secretary Garrison's proposal for a continental army, which the President warmly advocated during his recent preparedness campaign trip to the Middle West. A witness before the committee said he was opposed to the continental plan.

Opposed to Continental Army. "So am I," interjected Mr. Hay. "We all are," Democrats and Republicans of the committee agreed tonight, in saying that an army bill would be quickly Place Conditions on Acceptwritten, although there might be minor details which would take considerable debate to settle. The feature of the House bill, it was said, would be feder-(Continued On Page Eight).

Wants Nitrate of Soda Price Probed

ROBESON FARMER URGES GODWIN "ROBBERY" BY FERTILIZER CONCERNS-POTASH.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9 .- Representative Godwin has received many letters on preparedness, but perhaps one of the most interesting came from | tion was the subject of spirited discus-New York, Feb. 9.—The first day of a citizen at Lumber Bridge, whose name Mr. Godwin does not care to

This gentleman wrote Mr. Godwin of the walkout. Their fines of \$5 each that the people of the State would be it comes without condition," he said. greatly interested if Congress would "There may be strings to this offer All the afternoon and early evening start an investigation into the high and we may find ourselves tied up to men at Annapolis. price of nitrate of soda, because the outside institutions." termined effort probably will be made fertilizer people are talking about Trinity church, Boston, argued that contributions for Armenian relief. who have not already quit work to selling fertilizer this spring at \$90 a the acceptance would mean "an inton. The Lumber Bridge citizen pro- fringement on our control of our own ecutive session. ton. The Lumber Bridge citizen pro-tests against the Government standing better for the church to continue its Thursday. by and seeing the farmers robbed to work without "outside dictation." Lest Representatives May Submit to this extent. He urges Mr. Godwin and Bishop Greer, of New York, said he

Ernest von Reventlow, the naval expert | "I can see why we can't get potash," be careful that the university and the of the Tages Zeitung, in an article to-day deals with the report contained in folks sold all they had to the powder George Wharton Pepper, of Philadel-American dispatches to the effect that mills to kill Germans with, and I don't phia, urged acceptance.

many's representatives may, despite the man who draws the salary. The was explained, to give the students of the non-use of these words, submit in premiums offered by banks and indi- St. John's Medical University educaprinciple to demands which might lim- viduals to boys' corn clubs and others tion and to furnish clinical matter and

tal to Public Interest.

Clifford Thorne, Railroad Commissioner of Iowa, Testifies Against Mr. Brandels' Nomination to Supreme Court Bench

Washington, Feb. 9 .- Charging that ceded to the cause of railroads to the claring: fataal injury of the public itnerest, Clifford Thorne, railroad commissioner of Iowa and an associate counsel in the rate case, appealed tonight to the Judiciary sub-committee of the Senate not to recommend confirmation of Mr. Brandeis' nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. Thorne argued that it would be very costly to the American people to on the Supreme Court bench a man with preconceived notions as to returns on railroad investments in view of the fact that questions involved in the National appraisement of railroads now going on ultimately would have to be determined by that tribunal. Summing up his case he

Says Brandeis Has Committed Himself. "I have shown conclusively from the ted himself to the proposition that a return on the capital stock of railroads of 7 1-2 per cent. is to use his own words, 'rather niggardly.' That is the return which the Interstate Commerce Commission unanimously determined adequate. Further the investors of this country have decided that a stock yielding 7 1-2 per cent. in the market hundred cents on the dollar. I have repeatedly chailenged any one to name a railway which earns that amount navy legislation, the measures paving that does not command par or above

for 300 additional midshipmen in the attempted to show is entirely indewrong in his proposition as to the adequacy of railroad revenue. The other proposition related to a matter of professional ethics. I have shown you that Mr. Brandeis was employed by the Interstate Commerce Commission with specific instructions not to advocate number of cadets at the military acad- any particular theory as to the disposition of the case. He was asked if he was willing to take the burden of seeing that the other side of the case rate case by assistant counsel.

> "I have shown that Mr. Brandels cooperated in a friedly manner during the conduct of the case with assistant counsel, yet at the critical time Mr. (Continued on Page Two.)

EPISGOPALIANS OPPOSE ANY 'OUTSIDE' CONTROL

ance of Rockefeller Funds.

Board Agrees to Accept Donations for Work at Shanghai, China, Provided It Does Not Interfere With Control by Church.

New York, Feb. 9 .- The Protestant Episcopal church will consider the acceptance of Rockefeller Foundation donations for its university and hospital at Shanghai, China, provided that such acceptance "does not interfere in any way with our own control of our church institutions." according to a resolution adopted here today by the

sion in which consideration was given to the possibility that conditions regarded as unfavorable to the church Bishop C. K. Nelson, of Atlanta, Ga., opposed acceptance. "It may do very The Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann, of

the offer, but said it would be well to committees.

The Rockefeller Foundation is about tee. avow" in adjusting the Lusitania controversy and exhibits anxiety lest Gerwant's research for the relief of the malaria to give medal laden barge St. Nichols, which was beClaims committee. Dr. Ellis, incidening towed from Savannah, Ga., for New tally ,urged the Texas senators to do
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the employment of the submarine.
This point, he says, and not a question
of formulas, must be decisive.

Viduals to boys corn claus and unknown skin,
rescued by life guards from the Cape
laria but that now hundreds of women with two men on board. The little
Adjourned at 5:30 p. m. until noon
lookout station and arrived here tonight on the tug.

Thursday.

POLITICS HE SAYS

That He Made Concessions Fa- Opposes Use of His Name as Anti-Preparedness Advocates Presidential Candidate.

Says He Knows Nothing of Steps Being | Speakers Given Free Range, Being In-Taken by Frank H. Ritchcock. Exchange of Letters With Congressman Slemp.

Washington, Feb. 9 .- Representa-Louis D. Brandeis, as counsel for the tive Slemp, chairman of the Virginia Interstate Commerce Commission in Republican committee, today made pubthe 5 per cent. advance rate case, con- lic a letter from Justice Hughes de-

"I am totally opposed to the use of my name in connection with the nomination and to the selection or instruction of any delegates in my interest opposed any present change in military directly or remotely."

Justice Hughes' letter, made public with his cosent, was in reply to a letter from Mr. Slemp which informed the justice that Frank H. Hitchcock, postnaster general under President Taft, had inaugurated a movement in the South favoring the justice for the Republican presidential nomination. Chairman Slemp's letter to Justice

Hughes and the reply of the justice Chairman Slemp's Letter.

'My Dear Justice Hughes: "I take the liberty of writing to you in regard to a political situation that has developed in the state of Virginia. Conventions are called in the state to select delegates to attend the Republirecords that Mr. Brandels has commit- June 7. The state convention is called for Roanoke, March 29, the district conventions at various times and places in respective district.

state that the delegates in the state should go to the national convention uninstructed, and there with the Republicans from the other states in the Union, assist in selecting the most available man as a candidate. I am chairman of our state, a member of Congress from the only Republican district in the state.

"About ten days ago a movement started in the state, directed from New York City by Frank H. Hitchcock, foras a Republican nominee. He has secured around him in our state a few of his old appointees, Mr. R. E. Cabell Hitchcock, at Rocky Mount, and Mr. S. Brown Allen, former postmaster at Staunton, Va.

"I enclose you a copy of a letter written by Col. S. Brown Allen to one of my friends, who forwarded the same to me. In this letter is explained a movement by Mr. Hitchcock and I have other letters of similar character. You will observe it advocates an attack on me, as state chairman, and the organization generally with the statement that Mr. Hitchcock is to be chairman of the National committee and again postmaster general ,therefore the disas presidential candidate will receive commensurate consideration afterbe placed in the attitude of opposing you as a candidate for the presidency think it is right for a fight to be inaugurated in our state against me and others, upon the supposition that we

"I am writing you at the earliest moment to acquaint you of the situation that has so recently developed under your name, and at the same time to assure you that there has been no hostility exhibited toward you anywhere in our state, but on the contrary the greatest admiration and friendship exists for you.

"Very respectfully, "C. BASCOM SLEMP." 'February 3, 1916." Mr. Hughes' Reply. Justice Hughes replied:

"My Dear Mr. Slemp:
"Your letter of February third has

been received. I am entirely out of politics and I know nothing whatever (Continued on Page Two.)

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

Clifford Thorne, of Iowa, attacked five per cent, railroad case before Jusub-committee considering Foreign Relations committee recom-

mended ratification of Haitien treaty. Secretary Daniels before public lands oil lands to the public. Passed bill to make \$600,000 immediately available for improvements at Mare Island and New York navy yards

and to increase number of midship-Adopted Senator Lodge's resolution asking President to set aside day for Discussed Nicaraguan treaty in ex-

Recessed at 6:10 p. m. until noon

Met at noon. Representatives May Submit to this extent. He urges Mr. Godwin and did not wish it to be understood that Hearings on National defense con- er, which inundated Arkan the board was against acceptance of tinued by military and naval affairs gan to fall slowly today. Hearings on National defense con-

Witnesses in impeachment proceed tive session by Judiciary sub-commit-

Considered Spanish war volunteers' Coney, sprang a leak last night and stricken section of Texas. He said the widow pension bill.

Are Given a Hearing.

IN RATE ADVANCE CASE IGNORANT OF THE MOVE BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

terrupted by Committeemen Only When Open Mindedness of Congress is Attacked.

Washington, Feb. 9.-Opponents of administration plans for National defense legislation concluded their day in court today before the House Miltary committee, and, while not unanimous in their opinions as to what should be done, or left undone, with regard to the army and navy, they all

Representatives of the Society of Friends and a score of others, speakng under the auspices of the Women's eace Party, discussed war and its causes and from many angles. They were seldom interrupted by committee members except where the open mindedness of Congress on the subject preparedness was assailed

Among those who spoke er Fisher, of Chicago, secretary of the Oswald Garrison versity of New York; Samuel B. Montgomery, of West Virginia, speaking as Workers, and several fraternal organ- road. izations; Mrs. Florence Kelly, of New Lork, speaking for the child welfare workers of the country: Sara Bard Field, of California, who said she represented the sentiment of the women voters of Western states; Frederick commissioner, and Rev. Frank Hall, of erhood's statement said in part: New York, speaking for the clergy of all denominations of that city.

Many Views Expressed.

"If it means to believe," he said, that there is no cause leading up to war which cannot be composed and adjudicated by International tribunals precisely as the quarrels of individuals are vindicated, then I would be willing to have the stigma of peace at any price attached to me and shall wear it as a distinction."

Mr. Fisher aroused the resentment of some members of the committee when he declared that under a general order of the War Department army officers had been gagged and the views presented to the committee by staff are a little higher in the Southern and ish. The British consulate, however, officers did not reflect the opinions of Western territories. Continuing, the has received no official confirmation of many officers of the line. He said severa. officers of his acquaintace had declared themselves opposed to any (Continued On Page Eight).

MISSISSIPPI RIVER NOW POINT OF MOST DANGER

Believed It Will Rise to 57 Feet at Arkansas City.

However, There is a Growing Feeling of Optimism That the Levees Will Hold-Arkansas River Slowly Subsiding Yesterday.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 9. - Preparedness against a spread of the flood in southeastern Arkansas and the work of relieving the suffering of victims already made homeless by the inundation continued today with a growing feeling of optimism that the situation would be mastered. The point of greatttitude of Louis D. Brandeis in the est danger has shifted from the broken levees along the Arkansas river to the Brandeis' nomination to the Supreme levees holding back the steadily rising Mississippi.

T. B. Gilbert, of Arkansas City, chairman of the Tensas basin levee board, committee opposed opening Western said today that he believed all the Mississippi levees would hold. At 6 o'clock tonight the Mississippi

had attained a stage of 56.3 feet at Arkansas City, a rise of two-tenths of a foot in 24 hours. Mr. Gilbert said he believed the river would go to 57 feet, but was confident the levees would hold 57.5 feet. The work of strengthening the levees continued without cessation far into the night.

COAL LADEN BARGE SINKS. The St. Nicholas Sprang Leak Off Fry-

ing Pan Shoals-Crew Saved.

ALLEGED CAPTOR OF APPAM CAPTURED BY BRITISH, IS REPORT

GIVE REASONS FOR SHORTER WORK DA

Railway Brotherhoods Issue Official Statement.

ON PENDING DEMANDS

Trains, by Which the Railroads Profit-Reply to Railway Association Statement.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 9. - The first official statement on the impending controversy between railroads of the coun- German warship Roon, alleged to try and their train crews over working be the captor of the Appam, has hours was issued here tonight signed been captured by the British batby W. S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fire- tleship Drake, after a three-hour men and Enginemen, and L. E. Shep- fight, 200 miles east northeast of president of the New York Evening pard, acting president of the Order of Bermuda, according to a story Post; Rev. John McCracken of the Uni- Railroad Trainmen. These organizations claim to represent approximately printed by the New York Evening the representative of the Untied Mine 400,000 employees on 528 lines of rail- Globe.

The statement was headed "Why the Eight Hour Day?" and was a reply to a statement issued February 1 by the by the seizure of two merchantexecutive committeee of the Ansocia Howe, New York state immigration tion of Western Railways. The Broth-

"The eight-hour day movement is suggestions that Congress should await mit the men further to separate the The message reads: the conclusion of the European war dead line between work and wages. to profit by the lessons it might team. The railroads say in effect that men Took her 200 knots east northeast declarations against a policy of mil- who have put in a few years of rail- Bermuda, three hours' running fight. itary preparedness at any time or for road service have worked themselves Lost Danforth eighteen men .Her losses any purpose. A majority of the speak- out and will not be accepted if they about one-third. Struck as we came ers, even the women, disclaimed any lose their positions. If men are work- abeam, Two merchantmen with her, sympathy with a peace at any price of out in a few years under present ser- one armed. Took both. Brought here. loctrine; but Mr. Villard prefaced his vice conditions, the demand to extend Seagrave on sighting Roon said: 'Please remarks with the statement that un-their wage earning years is fully just-

Causes of Overtime.

"Overtime in road service is due almost wholly to the practice of railroads limits. The railroads are doing this for profit; they do not deny it, and if ehey propose to demand extra servce at tee sacrifice of the health and future earning ability of the men they should pay extra for it." Rates of pay in the Eastern territory

were quoted to illustrate wage conditions, the statement adding that wages statement said:

"That there is not so much justification for that contention of the railroads that the 8-hour day is impossible is proven by the fact that at present Reports of Attack Upon and Capture there are seven roads in the Southeastern and one in the Western territory that pay overtime on a 121-2 miles per -hour work day."

not be credited to the companies so sit- port. (Continued on Page Two.)

Engagement With President Broken

ROCKY MOUNT MEN FAIL TO SHOW UP AT WHITE HOUSE AT AP-POINTED HOUR-WILSON UNDECIDED

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.-Representative Pou this morning called on are worth some \$200,000. President Wilson at the White House and urged him to visit North Carolina on his next speech making tour. Mr. Wilson told Mr. Pou that he would certainly try to stop in the State, should he decide to make the trip, but that he had not definitely decided whether he would be able to again leave Washington on a speaking tour.

tridge and J. W. Haines, both of Rocky in Sing Sing prison during the week Mount, who came here to extend un of February 13, Governor Whitman invitation to the President to visit tonight declining to interfere with the Rocky Mount, failed to show up at the execution. White House. Mr. Pou had made an engagement for the two Rocky Mount trial and the court of appeals affirmed gentlemen to meet the President at the conviction but called ehe attention 10 o'clock, but when he arrived at of the governor to the claim made by Flood waters from the Arkansas riv- the White House his constituents were the man's attorneys that Miss Aumuler, which inundated Arkansas City, be- not there. As an engagement with ler died from the effects of criminal

Mr. Pou was forced to go alone. Texas, spent several hours in Wash- he investigated the claim. ington today and called on his old Beaufort, N. C., Feb. 9.—The coal friend J. R. Collie, chief clerk to the laden barge St. Nichols, which was be- Claims committee. Dr. Ellis, inciden-

German Warship Roon Taken by Battleship Drake, 200 Miles Off Bermuda.

IN THREE-HOUR FIGHT

Two Merchantmen Flying the German Flag Also Captured, Says Message.

Say Overtime is Due to Overloaded No Official Confirmation of Report Yet Received.

> New York, Feb. 9. - Advices received here today assert that the

> The capture of the Roon is said by the Globe to have been followed men flying the German flag, one of which was armed.

Message From "Reliable Source," based wholly upon the justice of a work which the Globe states it received in The views expressed ranged from day of reasonable hours that will per- code from a reliable source of Bermuda.

"Drake here today towing Roo" God today I will avenge Cradodk. Roon badly knocked about by 9.2. Thirty-two officers and 719 men taken

in the three prizes.' The Seagrave mentioned in the message is supposed to be Capt. Seagrave who was with Admiral Cradock when the latter went down with his flagship, the Good Hope, which was sunk

squadron off Chile. There is no Danforth among the officers in the British Navy list.

this report. NOTHING KNOWN OF BATTLE

tle has taken place between the Brithour basis. There is only one road in ish armored cruiser Drake and the the United States, of which we have German cruiser Roon off Bermuda, knowledge, that works more than the nothing is known here of the occurence. Numerous inquiries have failed to confirm the report that the Drake The statement denied that the pres- attacked and captured the Roon. These ent demand is "based on 'peak' earnings vessels have not reached this port, of the railways due to the present and, so far as can be learned, no adbooms in business." It said further vices have been received at Hamilthat the fact that roads in the hands ton to indicate that the Drake has of receivers had not cut wages should taken a prize into any other Bermuda

MONEY TO RED CROSS.

Lieutenant Berg Will Turn Over Money

Berg, in command of the captured British liner Appam, today declared that the money he secured from the purser when the Germans captured the ship, which had been collected among passengers for the Seamens' Orphans Society, would be turned over to the American Red Cross. The amount is

said to be about \$75. A thousand tons of cocoa aboard the Appam may spoil unless prompt action is taken. It is worth \$450,000. It cannot be removed until the State Department determines the Appam's status. Palm oil and other things aboard

SCHMIDT MUST PAY PENALTY IN ELECTRIC CHAIR AT SING SING Governor Whitman Declines to Interfere With the Execution.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 9 .- Hans Schmidt, der of Anna Aumuller in New York in September, 1913, must pay the pen-Lieutenant Governor E. L. Daugh- alty for his crime in the electric chair

Schmidt was convicted at his second the President has to be met promptly, operation, and therefore Schmidt could only be tried on a charge of man-Dr. A. Caswell Ellis, of Louisburg, slaughter. The governor granted now president of the University of Schmidt a respite of 30 days in which

SEARCHING UNKNOWN SKIFF

sank 14 miles northeast of Frying Pan State has already spent thousands of guard cutter Onondaga tonight is at Speaker Clark introduced bill to in- Shoals. The captain and crew were dollars trying to rid the State of ma- sea searching for an unknown skiff,