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## GOVERNMENT MAY SOON MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR AMERICAN SHIPS TO BE ARMED AGAINST U-BOATS

Austrians Raid Italian Trenches-Mod-

ification of U-Boat Warfare May

Be Discussed In Conference

With Kalser

ed and 215 Germans made prisoner.

Turks. In the Gorizta sector of the

inflicted heavy casualties on the de-

are being kept under barrage fire by

cupied a new front of more than 6 .-

In the eastern theatre the Germans

islau, in Galicia, but later were forced

Unofficial advices are to the effect

important conference at headquarters

Clubhouse Is Burned

Pont clubhouse at Hopewell, Va., own-

ed by the E. I. DuPont DeNemours

today with all its contents. The build-

ing was erected two years ago at a

has not been learned.

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 11 .- The Du-

discussed.

to evacuate them, according to Petro-

former theatre, the Austrians are re-

tured the fighting.

Fleet is Being Viewed With Growing Concern.

IGNORE GERMAN REQUEST?

Proposal for Discussion of Means to Prevent War Strikes No Responsive Chord.

U-BOAT ACTIVITY CHECKED

Is Not Thought Now England Can be Completely Isolated.

Washington, February 11 .- American shipowners who have been holding their vessels in port be- 811 tons, as having been sent to the cause of inability to obtain guns bottom. for defense against submarines, probably will have their difficulty their objective. Saturday night a mations were given in official of Beaux-Hames, in the Somme region, quarters tonight that while the three quarters of a mile, was captur- Berne before proceeding. government will not actually arm south of the river, near Pys, other owners who desire to prepare for ments and aerial activity have fea- were somewhat distraught. defense against illegal attack.

Washington, Feb. 11 .- One American, Earl Rice, ship's surgeon, of Portland, Oregon, was on board the British India liner Mantola, torpedoed off the Irish ported to have entered Italian trenches, coast February 8. Consul Frost at Queenstown cabled the State Department today that the steamer was tor- and much war material were taken. pedoed without warning, but that ev- Rome admits the occupation of small At the station Count Montgelas, head erybody escaped except seven Lascars.

EARL RICE GIVES STORY

OF SINKING OF STEAMER London, Feb. 11.—Earl M. Rice, of operations against the Turks have oc-Portland, Oregon, ship's surgeon of the Mantola and the only American on board her, was among the survivors of | yards. the torpedoed steamer who arrived in London this afternoon. He gave the captured Russian trenches near Stan-A cociated Press the following account

The first we knew was the sound of a violent explosion which shook the that Emperor William has called an thip from end to end at 1:40 p. m. on The sea was fairly rough which will be attended by Dr. von but the ship maintained an even keel and excellent order was preserved. cellor, and high army and navy officers.

"Seven Lascars were killed by the ex-The remainder of those on board were unhurt. Everybody got safely into the boats with the exception the wireless operator, who were to

"Nobody had yet seen the submarine Company, was, destroyed by fire early and everybody in the boats was peerng into the haze in a vain effort to aich a glimpse of the tell-tale perin hour and a half after the orpedoing, the captain, the engineer Working and began sending out "S. O. " calls giving details of the position. "The reply came almost instantly, but unexpected quarter. The submarine, which evidently was lying cked up the wireless and began shellhe Mantola from 4,000 yards distance, neanwhile approaching at full speed so the shells were loaded with shrapad returned close to the Mantola, but the oars to increase their distance fom the submarine's target. Fortundely nebody was hurt by the shells lthough everybody was badly fright-

"By this time the submarine was ly visible, her guns emitting angry assenger on my boat took out a pocket dotebook and carefully marked down cross every time the submarine fired. nis record shows that 47 shells were

The submarine was within 200 or 300 ands of the Mantola when an unidenversel began to loom up on the merged and disappeared, to the unheakable relief of us all. The new reival proved to be a British sloop which picked up the survivors.

ENGINEER KILLED WHEN

or Sallagh has been sunk, Lloyd's Ship- ing in the United States. Ding Agency announced today. The

# Enforced Idleness of the Merchant ONE STEAMER WAS

Submarine "Blockade" Does Not Auf Wiedersehen On Broadway' Deter the British in Their the Envoy Shouts As Train Drive for Bapaume. Starts From Berlin

GERMAN POSITIONS TAKEN GETS CHEERFUL FAREWELL

Besides Embassy Staff Fully 110 Other Americans Take Departure for Switzerland-Expected at Berne Yesterday Morning.

Sunday's report of Germany's underwater boat campaign showed only one vessel, the British steamer Salaga, 3,-Feb. 11.) - James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, and his staff, left Berlin at 8:10 o'clock tonight for Switzer- has repudiated with the most severe The British continue their operations land. Besides the embassy staff, 110 means in its power short of war. against the Germans, with Baupaume other Americans accompanied him. The leave-taking was very cordial, members solved in a few days. Strong inti- strong system of trenches to the north of the foreign office seeing the ambassador of. extending over a front of more than

Mr. Gerard will await instructions in

The train on which the ambassador left Berlin consisted of ten coaches. dicate today whether a reply already merchant craft or even formally trenches were taken and German at- Fully 200 Americans who are remainadvise arming, a way will be found south of Sailly-Saillisel were frustrat- leave regretfully of their countrymen, been made or that the American gov- Municipal Government Measure New Before the House failed, it receded from its position, and to put weapons at the disposal of along the line, trench raids, bombard- strenuous preparations for leaving, part of Germany to befog the issue. It

"Good bye, judge," some one shouted There has been considerable fighting as the train started, and Mr. Gerard, in the Austro-Italian zone and in Mes- leaning far out of the window of his opotamia between the British and

"Auf wiedersehen on Broadway." The former ambassador's face wore a smile as he waited for the train to depart, and he expressed himself optimisfenders and captured 665 men. In ad- tically with regard to further developdition, machine guns, bomb throwers ments in the German-American situa-

positions of the Italian front line of the American section of the foreign trenches in this region, but says they office, and Herr von Prittwitz, personal representative of Foreign Minister Zimmermann, were present to bid Mr. Ger-In Mesopotamia, the British in their ard farewell.

by Poloby Bernabe, the Spanish ambas-000 yards, pushing back the Turks for sador, who is to take over the interests a depth varying from 800 to 1,000 of the United States; Dr. Theotoky, the strued only as an attempt to place up-Greek minister; Baron Gevers, the on the United States the appearance of Dutch minister, and the diplomats of beiligerency. Believing the chief purthe South American republics. The mil- pose is to bewilder public opinion here itary authorities and the foreign office and divide the country, the move is assigned special officers to accompany about as unwelcome here as if Mr. Gerthe train to the Swiss frontier, where ard in Berlin had gone behind the Gerit is due to arrive at 8 o'clock tomor- man government through the Spanish row morning. On the way to the fron- ambassador, who represents the United tier the train will pick up a score or States there, in an appeal to the Germore Americans attached to consular man people on a wholly incomplete isoffices in southern Germany.

Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chan-The disposition of the ambassadorial Captain Chavas immediately ordered The possibility of modifying Germany's train after its arrival in Zurich rests with the Swiss government, which is a mere acknowledgment to the Swiss submarine warfare, so far as it apawaiting instructions from France. It minister who presented the suggestion plies to neutrals, will, it is said, be is considered likely, however, that the yesterday will be made is uncertain, as American party will stay in Berne for that matter rests entirely with Presia few days.

FORMER ENVOY AND PARTY

Zurich, Switzerland, via Paris, Feb. 11 .- The American ambassador, James W. Gerard, arrived at the Swiss boundary at Schaffhausen at 4 o'clock this of those who thought the new camcost of \$50,000. The origin of the fire afternoon. He was met by the Ameri-(Continued on Page Two)

### EFFORT OF BRITISH TO RAIDER AND U-BOAT SEEN IN MID-OCEAN ALARM GERMAN PUBLIC

Had Seized German Ships.

Reliable Wireless Messages, Refuting Officers and Passengers Reaching New Such Statements, Had Astounding and Sensational Effect in

Berlin, Feb. 11, (via Sayville,)-With reference to the present condition of ous vessels, one said to have been German-American relations the Ger- submarine the other having every apman foreign secretary, Dr. Alfred Zim- pearance of being a raider or submarine ican liners has put the question squarement today to the Overseas News Monday, February 5, by officers and pas-

mander closed his hatches quickly, sub- or reliable information about the Unit- day from Liverpool. or reliable information about the Uniton his legislative program still pending in Congress. He may be expected for township and county bond issues margarine from 10 to z cents a pound, of detaining Americans. furnished by two wireless messages erpool, those on board declared they which picked up the survivors.

We were in our boats about six correspondent in the United States of the Kroonland then was about six correspondent in the United States of the Kroonland then was about the correspondent in the United States of the Kroonland then was about the correspondent in the United States of the Kroonland then was about the correspondent in the United States of the Kroonland then was about the correspondent to the corresponde The Mantola sank in the even- the German news agency and which 11 miles off the Irish coast and oppo-The Mantola sank in the eventhe German news agency and which arrived yesterday, the contents of the strived yesterday.

AT HEADQUARTERS AT FRONT

within a period of years the township strived yesterday, the country bonds will be tion bill, the bill giving the Presing the country bonds will be toon bill, the bill giving the Presing the country bonds will be toon bill, the bill giving the Presing the country bonds will be toon bill, the bill giving the Presing the country bonds and the country bonds will be toon bill, the bill giving the Presing the country bonds and the country bonds will be toon bill, the bill giving the Presing the country bonds and the country bonds will be toon bill, the bill giving the Presing the country bonds and the country bonds will be toon bill, the bill givi London, Feb. 11.—The British steam- ican ports nor interned Germans resid- and her crew and passengers declare ference at headquarters has been called

ingineer was killed and two men were knew about these matters had passed sink her by three shots from a deck the Exchange Telegraph Company's liquors by individuals from 2 quarts vestigation during the last half of the of relations. sounded by gua fire. The crew were in through English channels and the gist gun. The Dutch ship went down in Amsterdam correspondent today. boats for nine hours before they were of these reports was that the United about five minutes. Captain Barman, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the im-States government actually had violat- of the Kroonland, said he was getting perial chancellor, and high army and the bare two quarts a year for medi-

News Reports Said United States Arrivals on Kroonland Tell of See-

ing Two Strange Vessels.

York Tell of Witnessing Submarine Destroy Dutch Ship Off

mermann, made the following state- supply ship, were sighted in mid-ocean ly up to the government. sengers of the American Line steam-"We now have practically no speedy ship Kroonland, which arrived here to- work on the submarine question, and

Earl Rice, of Oregon, Escaped When Ship Was Sunk Without Warning Off Irish Coast.

SEVEN LASCARS PERISHED

American Survivor Gives an Account of the Sinking to the Associated Press.

Idleness of Ships Disquieting

The enforced idleness of the American merchant fleet is being viewed with growing disquiet and the general view here is that not only the export trade but the nation's standing be-Berlin, Saturday, Feb. 10 (By wireless fore the world demands that Amerito The Associated Press, via Sayville, can vessels continue to ply the high seas without regard to the German | merchantmen, when recognized as such, proclamation which the government

> No Reply to Germany! The German proposal delivered to th State Department yesterday that means be discussed of preventing the break in relations from resulting in war, apparently has struck no responsive chord here. No official would inhad been given, but there was no disposition to deny that the proposal had ernment regarded it as an effort on the was made clear everywhere in government circles that there was nothing to discuss unless Germany desired to stop abridging American rights and illegally merfacing American life.

Emperor Calls Conference In connection with the German suggestion interest attached to cable dispatches announcing that Emperor William had called a conference, presumably to discuss the submarine damwas suggested that out of the conference might come something more tangible than the mere oral suggestion that Germany would like to discuss means of preventing the addition of The diplomatic corps was represented another nation to her long list of

What has been done so far is con-

May Ignore German Proposal Whether any sort of answer beyond dent Wilson. Opinions differ, some believing it wise to ignore the suggestion entirely.

The fact that only one vessel was destroyed in the war zone today and that the number has been growing smaller daily, has modified the views paign might completely isolate England. Reports from British sources that less than 90 vessels out of 1,100 going to and from England have been destroyed since the campaign started are regarded as significant as to the success of the under-sea warfare to

Precautions in Arming Ships In the matter of permitting the armng of American ships, the government derstood, not to go further officially than it has already gone in telling ship owners that they are justified in arming for self-protection if they think it necessary. Strong opposition the armament discussion to any step which would seem to implicate the country absolutely in the actual machinery of armament.

Nevertheless, officials believe that so long as the government has repudiated Germay's war zone and officially notified American ship owners to their right to arm for self-protection, the New York, Feb. 11. - Two mysteri- owners should be put in a position to exercise that right. The statement of P. A. S. Franklin that he has vainly sought guns and gunners for the Amer-

President Wilson has made practically no engagements for the coming week but is keeping his time free for on his legislative program still pend-

EMPEROR CALLS CONFERENCE

and her crew and passengers declare ference at headquarters has been called they saw the submersible come to the by Emperor William presumably to league legislation that has been urged The House rules committee to "Until yesterday morning, all we surface, approach the freighter, then discuss the submarine question, says looking to cutting down receipts of This may refer to the British steamer sale government actually had violation of the Kroonland, said he was getting perial chancellor, and high army and ready to go to the rescue of the crew when he saw that the U-boat had in when he saw that the U-boat had in ported, adds the correspondent, that tow the one life boat into which the ing the truth did not intend, of course, or Salingh is listed in available rections of the Kroonland, said he was getting perial chancellor, and high army and ready to go to the rescue of the crew navy officials will attend, and it is rectitive.

"English agents by thus adulterating the truth did not intend, of course, the crew had taken refuge.

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## LITTLE HOPE PREVAILS IN BERLIN OF AVERTING WAR WITH THE UNITED STATES

Rupture in Relations Was Foreseen—Decision Reached on Kaiser's Birthday to "Blockade" Allies-Associated Press Representa-

tive, Formerly at Berlin, Tells of the Developments Leading Up to the Present Crisis.

Little hope or expectation prevails in Berlin that war with the United States is avoidable, or that a modus vivendi reconciling the policies of the two governments can be found.

There now is a desire on the part of the authorities and a vast bulk of the people to avoid actual hostilities in any way consistent with the general lines of the present submarine policy, but only in such a way. Accordingly, instructions were given, so the Associated Press has been reliably informed, to submarine commanders before they started on their February mission, to take the safe side when neutral vessels, particularly American, were in question, whenever possible. Enemy were ordered to be sunk at sight, but

Copenhagen, via London, Feb. 11. - | neutral merchantmen were to be warn. ed, when such action, in their judgment, was consistent with the object of the campaign and the safety of their own ships.

Break Clearly Foreseer

It was realized, however, after the prompt and resolute stand taken by President Wilson, that these orders could only be palliative and only defer, not avoid, an ultimate break. Also that if President Wilson stood by his announcement that the destruction of American ships or lives would be regarded as an act of hostility, a casus belli must come sooner or later-probably sooner on account of the number of Americans on enemy ships. Moreover, there was the discretionary na ture of the instructions to submarine commanders, who were informed that while the careful course towards neutrals was recommended and desired they would no longer be subjected to punishment for departing from their (Continued on Page Two)

Must Be Passed-Revenue Bill Yet to Be Introduced

Advocates of More Stringent Prohibition Bill Have About Lost Hopes-Only Three More Weeks of the Session

(BY W. J. MARTIN)

quite a deal of work to be crowded approved by the senate, Congress is into three remaining weeks of the devoting itself to important general Legislature, enactment of measures business, together with emergency that will necessarily take much time measures necessitated by the strained on the floors of both Houses in dis- international situation. cussion before they reach the stage of enrollment for ratification.

While the bills for providing machinery for the government of towns iels providing authority to commandeer and cities to operate under the chang- ship yards and munitions plants and such should be exempt from seizure or ed conditions brought about by the adoption of the Constitutional Amend- chase of basic patents of aircraft. The ments both the bills for the forms of town government and that of the con- through next week as quickly as postrol of the financial side of the muni- sible. cipal activities have been introduced, they will require very considerable discussion during their passage thro age and conspiracy bills recommendreadings.

Revenue and Machinery Bills The revenue and machinery bills are yet to come. The committee work on the revenue bill has just been completed and the document committeed Doughton of the House committee says rate on newspapers and . periodicals The Hague conventions, particularly as the bill will probably somewhat increase the revenue, but the principal source of increased revenue is designed to be in machinery that will prevent the escape of a great part of the taxables that have been shirking taxation in the past.

The revenue bill is very much as it will take every precaution, it is un- was the past 2 years, with some changes in schedules B & C, some special taxes raised and some lowered. The machinery is to include provision that the State Tax Commission shall send through additional taxes on inherit- the privilege of departure, mentioned its auditors to the counties to check has developed from the beginning of up the Sheriffs and see that there is a general cutting down: of the volume the Danish West Indies, Alaska rail- to take out with him, and whose fate of taxables that in the past avoided their share of the burden. The tax rate is to remain the same

27 2-3 cents on the hundred dollars, including the four cents for pensions. The bill will be introduced Monday or Tuesday.

Another most important bill that is to come into the Legislative mill the coming week is the general road bill, which has been drawn by leading members of two houses in conjunction with Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt and memhers of State Highway Commission, This measure will contain a number of new departures designed to quicken and facilitate construction and during the week, and to visit the State will of people. Under it counties may bill for passage as soon as the postissue county bonds under which there office appropriation bill is out of the will be subsidiary township bonds way.

with a shade higher interest so that Other matters being pressed in the man newespapers were then being

> per month to 2 quarts per year, with miles and miles of red tape in getting New York Wednesday, and, it is exthe bare two quarts a year for medi-cinal purposes, have about abandoned committee will return nere to frame, and the internment of sallors were inhope of getting any reduction of ship- its report. Present indications are correct and that no obstacles were be-ment and receipt rights at this session. that there will be a majority and a ing placed in the way of Count von They are turning their attention now to securing the passage of a bill to (Continued on Page Two)

Carries Amendments Suggested by Secretary Daniels.

GOOD ROADS BILL DRAFTED REVENUE BILL AGREED ON

Democratic Senaters in Caucus Pledge Full Party Support-Congress Again Gets Down to General

Washington, Feb. 11 .- The diploma Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 11.-There is tic breach with Germany having been

> Tuesday the House will pass the naval appropriation bill, together with amendments urged by Secretary Danappropriating \$1,000,000 for the purarmy appropriation bill carrying approximately \$300,000,000 will be put not be seized during the war or to

The emergency measures awaiting action in the Senate include espioned by the attorney general and amendments to the shipping laws. Tomorrow the Senate expects to pass the Porto Rican citizenship bill, after which a fight again will be instituted for legislation in the pending postoffice appropriation bill increasing the and providing for one cent drop letter postage. Revenue legislation also will be pressed in the Senate within a few

Reserve Bill Approved Democratic senators today at their third revenue caucus finally approved, with amendments, the bill passed by the House to provide approximately \$350,000,000 additional revenue to meet the anticipated treasury deficit. The House provisions to raise \$248,000,000 ances and "excess profits", and for a bond issue of \$100,000,000 to pay for road and other expenses were modified only slightly.

The "excess profits" tax on corporathe caucus to expire automatically in four years. Also an amendment was inserted providing that the present tax | per representatives as supposedly imof 12 1-2 per cent on munitions makers portant pieces upon the diplomatic profits shall end in six, instead of 12 months after peace is declared. The caucus rejected an amendment

to add the Webb exporters' co-operative bill as a "rider" to the revenue bill, which may prevent passage of fluenced in any way by considerations the Webb bill at the present session. of personal safety or convenience, and The caucus pledged all Democratic that he must persist in his earlier exsenators to support the entire revenue pressed stand point regarding these nebill as amended, except that they are gotiations. maintenance throughout the State. left unpledged on Senator Underwood's From that point nothing further was

week. Hearings will be resumed in

minority report.

Wednesday Congress will meet

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Misconception of Treatment of Germans Here.

Detention of Americans Due to

ATTITUDE IS NOW CHANGED

Americans in Germany Have Full Liberty, Although Delayed in Securing Passports.

Copenhagen, Feb. 11, (via London) .-The German government's attitude in endeavoring to induce Ambassador Gerard to sign a protocol re-affirming the old-time treaties with the United States regarding mutual protection of nationals in case of hostilities, and the hints of possible detention of American newspaper men as hostages, was undoubted-

ly influenced by alarmist dispatches from the United States regarding treatment of German citizens and property there, the Associated Press correspondent who left Berlin Saturday morning and now has reached Copenhagen, is able to state.

As soon as re-assuring advices were received from the United States and as soon, too, as the German governa protocol re-ratifying the treaty of nothing further was heard of newspa-

permen as hostages. Proposed Revisal of Treaties The protocol, which Count Montgelas, head of the American department of the German foreign office, submitted to Am\_ bassador Gerard on the part of Foreign Secretary Zimmermann, contained besides a formal re-ratification of the treaty provisions of 1799 and 1828, regarding mutual treatment of natio caught in a belligerent country in the case of war, a number of important additions and expansions. It provided that merchants should be allowed to continue their business and retain their residences until the end of the war unmolested; that no law affecting the valiaity of contracts should be applied to Germans in America, or to Americans in Germany and that all patents should be inviolate—a question of importance in view of the high value if not the in-

dispensability of certain German pat-

ents in the manufacture of munitions

and explosives. Would Safeguard Enemy Ships Quite as trenchant in its bearing on the pending problems was the provision of an instrument which Ambassador Gerard was asked to sign specifying that not only enemy property as restrictions in its use beyond those applying to all property, that enemy ships in the ports of the opponents should leave port unless to sail under safe conduct, and guarantee the exemption from seizure by allied belligerents from a for a safe conduct when it was necessary to move ships from one port to another in the same country. The protocol ferbade explicitly any internment or restrictions upon the liberty or movement of enemy nationals within the limits of the opponent country, and for confirmation of certain articles of to treatment of the personnel of enemy merchant ships captured or caught within an opponent country.

Gerard Stood Firm. Ambassador Gerard's refusal to sign the treaty after he had ceased to perform his ambassadorial functions or to telegraph for instruction unless he was gelas to hint that a refusal to sign the protocol might materially affect the status of Americans in Germany, and specifically of the American correspondents whom Ambassador Gerard desired was apparently thought to carry particular weight in American public opinion. This intimation of the purpose of detaining of Americans even under the status of a rupture of diplomatic relations, not war, and the use of newspachessboard, cansed Mr. Gerard to declare roundly that he could not be a party to "and such pressuhe," and that he doubted whether any of the newspaper men could be "sand bagged" or in-

Influenced by Alarmist Dispatches The German government's attitude undoubtedly was influenced by the ing, no official communication from The House rules committee probably Count von Bernstorff having come since will make a report on its "leak" in- a time several days before the rupture

As soon as authoritative information was received in direct dispatches that Bernstorff's departure under a safe conduct, arrangements for the issuance of (Continued on Page Eight)