Diner. Announcements are already being read with unusual interest by lady shoppers.

PRING IS just around the cor-

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## AMERICAN MISSIONARY PERISHES AS FRENCH STEAMER GOES DOWN

Upsets Plans for Remaining

Days of Congress.

FIGHT OVER REVENUE BILL

Opposition to Any Request of the Pres-

ident for Authority to Deal With

Foreign Situation is Fore-

shadowed.

Washington, Feb. 23 .- Republicans

of the Senate began a filibuster today

that threw into the air all plans for

the remaining eight working days of

the session, threatening essential pend-

son may make for authority to deal

with the international crisis after Con-

charges on the floor that they deliber-

ately were seeking to force the Presi-

fight is aimed chiefly at the adminis-

tration's emergency revenue bill, it

drew prompt and hearty support from

those opposing any grant of addition-

al power to the executive which might

The trouble began when the majority

rejected an amendment modifying the

excess profits tax provision of the rev-

enue measure. There was a conference

presided over by Senator Lodge and

participated in by leaders of both

Returning to the floor the Republi

amendments. No progress was made

far into the night. Democratic leaders

are considering forcing all night ses-

ers out, and they may begin tomorrow.

It is realized that the Republicans by

persistent obstructive tactics can pre-

and the necessary appropriation meas-

o'clock tonight when leaders of both

sides agreed upon a recess until to-

wood amendment to reduce the tax on

oleomargarine was discussed and then

the bond issue was used as the vehicle

With reference to the attitude of the

program, some of them said tonight

that the revenue bill might be allowed

MR. O. M. POWERS FOR MAYOR.

Chadbourn Last Night.

(By Long Distance Telephone.)

tonight, Mr. O. M. Powers, who served

very efficiently as mayor during 1911

and 1912, was nominated by a large ma-

jority over two other candidates for

this position for the next two years.

Candidates for commissioners were

nominated as follows: Dr. J. E. Koonce

and Messrs. A. Hufham and M. B. Har-

dy. All these men are well known bus-

iness men and will make efficient offi-

The general election will be held the

first Tuesday in April. There was

much interest in the nomination of

candidates on the part of those attend-

cers for the town, it is predicted.

Chadbourn, N. C., Feb. 23 .- At the

ures and thus make an extra session

imperative.

for consuming time.

vent the enactment of the revenue bill

after another for hours on perfunctor

wings of the Republican party.

Rev. Allen Haden, of Nashville, Tenn., Aboard the Athos When Torpedoed in Mediterranean.

BEING USED AS TRANSPORT

Vessel Was Convoyed by Two French Destroyers and Gunboat-1,450 Persons Saved.

CRISIS STILL UNCHANGED

Announcement is Made Following Meeting of the Cabinet.

Paris, Feb. 23. — The French steamer Athos, carrying Sengalese troops and colonial laborers, has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean Sea. The torpedoing occur- ing legislation and foreshadowing opred notwithstanding the fact that position to any request President Wilthe Athos was escorted by the French torpedo boat destroyers gress adjourns. They did not challenge Mameluk and Enseigne Henry, which aided by a gunboat, saved 1.450 persons from the steamer.

Washington, Feb. 23. — A flurry came late in the day over a dispatch announcing the torpedoing result in aggressive action to protect without warning of the French liner Athos and the drowning of Allen Haden, an American missionary, of Tennessee, on board as a passenger. Any idea, however, that this might be the overt act which would precipitate war was cleared away later by press dis during the day or at a session lasting patches, telling how the liner was being used as a troop ship under convoy of two destroyers.

SECRETARY LANSING GOES

OFF FOR THREE-DAY REST Washington, Feb. 23 .- The departure f Secretary Lansing tonight for a three-day stay at White Sulphur. Springs, W. Va., was variously interpreted in connection with possible defirst there was a general tendency to did not contemplate taking any new step before the middle of next week, plans worked out the head of the State department could be spared for a few There was a two-hour cabinet meet-

as this afternoon, followed by the that the international divation had undergone no change. cent in discussion afterwards, although they indicated that President Wilson still had made no plans for his expected visit to Congress to seek authority D protect Americans and their ships

mment on the probable effect upon he President's course or the Republihe apparent intention of forcing an and the threats of some Republican leaders to oppose granting any additional power to be used by the executive after adjournment.

bassader Penfield concerning Austria's reply to the request for a statement as hered fully to Germany's submarine policy and whether the pledges given In the Ancona and Persia cases are repudlated. Germany is understood to be ing the primary. for a complete defiance of this country, of the reluctance of both governnents to permit it. Baron Zwiedinek, the Austrian embassy, called epartment today and is o the President by Count Tarwski, the new ambassador, until the

with his government was decided. Surprised at Premier's Speech mier Lloyd-George's speech to the ess, it was pointed out that the German submarine campaign had given per cent, from that up to \$1,800. the British premier just the opportunty he wanted of making a supreme apleal to the British people and of iming restrictions, both on them and other neutrals, which he had long red to put into effect.

The drastic prohibitions of imports tre understood here not only to be a shforcing some of the personal econoin England that has been practiced sage, dated yesterday, read: Germany during the war. The imhise financial saving which this will deaux with Arthur H. Frazier, second effect is expected slso to strengthen secretary of the American embassy in and may die. Wire communication was s and increase the expenditure for

Officials at the State Department al-

wed it to become known that while ed that day for Bordeaux.
Shipping circles had a report today official notification of the new Brit-(Continued on Page Two) that the Orleans had already arrived.

ency With Remotest Relation

Filibuster of Republican Senators MANY CARS ARE SENT WEST REVIEW OF THE WAR NEWS

Car Service Commission Says On None of the Battlefields Has There is No Indication of Food Shortage Anywhere.

Washington, Feb. 23 .- The soaring cost of foodstuffs throughout the country today engaged the attention of virtually every government agency with even a remote relation to the problem.

President Wilson and the cabinet discussed the situation, its cause and possible remedies. Views held by some of the conferees were that the record prices were intertwined with the gencar shortage and congestion on transportation lines and indirectly affected by the German submarine warfare which has resulted in vast accumulations of freight and resultant car congestion at eastern seaports.

May Announce Relief Measures Department of Justice agents resum. d with new energy their investigation nounced that measures which may be of "considerable avail" towards bettering the situations probably would be announced shortly.

The Interstate Commerce Commission through its field force of investigators and officials here kept close watch on the railroads' efforts to unravel the tangle of cars at congested points, announced the transportation west of many trains of empties, chiefly for relief Tigris, is in progress. British troops at Chicago, and were reported to be satisfied that the gigantic task of respect, London reports, but fighting is storing conditions to normal was probeing hampeled by high water in the gressing satisfactorily and as speed.

Tigris. cans began killing time, speaking one

No Shortage Indicated. The car service commission of the American Railway Association, the railroads' supreme court in all subjects affecting shortage and congestion, disclaimed all responsibility on behalf of the railroads for contributing to the rise through failure to furnish transportation facilities and announced that at no time had any complaint been received which would indicate that there was a shortage of food anywhere in the

country. The newly created shipping board submitted to the President a plan for relief by placing American vessels in the coast to coast trade, thus releasing freight cars required for trans-continental traffic. A large merchant marine, available for this duty by service Republicans towards the legislative through the Panama Canal would be (Continued on Page Eight)

to pass some time next week but that REPURIED LUST IN "the public may be very sure that there will be an extra session of Congress." SERIES OF TORNADOES BILL MAY BE VOTED ON Nominated, With Other Officers, in

town primary held in the city hall here Alabama and Georgia.

> Numerous Cabins and Small Dwellings Are Swept Away-School House Blown Down at Georgetown. Miss., Injuring Six.

> Seven persons are reuorted killed and more than a hundred injured in a series of tornadoes that swept portions of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi to-

> The most serious loss of life occurred in middle Alabama, where eleven of the deaths occurred. Hollins, Midway, Stewartsville and Whitsett-were swept, than a hundred injured in the Hollins-Midway-Stewartsville section, while at Whitsett four negroes were killed in and several residences were damaged. Two negroes were killed at Lithonia.

place and at least sixty small dwellings Six children were injured in a storm at Georgetown, Miss., two of them seriously, when a school building was blown down. Small tornadoes also struck near We-

Ga., when the twisting wind struck that

ing minor property damage. Two Negro Women Killed. Lithonia, Ga., Feb. 23.-Two negro women were killed and about 60 houses, mostly in the negro district, were blown down by a tornado which swept through here late teday. Besides the two deaths a negro man was injured

tumpka, Ala., and Hurtsboro, Ala., caus-

School Building Collapses.

the Aggregate Tonnage as Reported. Was 25,456.

There Been Any Activity of Importance.

German submarines centinue to sink entente ships. The total tonnage sunk as reported Friday was 25.456. This includes the French steamer Athos, of 12,000 tons, which was sent to the bottom in the Mediterranean while carrying troops to France and under guard of warships. One American, Robert A. Haden, a missionary in China, lost his life in the torpedoing of the Athos. from which 1,450 persons were saved. All the 13 vessels reported sunk were of entente registry, except one Norwegian and several of unestablished identity.

There has been no activity of importance on the battlefields of Europe. In the Somme and Ancre sectors, addition. troops are recorded by London. The repulse of German raids in the vicinity of Armentieres also is reported. Artillery bombardments continue as usual along the remainder of the western

have been engaged in isolated fighting at Zlochoff. Berlin records the destruction of four mine shafts and the capture of 250 prisoners. Petrograd says the attackers were driven back to their positions after breaking through the Russian lines.

A battle for the possession of Sannaiyat, northeast of Kut-El-Amara on the were successful in the opening engage.

FOUR VESSELS REPORTED BY

LONDON AS HAVING BEEN SUNK Inversauld, the Central News Agency says, has been torpedoed. The crew these ships were sunk:

British steamer Belgier, of 4,588 tons. British steamer Wathfield, of 3,012 tons. British steamer John Mills, of 687 tons.

VESSELS SUNK IN TWO DAYS

ACCORDING TO PARIS REPORT Paris, Feb. 23 .- An official list of vessels sunk between February 20 and 22 issued today contains the following: Doravore, Norwegian steamer, 270 tons; Apa, British steamer, 464 tons; San Michele, Italian three-masted bark, 583 tons; Giovinni P., Italian brigan-(Continued on Page Two)

UISTRIGI PRUHIBITIUN

the House Committee.

"Dry" Advocates Believe the Measure Certain of Passage Once it is Submitted to Vote-Has Already Passed the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 23. - A special rule expected to insure a vote in the House at this session on the District of Columbia prohibition bill was agreed to late today by the House Rules committee. The measure already has passed

Prohibition advocates hailed the comsage once it is brought to a vote. The rules committee stood 7 to 4 for the rule which if adopted by the House would take the bill out of the hands of the this morning after failing to agree on cutting and finishing it. District committee and set a date for appropriation bills. Governor Hatfield

pending for a referendum vote by residents of the District. Efforts to attach debt and good roads. a referendum amendment in the Senate failed on a tie vote.

It was not decided when the rule will be reported but tentative plans tonight were to bring in the special rule tomorrow if the District committee has bate would be allowed.

Representatives Henry, of Texas, ter, and Chiperfield, Illinois; Lenroot, Wisconsin; Garrett, Tennessee; Bennet New York, and Campbell, Kansas, voted CHARLESTON, W. VA., GIVES for it.

The bill, as passed by the Senate would close all saloons in the District Nevember 1.

Georgetown, Miss., Feb. 23.—Six houses, would be provided in a bill inchildren were injured, two seriously, troduced today by Representative Moon, when a country school building near of Tennessee. It would direct that the (Continued on Page Two)

NEW MEASURES ANNOUNCED BY BRITISH PREMIER FOR SOLVING TONNAGE PROBLEM

Army General Staff Universal Military Service Bill is Submitted to the House.

WIDE PUBLICITY SUGGESTED

Secretary Baker Wants Congress and War Department to "Have the Benefit of Enlightened, Thoughtful Public Opinion."

Washington, Feb. 23. - The army general staff universal military service bill was transmitted to the House mil-Itary committee today by Secretary Ba ker without a definite expression by the administration, either on the general subject or the specific proposal.

The secretary suggested that wide publicity be given the staff plan "to the end that both Congress and the War Department can, in any subsequent consideration given to the subject, have al small gains of ground by British the benefit of an enlightened, thought-

In round numbers, the staff plan would supply a trained force of 4,000,-000 men, with one year of intensive milboys in their nineteenth year would be available for training annually. to call to the colors until 32 years of

first reserve of 1,500,000, ready to respond instantly to a call to arms. A and the German submarine menace. second reserve of equal size, but only partially equipped, would require some time to take the field. Eventually, there would be 1,000,000 additional men ready to fill in gaps at the front.

In addition, there would be a regular army of 24,400 officers and 285,886 enthe oversea forces and 29,000 the frontier forces, the remainder composing permanent training personnel, was landed. Lloyd's announces that which could take care of the instruction of reserve recruits annually. If the proportion of available men for training was greater than estimated, the permanent training force would have to be proportionately increased.

SURPRISED AT APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR THE REUNION

Washington Committee Promised Vet erans Sufficient Finances.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 23.-General Harrison, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, in a out by the Washington finance commit- present is 4,000,000 tons. tee for the reunion at the National Capital this year, as the Washington committee which appeared at the last reunion at Birmingham and asked for the 1917 meeting had assured the veterans that they would finance the re-

Much Damage Done in Mississippi, Special Rule is Agreed Upon by the matter up with the Washington General Harrison said he was taking

> NO SERIOUS FIGHTING HAS : YET TAKEN PLACE IN CUBA

Government Forces Delayed in Their Advance on Camaguey.

forces under Col. Pujol have been delayed in their advance against Camaguey, capital of the province of Camaguey, and still another day has passed without any serious fighting. Colonel Pujol reports from Gasvar that the rebels have been offering resistance to his advance, blowing up bridges and tories here. The importation of Amerculverts and removing all stock from ican boots and shoes, once heavy, has the zone through which he must pass, thus making it more difficult for his The country has large supplies of cofforces to secure food.

EXTRA SESSION CALLED AS

West Virginia house of delegates and obstacle to its production being an insenate adjourned sine die at 1:15 o'clock immediately issued a call for an extra The rule would make in order all session to begin at 11 o'clock today. proposed amendments, including one The items listed for consideration in the call are appropriations, Virginia

NEW GERMAN WAR CREDIT OF

war credit of 15,000,000,000 marks was tures, linen and yarns and manufacnot acted. Only three hours general de- introduced in the Reichstag today by tures thereof; canned lobsters and sal-Count you Roedern, secretary of the im. | mon; manufactured silk and skins: perial treasury, who made a detailed furs, food articles containing sugar, exchairman; Pou, of North Carolina; Cant- speech. The riscussion was short and cept condensed milk; tomatoes, typerell, of Kentucky, and Patten, of New the Reichstag voted the credit in all writers, wine of all kinds, wood and York, voted against the rule. Repre- its stages, only the radical socialist mi- timber. sentatives Harrison, Mississippi; Fos. nority dissenting. The Reichstag adjourned until Tuesday, next.

UP CITY MANAGER PLA

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 28 .- After Special exemptions to the Reed "bone years, Charleston will return to the of leather boots and shoes, brandy; dry" amendment, agreed to by both old form of government with the man-clocks and parts thereof; cloisonne

Declares That Everything Must be Sacrificed to the Conservation of Shipping.

Emphasizes Grave Situation That Has Been Brought About by Submarine Menace.

Importation of Numerous Articles Will be Prohibited.

London, Feb. 23 .- That Great Britain s faced with a serious situation due to a shortage of tonnage, was the admission made today in the house of commons by David Lloyd-George, the British prime minister. It was a situation which called for most stringent measures by the government and in order to meet it the importation of all non-essentials was to be prohibited. On the ability of the government to

solve the tonnage shortage, which was now affecting, the ordinary needs of the nation and military exigencies, said the premier, depended the success of the entente allied cause.

"If we take drastic measures," the ful public opinion upon the needs and premier continued, "we can cope with is not prepared to accept drastic measures for dealing with the menace disaster is before us."

George, the British prime minister, today presented to the house of commons They would, under the plan, be liable his program for coping with the probthe premier emphasizing the serious The bill's purpose is to constitute a situation with which the nation is fac- the Legislature can continue to pass

the first to increase home food pro- special messenger. duction and the second, the curtailment forced to cultivate his land. Imports Curtailed.

Under the head of curtailment of imlast year will be cut down nearly a and ordered enrolled for ratification. have been considerably curtailed must and controlling convicts. It was orhenceforth get along with only half the dered printed. supply they are now receiving through saving 640,000 tons. Certain savings statement issued at Opelika, Ala., today also will be effected in the imports of asserted that he was greatly surprised ore which now amounts to 8,000,000 by the appeal for funds recently sent | tons annually and in lumber, which at

France Raised Protest. It was announced that, in deciding had to take into account the interests France as the imports from that country of mineral waters, wines, brandy silks, needlework and of all kinds of garments and luxuries, represent a | considerable income to the French pro-

trade to issue special licenses, howtaking munitions and other supplies to France and Italy have ample ton-

American firms dealing in typewriters and photographic apparatus almost decreased greatly in the last decade. fee, tea and cocoa.

Premier Lloyd-George that the United Kingdom would en-W. VA., LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS deavor to depend upon its own resources of the timber which heretofore Charleston, W., Va., Feb. 23 .- The largely had been imported. The chief sufficient force of skilled workmen for

> HEREAFTER WILL BE BARRED London, Feb. 23.-The Official Gaette tonight gives a list of articles, the importation of which is prohibited.

The decree takes effect today. The list includes agricultural chinery, boots and shoes of leather, raw for special school taxes under the cenfruits, except lemons and oranges, stitutional amendments was passed Berlin, Feb. 23 (via Sayville) .- A new hides, leather, gloves glass manufac-

· Other commodities specified are: Aerated mineral and table waters; antimony ware; apparel not waterproofed; works of art; baskets and bamboo basket ware; books, other printed matter, including posters and daily, weekly and other periodicals exceeding 16 pages in that the bill not apply to offspring of being under a city manager for two length; materials for the manufacture marriage already contracted. This was

OFFERED BY GRIER PASSED BY HOUSE

Senate Votes for County Nomination and Legislative Appointment of School Boards.

NO MORE COURT DISTRICTS

Resolution for State Vote on Constitutional Convention is Ready for Ratification.

(BY W. J. MARTIN.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 23 .- The House passed tonight, 50 to-28, the Grier ouster law for the State Anti-Saloon League forces. The debate continued probably half an hour, the opponents of the measure being Grant, of New Hanover, and others, who believed there is danger of prosecution of officers by some group of five men of an opposing faction who might bring charges just for the humiliation and harrassment of the officer, the ouster provisions covering the whole scope of official duties.

The House defeated the Senate bill to place the age of consent at 16 years. recapture of felons. Numbers of local

Calls on Supreme Court.

The Senate passed a resolution tobearing on the extension of corporate limits of cities and towns and whether ed owing to the shortage of food stocks bills for specific annexations or must include this matter in the general act The premier's program for dealing for the government of cities and with the situation was under two heads towns. It was sent to the court by

The Senate spent the evening arguof non-victual imports. Under the first ing most strenuously the substitute head Mr. Lloyd-George outlined a bill from the House for the nomination scheme for speeding up the farmer by of members of the county boards of guaranteeing him good prices for his education by both parties in county pricommodities over a period of years, maries and appointment by the Legisthus inviting him to plow and sow lature. In the end all amendments every inch of available land. This he were voted down and the bill passed as supplemented by the announcement a State-wide measure, the Senate even that the land owner would be actually refusing to exempt Bertie or Frank-

special acts for these counties to elect. In opposing the bill, Senator Johes ports Mr. Lloyd-George said he expect- said he spoke for his people, who would ed to reduce the demand on cargo space certainly condemn him if he voted to by several million tons. Foodstuff of deprive them of their privilege of electwhich 16,000,000 tons were imported ing their boards. The bill was passed Senator Turner introduced a lengthy luxuries. Paper users who already bill prescribing a system for handling

PEOPLE WILL VOTE ON A

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 23 .- The Senate passed today and ordered enrolled for the House providing for the question of the calling of a constitutional contenthe proposed convention to be chosen at the same time. The vote was 43 to 4. about the only speech against it being by Senator Little, of Anson, who considered such a proceedure an unneces-

sary expense. The Senate passed the bill from the House to create a board of examiners for the profession of chiropractors, a measure that has been hard fought through both houses with the physicians and the osteopaths opposing it.

The House defeated the bill from the Senate to create four new judicial districts and judgeships and have two judges always available for emergency

New Bills in Senate

New bills introduced in the Senate Oates-Provide referendum for Cumberland voters on the issue of salary system for officers, Harrell-Amend the law as to pro-

Warren-Amend the general drainage

Pollock-Authorize bond issue for Kinston schools. On motion of Senator McLeod the bill

to give Sampson county the right to elect its board of education was taken from the unfavorable calendar and put on its readings. It was lost on the second 17 to 31. McLeod claimed that the committee

had sent the bill to the unfavorable scalendar on a "prophecy" that the committee had no right to make that the Sen-

The Justice bill providing machinery without opposition; also a farm life school bill for Jackson county. Inter-Marriage Bill.

There was re-consideration of the vote by which the Pollock bill prohibiting marriages between the races on, the same basis that controls the attendance of children in the white schools was defeated, and the measure was debated at length. An amendment by Senator Linn was adopted enabling offspring of any marriage in violation of the act to inherit property. An amend. ment by Senator Jones would specify lost and the bill passed 38 to 12.

Bills out of order: Allen-Provide for the nomination and election of Wayne commissioners.

Davenport—Authorize the Board of

(Continued on Page Eight)

## SENT BACK TO CONFERENCE Changes in Legislative, Executive and Judicial Bill Opposed.

Washington, Feb. 23 .- When the annual legislative, executive and judicial bill as agreed to in conference was brought into the House today vigorous objection was made to the Senate changes in salary scales for government employes and the measure finally was recommitted to the conference committee.

The Senate provision would give a 15 per cent. increase to employes getting to save England from disaster up to \$480 annually, and a 10 per cent. the submarine campaign caused increase to those drawing between \$480 surprise here because of the and \$1,000. The House insisted on its nkness of its expression. Neverthe- own provision for ten per cent. increase in salaries to \$1,500 annually and five

> STEAMER ORLEANS EXPECTED TO REACH BORDEAUX TODAY.

New York, Feb. 23 .- The Oriental Navigation Company, owners of the American freighter Orleans, announced today receipt of a cablegram from its heans of saving cargo space, but of Paris agents saying the Orleans was expected at Bordeaux today. The mes-

England considerably in neutral mar- Paris, and an unofficial party to greet partially destroyed. the Orleans." The Orleans sailed February 10. The American freighter Rochester also sail-

"Am leaving Paris tomorrow for Bor-

Virtually Every Government Ag. Including French Steamer Athos, to Problem is Active.