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OFFICIALS FORECAST ACTION AGAINST THE U-BOAT MENACE SOON

Arming of Merchantmen and Convoying Them by Warships Among Possibilities

DEFY EXISTING STATUTES

Ships Passing Through Danger Zone May be Placed Under Government Control

EXTRA SESSION IS CERTAIN

Time of Calling It Now Seems to be the Only Question

Washington, March 7 .- New action by President Wilson in the next few days in the situation resulting from the German unrestricted submarine campaign was forecast confidently today in administration quarters. If the mined upon it was not revealed. The possibilities are the arming of American merchantmen by the government in spite of old statutes construed by some officials to AS A "PATRIOTIC DUTY" prohibit such action; the convoying of the vessels by warships; Virtually All Larger Plants Represented the immediate calling of an extra session of Congress, and the placing of American ships desiring to pass through the danger zone under government control.

Extra Session Believed Nearer.

Reports conveyed to the President during the day that the prospects are excellent for prompt and favorable ace secured on an armed neutrality resolution were believed to bring the calling of an extra session nearer.

While some officials, notably those at the State Department, have advised the President that he has full power to arm merchantmen without congressional action, others feel that such a ttep would be stretching the law. It s pointed out, however, that any restrictions surrounding the arming of vessels do not apply to supplying conoys. The best judgment of the Navy department has been against convoyig for strategical reasons, but it was msidered possible that if no other

Thinks Nation Backs Him. The President was understood to feel eps to defend American : lives and

Mr. Wilson was forced to retire to s room early this afternoon by a cold, previously he conferred with Secrend talked with senators about cloture. his colleagues was that an extra ater than the middle of May. Mr. Kitmade this prediction after a conrence with President Wilson, alugh a cabinet member was authorifor the statement yesterday that an also will be submitted by each buildatra session is unlikely before "the er. first of June or the last of May."

FEDERAL JURY TO TAKE UP GERMAN SPY CONSPIRACY

erman Chemist and Rindu Physician May Be Further Implicated

New York, March, 7.—Department of sent to a Federal grand jury torow evidence concerning the Gerspy conspiracy in this country. was learned today that important aments had arrived by messenger Washington which it was believwould further connect Dr. Ernest nna, a German chemist, and Dr. ndre ('hakraberty, a Hindu physint von Bernstorff after indictments rapidly as is possible." in this country had been

Dr. Sekunna and Dr. Chakraberty the police, confessed that they had otted under direction of Von Igel to Vade India with a military force by way of China.

was disclosed that on February in the county clerk's office here ade style certificates to operate uner the names of the "Oriental Society" and the "Oriental Kitchen", as well as conduct a monthly magazine which lastice pointed out that similar ocmake lebes had been found to be ruses for in a position to require any ship build- gal what was illegal." to operate without attracting un- er or manufacturer to begin at once on attention,

Rupture By China is Expected Immediately

Peking, March 4. (Delayed)-The mmediate breaking off of relations with Germany is expected here and it is generally predicted that China will join the Entente.

This belief is due to the fact that dispatches from Tien Tsin say that Tuan Chi Jui, who resigned March 4 and left for Tien Tsin has decided to return to the capital immediately and resume the premiership. It is understood that President Li Tsi Yuan has agreed to give the comimttee full power to form the for-

eign policy. The cabinet is known to favor the severing of relations with Germany and parliament is showing a disposition to follow the leadership of Tuan Chi Jui rather than that of the president.

form of the action has been deter Shipbuilders Enter Agreement to Accept Government Contracts at Loss in Profit

At Conference With Secretary Daniels—To Expedite Construction.

Washington, March 7.-American shipbuilders engaged on government work entered into an agreement with Secretary Daniels today to accept new contracts at a flat rate of ten per cent. net profit, and pledged co-operation to tion on his suggestion for a revision of the fullest extent of their ability in the thirty Republicans who voted for struction program.

> Virtually all of the larger plants in the country were represented in the conference. The builders, who have been netting from twenty to thirty per cent, on merchant steamers, said they were willing to turn to government con tracts at ten per cent. as a patriotic duty, and the Secretary on his part agreed to protect them from undue loss. As a result, for the present at least, the bill, and in his conference today with government will not consider exercising the authority given by Congress to commandeer plants.

The next step of the department will way is found this course might be be to call upon builders not engaged in government work to undertake such hat the tying up of 'American vessels For the most part this will consist of port cannot be allowed to continue building submarine chasers and posmuch longer. He also believes that the sibly some destroyers. An understandnation stands behind him in advocating ing also will be sought to prevent yards doing private work from drawing men from those with navy contracts.

The companies represented today will furnish Secretary Daniels not later than Monday with schedules of all comary Lansing about the German crisis mercial work in their yards or for which they have contracted. Details of When Representative Kitchin, the the capitalization of each concern, its mocratic leader of the House, left fixed charges, material contracts, plans home today his parting information of plates and yards showing possibility of enlargement and number of emssion of Congress would be called not ployes will be included. A definite statement of the amount or kind of additional government work that could be undertaken with an estimate of what might be accomplished in a year's time

Secretary Daniels said the list of subjects to be covered in the statements had been worked out with the intention of supplying all information a prospective purchaser of the plants trust. He declared that if the intent of would require. It will be valuable in determining the wisest way of placing contracts for new ships and would be essential should it prove necessary tition were not carried out, government tice officials in this city expect to in the end to take over any establish-

with steel makers and other manufacturers who supply material for navy ships. Similar assurances of co-operation are expected from them. Mr. Daniels said he hoped to interfere with commerce ship biulding just as little as possible, but that nothing would be allow- tions-are illegal and harmful, the at-With Wolf von Igel attache of ed "to stand in the way of supplying torney general argued. He pointed to

program is the task of securing labor. one "dummy" and six "office boys" Samuel Gompers, president of the Am- formed the huge combination. This rehere arrested Tuesday and, according erican Federation of Labor and a mem- ferred to the transfer of constituent to the member of the constituent ber of the National Defense Council | corporations assets to William C. Lane advisory commission, has called a labor conference in this connection.

All of the conferences and other preuse of the unusual powers granted him good' to them and accepted. by Congress to hasten naval construction. After that step has been taken s to be known as the "Oriental Re- the emergency fund of more than \$100,- child who led them by the hand. Agents of the Department of 0,,000 provided for the purpose will

work assigned to him.

RULS OF SENATE

ublicans Vote 30 to 2 for Proposed Change

LaFollette and Gronna, Who Help- Capture is Said to Have Been Made ed to Kill Armed Neutrality, Absent From Caucus

Washington, March 7 .- Democrats and Republicans of the Senate in conference today cleared the way for early modification of Senate procedure so as to make filibusters such as defeated the armed neutrality bill impossible in the future.

The Democrats voted unanimously to support a rule under which debate could be limited by a two-thirds vote, and the Republicans voted 30 to 2 in support of the same change. The rule was recommended by a conference committee of ten, five from each party.

The resolution embodying the proposed rule probably will be reported to the Senate tomorrow by Majority Leader Martin with a view to pressing it for prompt adoption.

LaFollette and Gronna Absent publicans, who were among the twelve who failed to sign the manifesto apnot attend their party caucus. How much significance is to be attached to that fact neither Republican nor Democratic leaders could foretell tonight, although the Democrats had a distinct impression that the appearance of the by these two senators on armed neutrality. There were a few Democrats | Placetas. who had views different from the large majority but while they may contribute a few speeches on the subject of evading battle and continuing their changes in the rules no prolonged op-

position is expected. In the Democratic caucus there were the Senate rules so that action can rushing to completion the navy's con- the change this makes about eight tacked the rebel right flank, his mamore than two-thirds of the Senate. Several senators of both parties are absent from Washington or ill, so that the proportion of those here for the

change is overwhelming. Senators Sherman, of Illinois, and France, of Maryland, were the two Republicans who cast the negative votes. Senator Sherman declared the Republicans would be put in the position of ment on the defeat of the neutrality Democratic members of the conference (Continued on Page Ten).

SUPREME COURT AGAIN VILLA TROOPS DRAW OPENS HARVESTER SUIT

Gregory Presents Reasons for Battle Expected at San Martin Seeking Disintegration

Declares That if the "Trust" is Not Dissolved Government Control and Possibly Ownership Will Most Likely Follow.

Washington, March 7 .- In reargunent before the Supreme Court today of the Federal dissolution suit against the International Harvester Company, Attorney General Gregory personally pre-Congress to prohibit undue concentration of capital and restraint of compecontrol if not ownership in all likelihood would follow, with its evils and

The hearings will be concluded by J. Wilson, chief counsel for the defend-

Such "colossal combinations" of capital, enjoying preponderent control of an industry-even if "good" combina-German embassy, who sailed with the navy with ships and munitions as evidence that the defendant controls between 77 and 85 per cent. of the har-Another element of the speeding up | vest machinery trade, asserting that for subsequent transfer to the New Jersey corporation.

'Lane, the dummy," sail Mr. Gregory, liminary measures are preparatory to "offered to transfer the subsidiaries. Dr. Sekunna and Dr. Chakraberty the issuing by President Wilson of a The office boys gravely asked for time proclamation declaring that a Nation- to consider. The next day these six ofal emergency exists winch requires the fice boys said the proposition 'looked

"George W. Perkins (formerly of J. P. Morgan and Company) was the little "J. P. Morgan and Company waved be available to pay for high speed con- the magic wand-and received \$3,500,-

There was conscious wrong-doing in (Continued on Page Ten).

Demos Vote Unanimously and Taken Prisoner by Government Commander in Santa Clara and Camaguey Provinces

MAY BE REPORTED TODAY NEWS IS CHEERED WILDLY

After Bloody Battle Lasting Several Hours

Havana, March 7 .- The news that ex-President Jose L. Gomez, leader of the rebels, and his entire staff were prisoners in the hands of Colonel Collazo, commander of the government forces operating near the dividing line between Santa Clara and Camaguey provinces, was announced this afternoon It set the crowds about the presidential palace cheering wildly.

Shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon Secretary Montero appeared or the palace balcony and read a message from Secretary of the Interior Hevia, who has been in charge of the campaign in Santa Clara province, saying that Colonel Collazo had reported the capture of Gomez and his staff in Camaguey province.

tured after a battle lasting several they would not accept, which, coupled have been killed or wounded. Machine effectually crushed all hopes for a guns played a prominent part in the speedy settlement. rebel defeat.

Having received word that a considof General Gomez and Colonel Figuroa were in the neighborhood of Arroyo Blanca, Colonel Collazo with eight cavalry squadrons, one battalion of infanrule would be the signal for speeches try and militia, set out to flank the rebels, coming in contact with them near

Colonel Consuegra in Santa Clara disposed his forces to prevent the rebels night westward. Last night he concenfor the expected battle. At 10 o'clock more than forty senators and with the battle opened, Collazo's force made chine gun fire causing them to give

No other details of the actual operations have been given out except that the rebels are still being pursued.

Immediately following the news o Gomez's capture an unconfirmed report spread that Rigoberto Fernandez in Santiago De Cuba had offered to surreder if allowed to come under the amnesty decree offered by President Menocal a fe wdays ago. General Pino Guerra, a prominent rebel leader and his brother, Ramon, are reported to have given themselves up to Colonel Carrillo in Pinar Del Rio.

NEARER THE BORDER

Ranch Last Night or Today

Carranza Forces Under Murguia and Gonzales Leave Juarez With Column of Cavalry and Mount-

Juarez, March 7 .- General Jose Carlos Murgia and General Pablo Gonzales miles southeast of Juarez, with a column of cavalry and with machine guns sented the government's reasons for mounted in automobiles. A battle with seeking disintegration of the so-called | Villa forces in the vicinity of the San Martin ranch is expected tonight or to-

One hundred and fifty cavalrymen eft Juarez yesterday for the San Martin ranch. General Murguia and General Gonzales took one hundred men today and another column of 200 troops planned to leave Juarez tonight to reinforce the expedition. Two hundred and fifty men will join these troops at outposts along the Rio Grande and General Murguia is expected to have 700 men when he reaches the rendezvous of the Villa troops.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY IS DISPATCHED TO FORT HANCOCK

El Paso, Texas, March 7.—A machine gun company of the Thirty-Third Michigan infantry has been sent to Fort nancock, Texas, to protect that town from a possible Villa raid. In addition company of infantry and a troop of (Continued on Page Two.)

WILMINGTON ENGINEERS TO START HOME MARCH 12

San Benito, Texas, March 7 .- The Third Tennessee infantry left here late today for Nashville to be mustered out. New dates for departures announced today include: Squadron of the First Virginia cavalry at Brownsville, March 13; A. and B. companies, North Carolina engineers, at El Paso, March 12.

HOUSE OF COMMONS THROWN INTO AN UPROAR OVER THE IRISH HOME RULE QUESTION

Resolution of Nationalists Precipitates One of Bitterest Sessions in Months

LLOYD-GEORGE IS ASSAILED

He is Forced to Declare the Policy of the Cabinet Towards Self-Government

NATIONALISTS WITHDRAW

Redmond and His Adherents Confer Outside the House

London, March 7 .- The presentation by the Irish nationalists in the house of comons this evening of a resolution calling for the immediate application of the home rule statute to Ireland precipitated one of the most bitter sessions in months and threw the home rule question back into its old position of uncertainty.

The resolution forced the government nto a declaration of policy towards self-government, namely, that any part of Ireland that wished home rule could have it, but that no coercion would be employed to compel Ulster to accept. At the same time, the proposal drew The men were said to have been cap- from the Ulsterites the ultimatum that with the government's pronouncement, ment of health conservation.

Premier Faces Embarrassment erable force under personal command their leader, John Redmond, were in proven to be. ference, having withdrawn in a body from the house of commons, and Mr. Lloyd-George was facing his first embarrassing situation since he assumed

the premiership. For more than an hour before the nationalists left the house, the premier had faced a whirlwind of angry censure from the nationalist quarter, work of the State and the advancement which at times forced him to take of the health work -throughout the his seat because he could not make State. The bond issue for permanent trated his forces near Placetas ready himself heard. He was called a "turn- improvements had enabled the commitcoat" on the home rule question, and one nationalist exclaimed:

"Hangman Carson! He is only fit to be a hangman, not first lord of the admiralty."

The nationalist resolution was introduced by T. R. O'Connor, who asserted that the manner in which the government has handled the Irish rebellion had transformed a friendly people into land. He pleaded that home rule should be put into operation immediately for the sake of Ireland and the interests of England, the empire and the allies.

Tribute to President Wilson At one point in his address he paid tribute to the President of the United (Continued on Page Ten).

GERMAN-MEXICAN PLOT IS FURTHER EXPLAINED

Overseas News Agency Makes Public Official Statement.

Says That By U. S. Acquiring the Zimmermann Note "It Seems That Treason Has Been Committed on American Territory"

Berlin, March, 7 (via Sayville)-The Overseas News Agency today made left today for the San Martin ranch, 50 (public the following official statement concerning Germany's plan to have eral election. Mexico engage in war with the United States if the United States should not remain neutral after the declaration of creation of the \$500,000 fund from the

> "The decision to begin the unrestrictbeen taken, an eventual conflict with America had to be considered by reason of its previous attitude. The facts have proven that the surmise was justifled, for the American government, immediately after our notification concerning the barred zone, broke off diplomatic relations and, moreover, rethe right but also the duty of the govthe side of our enemies .

"The imperial minister to Mexico was of pensions for teachers. therefore instructed about the middle Finally there is the teacher certifica- ule of rates pass when there had been by instruction to take no steps with session. the Mexican government before he had obtained the absolute certainty that

States. American government acquired knowl- tee on finance. He said today that the vote. edge of the instructions transmitted special effort of the joint finance com- Matthews proposed to call his "bluff" by secret ways to Mexico. It seems mittee was to frame and readjust the and it looked like the ballot would prothat treason-and treason it probably territory."

Leaders in Senate and House Give Estimate of the Work of Session Just Closed

BIG ADVANCE IN EDUCATION

Great Improvement in Finance, Revenue, Fisheries, Charitable Work, Health and Educational System Wrought.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., March 7 .- Speaker Murphy said this afternoon of the work of this General Assembly, that of The morning trains had carried the all the sessions of which he had any knowledge, and he had served in seven, none had anything like equalled this one in progressive and constructive legislation. The treatment given the State institutions in preparing for their adequate enlargement and equipment been allowed to get through during through the three million dollar bond the morning, as the Senate and House issue was progressive and constructive patiently waited for the enrolled bills of the State's accounting system, the ber 1,215.

officer of the House for such a tremen-The nationalists tonight, headed by dously potential session as this has are:

educational legislation and the advance-

Senator Holderness, of Edgecombe, who was chairman of the joint finance committee, said that the handling of the appropriations factor of this session had impressed on him the farreaching achievements of the session, especially as to the provision for charitable institutions, the educational tee to provide liberally for maintenance and for education and the health

work. There was a special act that carried \$15,000 that would be used in co-operative work with the Federal government and the Rockefeller fund for sanitary inspections throughout the State that would be far-reaching in effect, the funds to be augmented by county one with bitter hatred against Eng. appropriations and private donations. The general health work received \$37 .-500. There is a \$15,000 appropriation for inspection of school children, and \$15,000 for special quarantine control. Indeed, the scope of the whole health and educational endeavor of the State is greatly strengthened by the appropria-

tions work of the session. Big Advance for Education. Chairman Oates, of the joint committee on education, declared that probably no Legislature in this State has ever enacted the volume and type of legislation for the furtherance of education that will prove as progressive and constructive as has this session. The apopriation of \$50,000 for the eliminaon of illiteracy is in itself a tremenpaying teachers for teaching adult illiterates. This work will represent an expenditure of \$100,000 within the next two years and practically means the ston his judicial powers. This was wiping out of adult illiteracy in the State within that time.

Another great advance was the raising of the compulsory school attendance age from 12 to 14 years. This is to be effective next September and makes the State regulations conform with the Federal factory inspection regulations.

Another far-reaching measure is the provision for a constitutional amendment that will assure to every county in the State six instead of four months minimum school term. This must be ratified by the people at the next gen-

The provision of \$100,000 for aiding

the high schools in the State and the unrestricted submarine warfare by three million dollars bond sale as an additional loan fund for building school houses are other far-reaching measures that Chairman Oates is espeed submarine war February 1 having cially pleased with. It means, he says, that within six years or less time, with the accrued interest on loans, the State loan fund will amount to two million dollars and be a stupendous factor in the educational progress of the State. Then there is the creation of an eduto investigate educational needs of the State and the laws of this and other quested other neutral nations to join states as to education, and report with needed relief from inadequate compenin this course of action. In anticipa- recommendations to the next Assembly. sation for service most necessarily rention of this possibility it was not only The scope of the work of this commis- dered and at little cost to those for sion will include all phases of school ernment to take measures in time to control and administration, text book counter balance of an additional ally on adoption or publication and supply to the children of the State and a system and decently buried. He did not propose

of January to offer an alliance to the tion act that will standardize the teach- no time for consideration. Mexican government and to arrange ing profession and put it on a footing | Mr. Matthews came back with insisthe details, in case that the United with other professions. Senator Oates tance that the House had not killed this States should declare war against us. really regards this as really the most partic ular bill. It allowed four cents The minister was expressly charged important educational legislation of the for first insertion, and two cents for

Improved Revenue Law.

Legislature, filled the responsible posi-"It is not known by what means the tion of chairman of the Senate commit- demand roll call if the bill came to a revenue law to make it more nearly fit ceed, but at the urgent insistence of (Continued on Page Two)

URGED BY BICKETT ENACTED INTO LAW

1917 Legislature Adjourns Sine Die at 3 O'clock With "Corporal's Guard" Present

LAST BELL NUMBERED 1,215

Continuous Session of 63 Days Ended Without Final Action on a Number of Bills

(By W. J. MARTIN).

Raleigh, N. C., March 7 .- The gavels of President Gardner in the Senate and Speaker Walter Murphy in the House sounded the sine die adjournment of the North Carolina General Assembly for 1917 at 3 o'clock this afternoon. great majority of the members of the two houses to their homes and there was little more than the traditional "corporal's guard" present for the final closing ceremonies.

No legislation of consequence had to a degree, as was the modernization to ratify them. The last one was num-

were advocated by Governor Bickett in He was especially gratified to have his inaugural address that have been had the honor of being the presiding made into law by this Legislature. They

> Bicket Measures Enacted. Constitutional amendment for six

Amendment exempting from taxation notes and mortgages for farm homes to

Crop lien modification.

Teaching basic principles of good farming in all rural schools. Encouragement of better sanitation

in country homes, with expert assistance free of cost. Making the rural school house a ocial center.

Incorporation of rural communities. Reform in medical advertisements. Provision for State-wide road im-Absentee voting.

Medical inspection of children.

Creation of State commission to inrestigate and recommend as to State Consolidated management of State

hospitals. Purchasing agent for certain institu-Limiting time of chain gang senences, prison reform and modern quarers for prisoners at the State farm.

Fish Bill Adjusted. The Senate convened at 11 o'clock and principally 'marked time" for an hour when there was recess to 2 o'clock, when the final batch of bills was expected to be ready for ratification.

There was a report of adjustment of all differences in the fish bill between the two houses and the report was dous advance. This will be used in adopted so that the bill could be finally enrolled for ratification. There was offered by Senator Pollock

a bill'to restore to the mayor of Kinpassed and sent to the House. The House convened at 10 o'clock, Representative Matthews, of Bertie, brought up his bill for prohibiting the sale of wine in Bertie, Bladen and Hertford counties, and procured its

passage in spite of effort of Representative Doughton to have the measure reconsidered. It had to go to the Senate and was not passed there, so that the bill failed after all. Ward Health Bill Fails. Representative Ward strove to procure the passage of a pet health bill of his, saying that he would not mind

being considered a crank on health matters. The bill he was pressing would enable the State to obtain a special Federal fund and he wanted it Representative Ray, of Macon, was

opposed to the whole business and blocked a vote by insisting that he would demand a roll call that would show no quorum Then came a move on the part of

Matthews, of Bertie, to call up and pass the newspaper legal advertising rate bill that has had such rough sailing all through the session. The legislators would need defense at the hands of the newspapers in many criticisms that would be passed and he felt that it was due the newspapers to give them this whom the service is rendered.

Representative Ray thought that the bill had been sufficiently killed already to let this new bill or readjusted sched-

subsequent insertions per line. The proponents of the original bill had Senator Gray of Forsyth, although withdrawn it. He insisted that Mr. war had been declared by the United one of the youngest members of the Ray had favored this amended bill. Mr. Ray gave notice that he would

is has been committed on American the present conditions, make subject to Mr. Doughton that no end of trouble (Continued on Page Ten.)