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### KAISER AIMS AT VAST PRUSSIAN EMPIRE STRETCHING FROM THE NORTH SEA TO MEDITERRANEAN

would Split Europe in Half, Control the Dardanelles, the Agean and Baltic Seas.

FOLLOWS BISMARK'S PLAN

War Map As It Stands at Present Shows Larger Part of Program Accomplished.

WILSON'S WORDS RECALLED

Emphasis Given Warning That We Must Fight For Democracy.

Washington, May 20 .- Germany's next peace declaration, expected to suggest a program of territorial renunciation on the largely answered before hand by information revealing for the first time the full scope of the imperial government's aspirations for conquest in the south.

The information discloses as one lan for consolidation of an impregnable military and economic gians of SanCarlos and Colorado. unit stretching from the North Sea to the Mediterranean, cutting Europe permanently in half, conrolling the Dardanelles, the Aegean and Baltic, and eventually forming the backbone of a Prussian world empire.

Bismark's Methods Followed. In the light of German history, the dan shows how implicitly the Kaiser has followed out the blood and iron politico-economic methods of Bismarck or development of Prussian power. Considered in view of the present war map, it shows that the major portion of the Kaiser's war program has been accomplished regardless of what disposition is made of conquered territory in

France, Belgium and Russia. A full realization of this situation dis a new force to the repeated dec-German peace manauvers are in reality wer moves, and that a premature truce only would give Germany a resting pemed in which to further Prussianize and prepare for a greater world war the territory to the southeast which he has conquered under the guise of friendly alliance.

Although officials have refrained from finite public expressions of what the alled States might demand as a peace Warantee, these possibilities recall ith recurring emphasis President Wilas declaration that America must ight until "the world is made safe for

They being into relief Foreign Minster Bolfour's warning that hard fightstill must win the war, the conction of the American army general staff that the country must prepare at least three years of war, and the int predictions of an early peace ave been discredited as visionary in rivally every allied capital.

New Sources Of Information.

How minutely defined is the German and how accurately it is being ed out have become fully apparent with the opening up, during the few weeks, of several new avenues The return of Amerdiplomatic agents from the Cenempires detailed confidential reof the recent frank expressions -gents abroad watching the Deace moves, have supplied the nation of more than one hitherto her southeastern conquests, it now apparent, Germany has followed aloto the long-established plan I the pan-German league, which as propaganda of conquest, with appeals containing maps of a fater Germany whose sway from o Constantinople and then astward through Asiatic Turkey ma ked out by boundaries virtualsoldent with the military lines

declaration of war on the fegurded now as a further evidence its duty toward them. Russia can not was considered in Berlin as a dishonored reputation. If and imperative purpose of the In the case of Turkey, German

saly and Bulgaria. Firm Grip in Turkey.

Not only have German officers led in out to fight." defending Turkish territory and in (Continued on Page Two).

#### Plot Against Costa Rican Government Is Discovered

German Firm in New York is Said to Have Financed Revolutionary Movement-Former President and Other Ex-Officials Implicated—Gonzales Sisters Take Refuge in U. S. Legation.

reaching plot to overthrow the present government of Costa Rica, of which President Federico Tinoco is the head, and search is being made for additionhas been uncovered by the authorities. The former president, Alfredo Gonzales, who was deposed last January, at which time Tinoco assumed control, the unfrequented parts of the coast. others officials of the former government and German residents here and in the United States are alleged to be implicated. A German firm in New York is declared to have furnished \$100,000 for the organization of a rev-

olutionary movement. Brothers of the ex-president made an attempt to leave Costa Rica, but east and west, is regarded here as | were prevented by the authorities, and the parents and sisters of Gonzales. who were granted permissioon to leave the country, took refuge in the American legation, where they still are, in spite of the fact that their safety has

been guaranteed. Recently German residents here have been showing marked activity. Three wireless stations have been discovered at Heredia, the home city of Gonzales, one of the plants, connected of the primary aims of the war a with the city electric plant, being very powerful. Other wireless installations have been found in the coast re-

> Recently there has been established not far from the Panama frontier a engaged. They have under their control a number of gasoline launches and vast quantities of gasoline. It is reported that a wireless station at this place has communication with Heredia and also with a wireless plant on the Pacific coast, which the Costa Rican officials now are endeavoring to lo-

It is stated officially that a wealthy German named Karl Freiz, who recently arrived from Panama, was detained for an examination of his papers and many important facts were learned through these documents. Another German named Kumpel, who has been acting as an adviser to Gonzales, has been ordered exiled.

In view of these disclosures and the frequent trips abroad of recognized friends of Conzales, as well as the extraordinary activity of Germans in this country, the Costa Rican congress has granted the government full powers "to maintain the policy the Costa Rican people wish to maintain-which is ad- incident.

San Jose, Costa Rica, May 20 .- A fas, herence in every way to the side of the United States and the Entente Allies." Special precauations has been taken with respect to German residents al wireless stations as well as reported accumulations of gasoline. The authorities are making a particular effort to find a Germans ubmarine base along

FOUR MEN ARE KILLED IN

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION Plant is Wrecked.

Youngstown, O., May 20 .- A mysterous explosion in the power plant of the Republic Iron & Steel Company at noon today caused instant death to four men and injuries to eleven others. Five of the latter were seriously hurt and it is believed one may succub.

Ten thousand people crowded around the plant in the heart of the foreign section, when heavy pieces of machinery were blown a quarter of a mile by the explosion, leading to rumors that scores had been killed.

An immediate investigation was bemay have been caused by war plotters, have although company officials were inclined to scout the idea.

The explosion was in a turbo-generator in the power plant of the open hearth department. Heavy machinery for yards about the generator was blown to pieces crushing out the lives of the four victims and pinning others it at that time, we afterwards discovto the floor. The roof was blown off ered that the reason for this was that the building and many were burned in the British government had contract- Producing Capacity Would be Congress Has "Provided" the clouds of steam that enveloped the ed for nearly all the available space

PRESIDENT MENOCAL AGAIN

Havana, May 20 .- The chief justice of the supreme court at noon today administered to General Menario G ond term as president of the Republic of Cuba in the presence of the cabinet ministers, the supreme court justices, members of the diplomatic corps, congressional and representatives of the various organizations. Many were present, a complete spirit of cordiality was shown and there was no untoward

### RUSSIA WANTS PEACE BUT ONLY WITH HONOR

Will Fight to Recapture Her Lost Guilty of Conspiracy Against Mu-Territories.

Premier Lvoff Declares the Nation Cau Neither Remain Indifferent to Fate of Belgium, Serbia and Rumania.

Petrograd, via London. May 20 .-Prince Lvoff, the Russian premier, and Rintelen, of the German navy, David M. Tereschtenko, the newly appointed | Lamar and Henry B. Martin were found foreign minister, made long statements at a puress reception today on the recent crisis and the policy of Russia. Prince Lvoff ,after declaring that the nation had been brought to the edge of

an abyss, said: ,

"The government considers that its and the deductions of alert Am- first duty is to consolidate the fighting strength of the army, as well for safeguarding the interests of restitution as Cured feature of the German policy. for driving out the enemy and actively supporting allies. Government considers that it is its duty to proclaim clearly and definitel yits desire for the conclusarly as 1911 is said to have circulated | ion of a speedy peace; but, in speaking of peace without annexation or in,demnity, the government declares it is not a question of passive defense. Free Russia will not consent to leave under the yoke of German militarism territories wich were abandoned, owing to the criminal negligence of the old regime. Neither can Russia reof Germany was actuated by a main indifferent to the rate of Belthen diplomat coup which in itself gium, Serbia and Rumania, nor forfiet hand down to future generations a

"The existing armistice at the front, which gave the German chancellor a mination is believed here to be even pretext to formulate his idea of a sepcomplete than in Austro-Hun- arate peace, dishonorable to Russia, must ceases. The count of must speak its imperious word and send its army

M. Tereschtenko, in his statement of fradicating inharmonious elements the policy of free Russia as outlined such as the Armenians and Syrians, but in the declaration of the provisional has been learned that German in- government, strongly emphasized the Istrial organizers have taken a firm need of an indissoluble union with the Frip on Turkish industry and German allied democracies, and the consciols-Professors have been sent to spread ness of the duty these ties impose upon when the sentry's challenge went un-German kultur among the population. her. He declared that it was a ques-Fitting in squarely with an actuating tion of the hon or of the revolution, the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps. Similar organic ed his condition slightly improved, but the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps. Similar organic ed his condition slightly improved, but the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps. Similar organic ed his condition slightly improved, but the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps. Similar organic ed his condition slightly improved, but the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps. Similar organic ed his condition slightly improved, but the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps. Similar organic ed his condition slightly improved, but the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps. Similar organic ed his condition slightly improved, but the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps. Similar organic ed his condition slightly improved, but the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps. Similar organic ed his condition slightly improved, but the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps. Similar organic ed his condition slightly improved, but the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps. Similar organic ed his condition slightly improved to the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps. Similar organic ed his condition slightly improved to the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps. Similar organic ed his condition slightly improved to the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps. Similar organic ed his condition slightly improved to the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps are capped to the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps are capped to the information desired. The site comes mand of the camps are capped to the information desired. The site capped to the information desired to the capped for conquest to the southeast is which was more precious to Russia than ever.

## FRANZ RINTELEN IS CONVICTED BY JURY

nitions Traffic.

David Lamar and Henry B. Martin Also Found Guilty But the Jury Disagreed as to Four Other Defendants.

New York, May 20 .- Captain Franz guilty here tonight by a jury in the Federal court on charges of having conspired in 1915 and disrupt the mattions traffic between this country and the entente allies. The jury disagreed as to four other defendants.

The xerdict was apptemted by Juge Cushman less than an hour after he had sent the jury back to its deliberations in the hope that all the cases might be cleared up. While no statement was made by the

prosecution, it is undersstood that Frank Buchanan, H. Robert Fowler, Herman Schulteis and Jacob C. Taylor, upon whose guilt the jurors were unable to agree, will not be brought to trial again.

Captain Rintelen, who was paymaster for Lamar and Martin in the antimunitions operations of Labors' National Peace Council, did not appear disturbed at the verdict. "It is fair and just," he declared.

when asked his opinion. It was intimated that Rintelen may be sent to a detention camp rather than to a prison because of the assistance he is reported to have given the

The penalty for the offense charged, which was violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, is a year in prison or \$5,000 fine, or both. Sentence will be pronounced tomorrow afternoon.

DEAF AND DUMB MAN SHOT

AND KILLED BY A SENTRY Charleston, S. C. May 20 .- An unidentified man, who later proved to have did they succeed, after the payment in the gathering of information desir- organization of divisional lengues and been deaf and dumb, was shot here late of a heavy price in killed and wounded, ed. today by a sentry at the water works in penetrating the French positions. The Hamlet Chamber of Commerce ably will include a national pennant

Contracts For 26 Vessels Already 7 Let and Scores of Others Soon to be Awarded.

DENMAN ISSUES STATEMENT

Denies That There Has Been Any Difference Between Major General Goethals and the Federal Ship-

Washington, May 20 .- Chairman Denman, of the Shipping Board, issued : vigorous denial tonight of reports, widely circulated and repeated on the floor of the Senate, of difference beween members of the board and Major General Goethals, manager of the emergency fleet corporation. Statements that the board has abandoned its wooden shipbuilding program at the instance of General Goethals drew from Mr. Denman the declaration that already contracts have been let for 26 wooden ships and that scores of others will be let in the near future.

"The Shipping Board," said Mr. Denman, "has never wanted to build wooden ships, but has been driven to it by necessity. It views the expenditure of government funds for this purpose with the same regret that it would have felt towards the expenditure of \$50,000,000 given to it by Congress at the time of its organization for the building of battleships to carry merchandise. The wooden vessel has an economic value that is not entirely negligible but were it not for the war gun on a suspicion that the explosion it is not conceivable that we would

"Before entering into the wooden shipbuilding project, the board canvassed the steel ship-building industry and found that it could get no con. tracts for the building of steel vessels in any large number for the government account. While we did not know in American yards.

"General Goethals did not ask it, but we assured him that his managerial TAKES THE CATH OF OFFICE powers should be absolute and that (Continued on Page Eight)

General Haig Making Effort to Straighten Out His Line Through Bullecourt.

RUSSIAN LINE ATTACKED

Germans Start Offensive In Vicinity of Mitau and Also In Rumania-Italians Continue to Score Successes Against Austrians.

With Bullecourt firmly in their possession, the British troops are giving the Germans no chance for rest and have started another offensive with the idea of bringing their forces to the north of Bullecourt in alignment with those within the village.

Sunday saw Field Marshal Haig's men again strike the German line hard in this region and carry German positions over a front of more than a mile between Fontaine Lez Croisselles and Bullecourt and hold them, notwith- Army Officers From Charleston standing furious counter attacks. The fighting here again was of a sanguinary character and the British war office reports that heavy casualties were inflicted on the Germans.

Although London makes no mention of the fact, the Berlin war office reports an offensive by the British along a fifteen-mile front, extending from the region of Acheville to Queant, which means that again the entire front of the Drocourt-Queant line is being hammered.

Germans Gain One Point.

The army of the Crown Prince continues its efforts to crack the French line along the Chemin des Dames, After a shell fire of great intensity by all calibres of guns, and not excepting asphyxiating gas projectiles, the the location. Germans Sunday endeavored to come out of their trenches and attack in force. With their usual display of expert markmanship, however, the Frenchmen at most places held the acter of the land, the abundant water and even childrens games have a displayed to the land, the abundant water and even childrens games have a displayed to the land, the abundant water and even childrens games have a displayed to the land, the abundant water and even childrens games have a displayed to the land, the abundant water and even childrens games have a displayed to the land, the abundant water and even childrens games have a displayed to the land. Tautons to their trenches under a re- supply and the excellent railroad fa- and even childrens games have a cisciprocal artillery fire. Wherever the cilities has appealed to the officers in tinct place in military work and give cess of two weeks, the Supreme Court Germans were able to come into the charge and they have agreed to return the soldier the iron muscles he acres will hand down decisions tomorrow. open and dash toward the French within a few days for a further in- in the hand-tc-hand fighting of trench Another recess will then be taken until trenches they were met with a with spection. ering fire and suffered heav ylosses. The Seaboard Air Line has a corps Only at one place, northeast of Cerny, of engineers on the ground assisting efforts of the committee. Extensive pending.

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#### SWEDEN IS INDIGNANT OVER THE TORPEDOING OF THREE SHIPS LOADED WITH GRAIN

Svesterland, Aspen and Viken, the Latter on Her Maiden Voyage, Sunk by German Submarines-Press Characterizes the Sink-

ing a "Deliberate and Bloody Crime" and Places

Part of Responsibility on England.

News that the Swedish steamers Vesterland, Aspen and Viken, laden with grain from England had been sunk by German submarines, was received here late last night and caused much indig-

The arrival of the steamships, which were released under the recent reciprocal agreement freeing the Entente Allies tonnage in the Bothnian Gulf. had been eagerly awaited.

Former Minister of Marine Bostroem was the chief owner of the Vesterland while the Trans-Atlantic Company, of Gothenburg, owned the Aspen and Vik-

The message, which told of the sink-

ings, said that eight members of the

cre wof the Viken and two of the men aboard the Vesterland had been Tost. No Deed too Black. Newspapers of all shades of opinion were united today in voicing indignation at the torpedoing of the three steamers. The Stockholm Tidningen captions its article "The German's Dastardly Deed Against Sweden," and characterizes it as a "deliberate and

The Dagens Nyheter: "Our German kindred land-as it is fond of calling itself—is drawing heavy

which is capable of such a deed, is cap-

able of anything.

Stockholm, via London, May 20 .- | drafts on the sympathies which it believes itself to possess here and for which our land has been forced to hear so many unkind words from Germany's opponents."

The Nyheter declares no intelligent German need wonder that his country has so few friends in the world. England Not Blameless.

The Stockholm Dagblad says a share of indignation must be vented on England which delayed the departure of the steamers until after May 1 but that the first and foremost feeling must be bitterness against the methods of the German submarine campaign. It adds:

"The sinkings may give further proof of the danger of invading the blockade zone, but it was simpathy for Germany as well for provisions for Sweden that went down with the ships."

The Svenska Dagbladet also accused England of deliberately delaying the departure of the ships, but continues: "It is just as plain that the Germans are proceeding without the slightest elementary regard for our rights as neutrals."

No theoretical defense by Germany can prevent the greatest bitteresness from prevailing in Sweden, says the bloody crime." It declares that a land Dagbladet. Germany's enemies it adds could not have desired better agitation material.

Viken on Maiden Voyage. The Viken was a new vessel, built i (Continued on Page Two).

## AIRPLANE OUTPUT HEVENUE BILL 15

Doubled Second Year-To Train Over 5,000 Pilots.

TO BE 9 TRAINING FIELDS HAS BEGUN TO "SPEED UP

Howard E. Coffin-Is Planned to Develop Big Rigid Dirigibles Or Zeppelins.

Washington, May 20 .- Formal ancently created.

The object aimed at for the first

gibles or Zeppelins is in the hands will be passed. a special army-navy board, headed (Continued on Page Seven.)

Army, Now It Must Raise Money to Support It.

Government's Policy Announced By White House Pressure Had Telling Effeet Laset Week-Much Important fect Last Week-Much Important Food Control Bills.

Washington, May 20 .- Having pronouncement of the government's policy vided for fighting forces in the war as to all types of air craft, except by passing the Army draft bill and TO TAKE FORMAL ACTION TO Zeppelins, was made today by the the measure increasing the navy and Council of National Defense through marine corps, Congress now concen-Howard E. Coffin, member of the coun-trates its attention upon the problems cil's advisory commission and head of of raising money for keeping fighting the air craft production board, re- forces in the field and regulating the food supply America must furnish both for herself and her allies.

The Senate tomorrow will begin conyear, according to Mr. Coffin, is the sideration of food legislation, while production of a minimum of 3,500 the House proceeds with the \$2,000,000,training and battle aeroplanes; the ed- | 000 war tax measure. During the week ucation of from 5,000 to 6,000 avia-final enactment of the \$3,342,000 War tors, and the doubling or more of the budget bill, with its authorization of producing capacity during the second \$750,000,000 for American merchant ships, is expected and possibly the Ad-The development of big rigid diri- ministration Espionage measure also

Congression leaders tonight said (Continued on Page Two).

## HAMLET MAKING STRONG ATHLETICS TO PLAY BID FOR TRAINING CAMP

Inspected Proposed Site.

Site Of More Than Five Thousand Acres Has Been Offered Government-Youth Killed Bq Electric Shock Saturday.

(Special Star Telegram). Hamlet, N. C., May 20 .- Hamlet is making a bid for the concentration camp for the training of soldiers. On Wednesday a detail of officers from the Southeastern headquarters at Charleston visited Hamlet and went over the land offered for an army. They seemed to be much impressed with

A site of over 5,000 acres has been Raymond B. Fosdick as chairman.

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# PART AT ARMY CAMPS

Rookies Will Be Trained In the Various Sports.

Baseball Will Be the Big Feature-Divisional Leagues and Championship Competitions to Be Encouraged.

Washington, May 20 .- A practical method of national sacrifice whereby BAPTIST CONVENTION IS famous football and baseball players, physical instructors and athletes generally can aid the government with their special skill and knowledge, has been provided through the committee churches of various denominations here on training camp activities, recently appointed by Secretary Baker, with W.

After a study of Canadian and Britws rfare.

coampionship competitions that prob-(Continued on Page Seven.)

# SUNK: 51 DROWNED

Commander of the Colbert Among Those Lost as Ship Goes Down in Mediterranean.

TORPEDOED BY SUBMARINE

Number of Military Passengers Were Aboard-Vessel Was of 5,394 Gross Tons and Had Been Attack. ed Once Before.

Paris, May 20 .- The French steamship Colbert, carrying a number of French military passengers, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean April 30 by a Teuton submarine. Firty-one persons, including the commander of the vessel, lost their lives. Announcement of the sinking of the Colbert was made this afternoon by the French admiralty.

The official statement says: "The steamer Colbert, in the service of the admiralty and having on board a certain number of military passengers, was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on the morning of April 30 by a submarine. Fifty-one persons were killed, among them being Auxiliary Naval Lieutenant Commelin, who was in command of the ship, and who had been turned over to the army. He was made a chevalier of the Legion of Honor for defeating a submarine attack on the same day, April 30, a year

The Colbert was a passenger vessel of 5,394 tons gross. She was 377 feet long and had a beam of 47 feet. In April, 1916, the vessel was attacked by a submarine in the Mediterranean, but escaped her aggressor by superior speed. At the same time sh ewas shelled by a U-boat without preliminary

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY OBSERVES QUIET SABBATA

Important Action Expected to Mark Today's Sessions. Birmingham, Ala., May 20 .- Except that a large number of Birmingham the Protestant pulpits were filled by visiting Presbyterian ministers, today was one of quiet for the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the Unit-

ed States. Tomorrow's sessions will be marked by important action, it is expected. A special order of business of importance to be considered, one upon the interest of the entire church is centered, is the report of the ad interim committee or

Oglethorpe University. The report of Mrs. W. C. Winsborough, superintendent of Womans Auxliary of the Church for the past year, shows marked progress in every department. The membership has grown from 60,474 in 1912 to 70,444 in 1916, while contributions by the woman's societies have jumped from \$383,726 in

RE-UNITE PRESBYTERIANS

1912 to \$439,973 in 1916.

General Assembly of Northern Branch to Act Within Few Days. Dallas, Texas, May 20 .- That the

129th general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, in session here, will take formal action looking to a re-union of the two branches of the church-the North and South, which met the parting of the ways as a result of sectional differences because of the Civil Warwithin the next few days, was authoritatively stated today.

It also is expected that the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States-the Southern branch -now in session at Birmingham, Ala., will make formal overtures to the Dallas assembly.

Dallas pulpits were occupied at both morning and evening services today by visiting clergymen. The assembly probably will adjourn next Friday.

WOULD SUSPEND DIPLOMATIC BUSINESS WITH GERMANY

Madrid, via Paris, May 20 .- The Spansh government's note to Germany concerning the attack by a German submarine on the Spanish steamer Patricio recalls that a number of notes of protests previously addressed to the German government still remain unanswered. It declares that the transaction of all diplomatic business with Germany will be suspended until replies are received to these, according

to the newspapers. It also demands the fulfillment of conditions agreed upon by the German government to prevent unwarned attacks by submarines on Spanish ships in safety zones and asks for an indemnity for the Patriocio.

EXPECTED TO CLOSE TONIGHT

New Orleans, May 20 .- Visiting ministers, delegates to the Southern Bantist convention, occupied pulpits in today and tonight. In the afternoon mass meeting were addressed by Dr. Len G. Broughton, of Knoxville, and Dr. George W. Truett, of Dallas. The convention will finally adjourn Mon-

Washington, May 20 .- After a re-June 4, when opinions will again be Baseball will be the features of the rendered. Many important cases are

Darcy Critically III.

Memphis, May 20 .- Physicians attendanswered. The man died later in a front of about 200 yards were cap- and the Seaboard officials in preparing mittee and supported by officers in com- is ill at a hospital here, tonight reportthe information desired. The site comes mand of the camps. Similar organi- ed his condition slightly improved, but pneumonia and endocarditis,