## ITALIANS TAKE 1,500 PRISONERS IN A SIGNIFICANT VICTORY OVER THE TEUTONS IN NORTHERN ITALY

Berlin Admits Defeat, But Adds That Italians Were Unable to Get Reinforcements

GLAIMS CAPTURE OF 360

Germans Renew Activity Against the British Forces on the Western Front

47 WERE KILLED IN AIR RAID

Foth Russian and Finland Situations Obscure

(Associated Press War Summary). Notwithstanding the fact that deep snows still cover the ground the Italians have carried out suceessfully a vigorous drive against the Austro-German lines in the mountain region of northern Italy and captured strong positions and more than 1,500 men.

Italians Fight Tenaciously

The blow was delivered on the Asiago were tenaciously held notwithstanding ROAD'S MAIN COAL FEEDER careful compilation of records of sinkstrong counter-attacks in which the Austro-Germans were repulsed with heavy casualties. The Berlin war office, in admitting the reverse to the Teutonic allied line, asserts that the Italians repeatedly tried to bring up reinforcements to widen the breach they had made in the enemy front, but that their efforts failed and 360 Italians were made prisoner.

Airplanes Aided in Battle. That airplanes aided materially in he fighting, full details of which have ot yet been received, is indicated in he Italian official communication, which asserts that during the battle the enemy lost twelve aircraft. . Is Significant Victory.

articular point is of considerable sigificance because of the fact that latesince the enemy's strong attempts the Southern system. break through the hill region to fonte Tomba and sectors west, the ustro-Germans have been bringing up acks to reach the lowlands around Bassano and Vicenza.

Aside from this battle no important fantry operations have been recorded, although the Germans have been perating with their artillery on a mewhat extensive scale o nthe Arras ont and have carried out raiding oprations on several other sectors of

field Marshal Haig's line. 47 Killed in Air Raid.

rst of the year, on London and adjaent territory, resulted in the largest June 13, last. The total casualties were 47 killed and 169 injured. Fortyx of the fatalities occurred in London, here 162 persons were injured. Bombs were dropped by the invading enemy in ent and Essex, but slight material lamage was done. One of the airlanes, a three-seated machine, was bught down in flames from a height 10,000 feet and all three of its ocpanes were burned to death.

In the June raid 97 persons were killed and 437 wounded by bombs which in London and on Essex and Kent.

lust what is the situation in Russia nains obscure. One report asserts hat there has been a split among the Isheviki on the question of peace on many's terms and another that totzky, the Bolshevik foreign minis-, intends to return immediately to Brest-Litovsk for a resumption of the ace conversations with the Austroerman delegates. Still another Petograd dispatch says Trotzky has reterated to the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates that the Bolsheviki will insist on a democratic eace. One Petrograd journal declares hat Austria-Hungary already has ofered to conclude a separate peace with dussia regardless of Germany.

Seize Rumania's Gold. The breach between Russia and Ruaddition to severing diplomatic relaons with the little kingdom the Bol-

Scant News From Finland.

as working classes. War Council Convenes. The supreme war council with dele-Tance. The plans of the military cam- ly submerged. algn of the entente allies and of the

Serious Strikes in Germany. Serious strikes are reported to be in Angress throughout Germay. lin and suburban towns 90,000 last are said to have quit work. lious large manufactories engaged especially airplanes, are affected. Inde-(Continued On Page Two)

# Sixty-Nine American Ships Sunk During the Past Year

Number as Compared With Sail-

ings Relatively Small-Most

of Them Schooners

By Seizing 107 German-Owned

Ships a Net Gain of 515,433

Gross Tons Was Made

THE SITUATION SUMMARIZED

Figures Show How We Are Build-

ing Up Merchant Marine

of unrestricted warfare launched

against American and Allied shipping

by Germany one year ago Friday, there

have been sunk by submarines, mines

and raiders, 69 American vessels totaling 171,061 gross tons, according to a

ings which have been made public dur-

sels, most of which were sailing ships,

added to her merchant marine by the

seizure of former German and Aus-

trian-owned ships a total of 107 ves-

sels having a gross tonnage of 686,494,

leaving on the credit side of the Ameri-

tral powers a net gain of 515,423 gross

tons. The loss of life caused by the

The percentage of sinkings of Ameri-

can ships compared with the number of

vessels which have sailed through the

ords of the department of commerce

February 1, 1917, and ending December

ports in the foreign trade ships aggre

gating 17,738,900 net, or approximately

24,834,460 gross tons. The number of

Futher offsetting the loss of tonnage

occasioned by the submarine warfare

trade and in addition there were com-

but the task was accomplished and the

every seized vessel was now completely

Three of the former German vessels

The announced sinkings of British

TO ADVISE COTTON FARMERS.

Board Organized.

New Orleans, Jan. 25 .- The cotton

The purposes of the organization, it

Cotton States Advisory

Tevas, Georgia and Louisiana.

by Congress."

round trips through the war zone.

have been attacked but escaped.

can leger in the account with the cen-

OVER 300

ing the period.

PERSONS LOST

Another Raid by German Airmen Made Last Night Over Eastern England

London, Jan. 30 .- (12:30 a. m.)-Another hostile air raid over eastern England began at 9:30 o'clock last night and up to the present hour is still in progress, according to an official communication. None of the enemy machines has yet been able to penetrate the London defenses, although there are reports that bombs have been dropped in the outskirts of the city.

Trains on Appalachian Division of Southern Will be Unable to Run for a Week

Great Damage is Done by Heavy Rains and Thawing of Snow-Portions of Trains Are Destroyed by Slides.

Bristol, Tenn., Jan. 29 .- No trains sion of the Southern railway for at sinking of the 69 American ships was least a week on account of the wash- more than 300 persons, however. ing away of more than fifteen bridges and trestles and numerous slides and The victory for the Italians at this This division operates into the coal fields and is the main fuel feeder for 1, there were cleared from American

More than 600 feet of track through Venetian plains failed around the natural tunnel is entirely washed ships making up the total of tons was away. Two trestles at this point also not made public by the department. einforcements in the Asiago district are gone. At Ironton a bridge is gone preparatory to a further series of at- and a 50-foot slide destroyed the track. the United States through the shipping Another bridge is gone near the iron board requisitioned in American shipfurnace at Big Stone Gap and between Big Stone Gap and Appalachia there is a 500-foot slide and five bridges washed away. Between Appalachia and St. Charles six bridges went down and

there are a number of slides. Work trains and men were rushed repairs are being pushed. Officials hope to have part of the line in operation by outs on the Knoxville division last supplies for the Allies and the Amerinight but they were repaired quickly. Two small bridges on the Mountain asualty list of any air raid since that City division were repaired today and operation resumed. The Bulls Gap and Gate City division is operating after small damage was repaired.

It is reported here that the Virginia & Carolina railway, operating from Abingdon, Va., to Boone, N. C., has suspended on account of the washing away of two bridges.

Two small bridges were washed away on the Big Creek Park interurban from the time the contract was awardline out of Bristol.

#### HIGH WATER THREATENS THE WATERFRONT AT RICHMOND

water in the James river having risen within the last ten hours, due to heavy floods from melting snow on Virginia mountain tops, every effort is being put forth by harbor interests to prevent; serious loss by high water. Reports from surrounding towns indicate great damage. At Big Stone Gap railway roadbeds and turnpikes are washed out. On the Southern Railway fully 160 feet have been washed away. Blast furnaces in Wise county have been compelled to close, high water putting out the fires Several of the coal mines in the western part of the state also have been flooded, making it impossible to con-

### tinue operation. FLOODS IN KENTUCKY ARE

snows and heavy rains during the last the week ending January 23 have been heviki have ordered the seizure of 24 hours swelled Kentucky rivers today mania'se gold reserves on deposit in and caused flood conditions at both 1,600 tons and 270 were under that figends of the state. In the mountain ure. The joint losses of Farnce and new drawing to establish the order of for wheat fleur in bread making. districts reports indicated that streams Italy have been averaged three to four liability of the new registrants. When Details have come through were out of their banks, lowlands observing the situation in Finland, flooded and portions of a number of reports indicate that the red guard small towns were under water. In the in control at Helsingfors, where a west, near the mouth of the Ohio, ice evolutionary manifesto has proclaimed gorges had broken and carried with hat authority is solely in the hands of them steamboats, and other property, the value of which may reach a mil-

ates represent war council with dele- The Cumberland at Burnside is said board was organizationers of agri- year a total of some 2,000,000 men. is now being shipped to the Allies. Breat Britain, France and Italy in at- er that never known before. Somerset, culture, marketing commissioners and lendance has a formers' universe in Alaba. ance has convened at Versailles, on the same stream, is reported entire- presidents of farmers' unions, in Alaba- next and any future drafts.

In a formal memorandum

#### States are expected to be dis- WEATHER BUREAU EXPECTS VERY MODERATE FLOOD.

Washington, Jan. 29 .- Unless snow falls in the northern tributaries, or time should augment the Ohio river, tion from all possible sources relative would not be worth while. there will be very moderate flood, the to the cotton crop, its uses, advanthe manufacture of war supplies, weather bureau announced tonight. The tages, consumption and production and flood wave is expected to reach points to keep the farmer informed first-hand south of Cairo, Ill., about February 3. of actual conditions."

BREAKFAST WITH CAPTURED HUNS IN A DUGOUT



This Boche dugout was captured by the British while the Huns were at breakfast. Taking no chances on viands being poisoned, the prisoners were invited to partake of the repast.

## Offsetting this loss of American ves-NO DATE IS FIXED EXCHANGE DEALERS the United States since February 1 has

Determined Upon Number of Men to be Called Out

MAY TOTAL ONE MILLION REGULATIONS ARE ISSUED

Abroad and Shipping Situation. Those Becoming 21 Since June

5 to Be Registered.

yards 426 vessels totaling more than 2,000,000 gross tons, and contracts have been awarded for 884 ships, a large number of which are now under way and are being rushed to completion. In addition the shipping board on October 15, last, placed under government requisition 393 American vessels of over here from the Asheville division and 2,500 tons dead weight capacity which in disclosing that the war department license dealers through federal reserve in the country. Heavy snows in the were already affoat and immediately has not fixed a date for another draft banks and receive reports periodically middle west should mean a large wheat assigned them to the task of carrying

> Included in these requisitioned vessels were 21 ships in the Great Lakes in France early this year and that in of the foreign exchange traffic. lakes for foreign account and ready for all a million and a half could go across launching. Virtually all of these were if ships could be found to carry them, brought to Atlantic coast ports and imhe referred to the divisions now in mediately put into service. Almost training camps and those already in one-half of them had to be cut in two to get them through the Welland canal,

ships rejoined in less than three months what additional forces will be sent. Another difficulty which faced the opinion that if events made it necessea vessels to offset the ravages of the crement of half a million men the ex-U-boats was the repairing of the "wilecutive's authority to draft men for ful damage" done to the former German fighting units other than reserves would ships by their officers and crews before the ships were seized. This cost millions of dollars and in many instances however, that under the authority to called for the highest engineering skin call two increments of line soldiers to make and replace perts of foreign of 500,000 each and such additions numbers for recruit battalions and special units "as the president may deem necessary" the second draft might tended by success, the statement was bring out in all as many as a million made today by a prominent official connected with the shipping board that

Additional Registration. The senate committee today tentarepaired and in service. Many of them tively approved legislation proposed by have made as many as three and four the war department to provide for the registration of youths attaining the age of 21 singe sune 5, authorizing the have been the objects of successful atfixing of quotas on the basis of Class tack by the submarines. Several others of the new classification and empowering the President to call men needed ships for the year up to and including for special industrial or other work. 1.033 vessels, of which 763 were over committee it was proposed to hold a ial numbers their names will be inserted in the classes to which they may be assigned, according to a plan now

Marketing being worked out. Fall Mostly In Class 1.

ma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, In a formal memorandum presenting his views the general also disapproved A resolution was adopted opposing suggestions that the registration be the fixing of cotton prices by organi- extended to men beyond the age of 31, wounding of Major General Leonard to give the liquor business one more surgeon general. zations or by "any authority delegated saying the effort of classification is so Wood, of the United States army, while year of life. great and so expensive and the num- on a visit to the French front have ber of persons past 31 years who would been received. General Wood was hit Mr. Bryan pointed out that the state sidering expansion of cantonment fafalls in the northern tributaries, or the parties of the parties o

Not Exempt Men 31.

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# **WILL BE LICENSED**

War Department Has Not Even Reserve Board Will Have Supervision Over All Foreign Exchange Transactions

Baker Says It All Depends Upon Events Government Seeks to Insure That No Credits Go to Assist Enemy Interests-Feel Pulse of Foreign Ex-

Washington, Jan. 29 .- Foreign ex-America's fighting forces beyond their change transactions under regulations that every effort would be made to present strength depends on such fac- issued today by Secretary McAdoo are tors as events abroad and the shipping placed strictly under the supervision of bor by a plan to mobilize the available situation. Secretary Baker said tonight the federal reserve board which will or even determined how many new men on each individual purchase or sale. In crop and if the favorable weather con-When Mr. Baker told the senate neti- sure that no credits go to assist any tary committee yesterday the United enemy interests and to provide a well States would have a half million men organized method for feeling the pulse stationed in most of the 94 federal em-

> The regulations were signed by President Wilson under authority of the espionage and trading with the en-

> Deals in foreign exchange or securities for foreign correspondents are regrouped in three classes according to that no enemy or ally of enemy inter-

of the secretary and the federal re- as men are available. serve board full information as to the manner in which the credit facilities of the United States are being used.

GIVE BAKERS MORE TIME.

Given Until February 3 to Begin Making Victory Bread.

Washington, Jan. 29 .- To give bakers substitute 5 per cent of other grains This percentage must be increased as rapidly as possible until by February

cereals. No baker, however, will be entitled to advertise his product as victory bread until he has reached the for the national prohibition amend- coal. 20 per cent ratio. Rye flour may be used in making the It is assumed, Gen. Crowder said, victory bread until March 3, but after

GEN. WOOD HIT IN ARM BY

Paris, Jan. 29 .- Brief details of the

while being tested.

## FREIGHT CONGESTION MAY CONTINUE FOR TWO MONTHS LONGER

Deranged Ship Captain Fatally Wounded First Mate Then Killed Self

An atlantic Port, Jan. 29 .- With her captain lost overboard after having shot his first mate, and the first mate dead on her deck, the Swedish steamer Anglia put into this port late this afternoon in command of her second officer, bound from another Atlantic port to a South American port. On the 27th, according to the narrative of the second officer Captain A. B. Wearns became deranged from drink and in an argument shot and wounded the first officer, G. R. Furst. The deed seemed to sober him and when he realized that he had done he stood upon the rail, fired a bullet into his head and jumped overboard.

The second officer took command and put on all steam in an effort to reach this port in time to get surgical aid for the first officer. Death won the race, with land in sight. Customs house officials took charge of the craft when she arrived in port.

A Swedish maritime inquiry will be held by the Swedish vice-consul in the presence of representatives of the customs department and department of justice tomorrow morning. In the meantime the vessel is at anchor with an armed American naval guard aboard.

Will be Needed for Trucking Fruit Gathering, Dairying and Other Light Labor

MEN FOR THE HARD WORK

Mr. Berkman, Chief of Farm Service transportation. Division, Says Farmers Will Have to Raise Wages to Get Suffi-

Washington, Jan. 29 .- National regstration of women available for work on farms is planed by the department of labor as one of the steps in a camduring the coming season.

A. L. Berkman, chief of the division meet the expected shortage of farm lamen and women in every community this way the government seeks to in- tinued, one of the biggest yields on record may be expected.

ployment agencies of the country, Mr. Berkman said, and in addition, postoffices in the small farming communities will be used as recruiting stations, the postmaster or some other representative citizen acting as community la-

bank of the district and are to be filling war orders took men who otherthe nature of their business. Custom- farm work by the offer of attractive ers of these dealers then are to sign a wages. The farmer will have to instatement for each purchase or sale, crease wages much more than they Adoo's order. showing the purpose and declaring have to get men to come from the cit- "business agents," but actually serving ies. They have not raised wages any- as lobbyists before state legislatures, est has any connection with the trans- where in proportion to their increased also are among those whose dismissal

Women, Mr. Berkman continued, will will be dropped as fast as railroads can gether with weekly detailed reports be needed for truck gardening, fruit arrange the changes in business sysgathering, dairying and other light tem or will be transferred to other "The regulations," says a treasury forms of labor, but they will not be work. department, "w ... put into the hands called upon for the heavy work so long

"The college girls and the women of the leisure classes who are ready to respond to a call for workers as a matter of patriotism," Mr. Berkman said, "must be depended upon chiefly that owing to frozen coal cars and a for the women labor that will be nec- breakdown at the Lambert's Point essary.'

## BRYAN CHAMPIONING FEDERAL AMENDMENT

Points Out States Which Have Been Leaders in States' Rights That Have Ratified Measure.

ment this afternoon before the temperance committee of the legislature. the value of which may reach a minimal reach a and in connection with it is the anti- in the country capable of turning out saloon league measure for immediate canvas is working on army contracts, THE FRAGMENT OF A GUN state-wide prohibition. Mr. Bryan will be no let-up in tent making until contended that the object of the proposed referendum was postponement cubic feet of space recommended by the

> As to the doctrine of states' rights, ratified the amendment

Railroad Administration Sees No. Hope of a Return to Normal Before March

BIG FLOODS ARE FEARED

Damage by These Would Supplement That Already Caused by Unprecedented Snows

WILL KEEP COAL MOVING

Continuance of the Unusual Measures Planned

Washington, Jan. 29.-Freight congestion on eastern railroads probably cannot be cleared up before the middle or latter part of March, railroad administration officials announced tonight. Bad weather this week has provided the culminating misfortune on which is based the conviction that it will take at least six weeks to set traffic moving normally through rail arteries.

Floods Anticipated.

Even without the expected thaw which may send rivers above their banks, officials say recovery from the unprecedented period of blizzard weather will be slow. Floods would make conditions far worse. Preparations have been made to fight high water which is feared throughout the east and which has already developed in the mountains of Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky, with serious consequences to coal production and

Because of this situation, both the railroad and fuel administrations are planning a continuance of unusual measures to keep coal movig.

Want Empty Cars. Hundreds of applications for special consideration in supplying empty box cars reached the railroad administration today and were referred to the war or navy departments, which will determine finally whether certain shipments deserve preferential treatpaign to secure a sufficiency of farm ment. These petitions ordinarily should labor for every section of the country go to one of three regional directors, who in many cases can determine withwhether shipments might be speeded

> It is probable that no general emembargoes will be declared by Director railroads will be given a free hand in refusing to accept shipments whenever local conditions make this course ad-

Modify Demurrage Regulations. The railroad administration today decided to modify the drastic demurrage regulations put into effect last week by restoring the os-called average agreement for cars held for unloading only and by reducing rates after two days' free time to \$3 a day for four days, \$6 a day for three succeeding days and \$10 a day thereafter. By the average agreement if a consignee unloads a car within a day, for instance, he receives credit for one day balance of his fee time and pays demurrage only on the aggregate balance for all cars.

neys maintained in various localities where the need for them is small, in compliance with Director General Mcis looked for. Traffic soliciting agents

BUNKERING OF SHIPS IN

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 29 .- Officials of the Tidewater Coal Exchange, directing expiers, bunkering of ships was practically at a standstill today. Heavy fogs also delayed midstream bunkering. All terminal yards are literally packed with coal, awaiting handling at piers. One pier at Lambert's Point was completely out of commission for half a

day. The others were unable to handle more than one-third to one-fourth of the usual number of cars, owing to Annapolis, Md., Jan. 29.—William the frozen condition of contents. The Jennings Bryan made a vigorous plea of sufficient duration to thaw out the only hope of relief is warmer weather

> EVERY AVAILABLE SPINDLE MAKING CANVAS FOR ARMY

> Washington, Jan. 29.—Every spindle Secretary Baker said today, and there every soldier under canvas has the 50

The secretary let it be known that the war department is not now con-Davis; Virginia, the home of Robert E. new men in quarters vacated by troops His injuries, which are confined to Lee and Stonewall Jackson, and South leaving for France is being followed, Although Secretary Baker today re- the left arm, are not considered seri- Carolina, the home of John Calhoun, and Mr. Baker said no change would be iterated his desire to have exempted ous, but he was brought to a hospital all champions of states' rights, had necessary unless more shipping than is now in sight should become available,