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ook pains to mention.

President Harding's decision would be was construed by Germany and other na- said. tions as a rebuke to France upon the eve of her independent action in the

On another occasion during the exoverhearing a conversation which

occupation, the On another occasion during the ex-the amination Neelis declared Carpenter. gave him preliminary instructions to prepare for withdrawal while orders ilso were issued for the transport St.

next step would be to request ratifica-tion by the house and senate. It would then be expected that a move would then be expected that a move would be made to amend the law so that the according to mission was not indicated by leaders. Advocates of the resolution of Senator

the measure and he declares it constitutionally O.K. and covering fully the plan for launching and conducting the

Champions of the measure in the

General, Simon. commanding the Ruhr

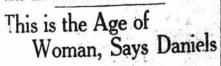
Dusseldorf area, is ready to move at a half hour's notice, marching rations have been issued and German automobiles requisitioned. General DeGoutte, in supreme command of the French, has already returned to Dusseldorf and will direct the advance. The time is still secret, but has been definitely settled upon.

The vigor of the newly launched French policy is shown at home as veil as abroad. Leading communists, headed by Deputy Marcel Cachin, who went to Essen in an attempt to organize a general strike in the Ruhr, has been charged by the government with a plot against the safety of the state, and six of them already are in jail four are being sought and parliament has been asked to cancel M. Cachin's parliamentary immunity, so that he, as the leader, may be prosecuted.

power will hardly be sufficient, it is believed hehe to convince the Ger-M. Poincare anticipates not the believed hehe to convince the Ger-slightest difficulty in getting parlia- mands and others that America is not taking this means to register strongly ment's approval tomorrow. It has reits disapproval of the French indepen peatedly indorsed his plan for seizing "productive guarantees" although then dent action. It is pointed out that Germany will be only too eager to there was no chance for immediate action. The deputies and senators in seize upon President Harding's decis ion as justification of her contention their group talks today 'voiced the sentiment that it is every Frenchman's that the French action is illegal and in direct violation of the treaty Versailles. duty to support the government and only the customary opposition from There was also some speculation here tonight as to the possible reac-tion, the decision might have on to-

the extreme left is expected. The calm firmness of the French note to Germany is indicative of the morrow's meeting of the British cab feeling of the government and people inet, which is expected to consider the revcaled by the newspapers and individual expressions. The French feel they are going into the Ruhr to make Rhine. The French are further depressed by

the Germans do what they agreed to do, and although great disappoint-ments such as England's refusal to join The French are further depressed by the fact that the order is for the im-mediate departure of the American troops, as they would have wished it might be delayed for a few weeks so with them, and America's order for the withdrawal of troops, reaching them the night before they play their between it and the French occupation of the Ruhr. There is no intention, however, on the part of the French government to ask Washington to de-isy the withdrawal. The French war last card, may amaze or grieve, or anger them, they nevertheless are going into the Ruhr tomorrow.



ROCK HILL, S. C., Jan. 10.—"This is the age of woman" and their value in civic affairs is only now beginning to he appreciated, Josephus Daniels, Raleigh, former secretary of the navy, today told the students at Winthrop college in an address at the annual Founders' day celebration. Mr. Daniels was scheduled to speak this morning, but was delayed by muddy roads and he exercises were postponed until this

Winthrop college, South Carolina's afternoon. state college for women, was 36 years eld today. David Baneroft Johnson, president and founder of the college,

ton, of LaGrange, to carry the star was present. Urging the more than 1,400 young women, who had gathered to hear his address, to enter politics wholeheart-dly and unreservedly, Mr. Daniels said effective January 8 last to June 30, 1924. hat this did not mean that "you must spire to public office, though you will and times, with the policies you would see adopted, when you must fight tor an office to achieve results." No man in switching operations at Lillington olding a profession is "apt to be a Food public servant." (Continued on Page Two.) good public servant."

Ruhr. Although Premier Poincare had not up to a late hour tonight received of-ficial confirmation of the decision, he accepted the news dispatches on the subject as authentic. M. Poincare was when the first accepted the news dispatches of dispatches of the in the senate when the first dispatches ed almost entirely to the kidnaping of

was also some speculation

there would be no apparent connection

between it and the French occupation

department is expected to confer im-

mediately with the American comman-

der, Maj. Gen. Henry T. Allen, on plans for taking over the sector of the Rhineland 1.0w occupied by the Amer-

route from LaGrange to Seven Springs

Would Have Troops

well.

immediately conveyed the information the woods by a black-hooded band and to a group of senators who discussed questioned as to an attempt that had the matter among themselves. The senators expressed considerable surbeen made some time previous to assassinate Dr. McKoin. "My husband told me he had been prise at the news, professing refusal at first to believe that the United States

exonorated," Mrs. Richards said, "and laughed about being kidnaped." would take such a step at this time in view of its possible effect on the opin-Neelis was on his way to Mer Rouge when he said he was stopped by a ion in Germany and other countries. The fact that the resolution adopted party of black-hooded men a short distance ifom Bastrop and allowed to proceed but was stopped again a short distance further by two unmasked men whom he named as Burnett and "Rogers." by the American senate on Saturday made it clear that the withdrawal was not to be taken as in criticism of any

"When I was stopped by the two men, it was decided that I be returned to the point where the masked men turn to the United States immediately were," Neells testified.

"When Burnett and Rogers held me Richards. Burnett did not say but in-timated that Richards was the man

wanted. I told him then if he wanted Richards he need not resort to any of hese measures. "Burnett and Rogers then took black masks from their pockets and put them on. Fred Higginbotham. a.Bastrop resinet, which is expected to consol on the taurant man, next came up. He was taurant man, next came up. He was the unmasked. He consulted with Burnett

and Rogers and then I was told I could Neelis described how he was picked up by another automobile and reached Bastrop ahead of the hooded band.

"The first thing I did was to get Richards and told him the Ku Klux were after him and for us to go over to the sheriff's office where we might have protection,' 'Neells continued.

"Richards had his little girl with him and he suggested that we wait until his wife came back.

"About that time the automobiles, They went into the garage and alone. led Richards out and to an automobile.

"What were the conditions in Bas-By H. E. C. BRYANT WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Senator Simmons has submitted to Secretary trop at that time? very active?" Neelis was asked. "Yes. The klan was active and the

weeks & request from the Wilmington chamber of commerce that some of the returning troops be sent to Fort Cas-Representative Abernethy was notified today by the postoffice department that it had designated Clarence G. Sut-

Miniel to sail from New York Friday. She will pick up about forty officers and more than 1,000 mer comprising the American force on the

Rhine either at Hamburg or Bremen as General Allen elects. Actual movefrom Washington reached Paris. The Richards on August 18, when she said ment of the troops from Coblenz, it messages were hurried to him and he Richards told her of being taken into was said would begin just in time was said would begin just in time for them to embark directly from trains. The only American military from units left behind will be detachments to complete disposition of stores and

property not brought home and those in charge of graves registration acivities. Some of General Allen's staff officers will come by passenger ships, as the St. Mihiel can not ac-

commodate all. Detailed orders to General Aller went forward last night by mail. To-day's cable message was in the nature of a preliminary advice upon which he can take immediate action.

At the outset it said: "The President has decided to re

"When Burnett and Rogers held me up I talked with them long enough to know what they were after. It was dispatched from New York about January 12 to Bremen or Hamburg. Cable which you want.

"You will utilize the maximum capacity of this vessel for carrying personnel and all freight except of ficers' mounts. Excess supplies will be disposed of in accordance with law and regulations. Excess personnel will be transported on commercial liners to New York, arrangements to Excess personnel

be made by you." After informing General Allen that detailed instructions had been mailed to him, the message said the St. Mihiel would first proceed to Savannah, Ga., then to Charleston, S. C., and finally to New York, at each port units

will disembark. The cablegram also instructed or

ganizations to return with "individual equipment, colors, authorized house hold effects and records only" and stated that "no motor vehicls, paints

oils, greeses, subsistence stores, or public animals will be returned and came up to the garage. I went to public animals will be returned and them and told them to leave Richards only such authorized officers' mounts as are now owned by officers desir-

ing to ship." The Coblenz area, which has been Id Have Iroops Moved to Caswell "Whether" "Whether" the step aside. They left with Richards."

back to the custody of Marshal Foch Wasn't the klan as allied supreme commander in charge

of the enforcement of armistice condi Rouge were coming over to attack the people of Bastrop. They did not ask me to take part in the guarding of the court house."

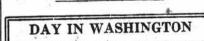
ator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, urging withdrawal from the Rhine, was adont

ed overwhelmingly by the senate Saturday when it became evident that the French were determined to carry effective January 5 last 10 June 30, 1924. CRUSHED UNDER FREIGHT CAR. RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 10.—Walter W. Durham, of Raleigh, Norfolk-South-ern switchman, was crushed under the wheals of a freight car while engaged

commission might follow the same course in dealing with the other debtor countries.

At today's session of the debt com missions the British delegation presented a mass of data and statistics to support the opening statement of Stanley Baldwin, British chancellor of the exchequer, as to conditions Great Britain faces in arranging to meet its war time obligation. There was included copies of the British of the unofficial Boyden commission. budget for this and other years, de-tails as to assets and liabilities and

Submarine Disabled many other matters essential to an assessment of the whole situation. The official spokesman said this information was discussed informally for nearly two hours and that it would re-ceive further consideration at a third session tomorrow. After the British delegation retired the Americans remained in session for an hour. but members said there was no annouce sage received at the naval communica-tions office here. The message, which ment to be made.



President Harding ordered the im-nediate withdrawal of all American dies. was not in danger. No information was given, howeevr, as to the extent

troops from the Rhine, Senator McCumber, Republican, of dimage or whether there were any casualties. The Savanah and Bushneil North Dakota, declared in the senate that farmers need coo-perative organ zation, not more credits.

Recall of Roland W. Boyden, unofficial American representative on the reparations committee, was demanded by Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri. Submission to states of a child labo onstitutional amendment was urged at a senate hearing by a delegation of women representing a dozen or more

organizations. Secretary Mellon notified the senate he was opposed to increasing the per-sonnel of the American debt commis-

sion to permit the naming of three Democrats as members.

F. Edison White, president of Ar-mour and company, begin a series of conferences on the proposed Armour-Morris packer consolidation and other phases of the packing industry.

Germany Recalls Her Ambassador to Paris

BERLIN, Jan, 10-(By the Assoclated Press).-Germany today re-called her ambassador at Park. The Ambassador Dr. Wilhelm Mayor, was instructed to leave the mbassy in charge of its counsellor. The German minister to Belgium also was recalled, with similar instructions.

PARIS, Jan. 10.-Dr. Mayer, the German ambassador, is still in Parks but had retired when the ews reached Paris that instructions had been sent to him by the Berlin government to hand over the embassy to the counsellor and leave the city. If any such instruc-tions actually reached the ambas-sador, they probably came too late for him to make traveling arrange-ments tonight.

Arkansa urged that there should be official representation if the American troops senate will be numerous and its sucwere held abroad to help enforce de-

cessful passage through this body is crees of the reparations body. Senator Rohinson made no comment on the situation. He is waiting the which memorandum being prepared by the mer to state department for the relations commissions here relating to the activities

New London, Conn., to the West In-

The message indicated that the S-19

High Point Man Badly

submarine.

visitor there.

Testimony Opens in

considered definite. Besides Senators Harris and Bellamy, the measure will draw leading support from Senators Delaney, of Mecklenburg and Varser. of Robeson, it is understood. The committee to handle it has 18 members The house rules committee, through Chairman Burgwyn, today announced the creation of a "water commerce committee" in that body, especially to handle the ship proposal. Speaker Off Cape Hatteras Dawson will name the committee at once.

Representative W. M. Sanders, of Smithfield, one of the biggest business WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The subma-rine S-19 was reported disabled tonight off Cape Hatteras in a wireless mesmen of eastern Carolina, will likely be in the house will not materialize, it tions office here. The message, which was declared in well informed circles this afternoon. The governor's mesbeen a fire in the engine room, and that the U.S. S. Savannah and U.S. S. sage vesterday converted many who had opposed it, and indications now Bushnell were proceeding to the aid of the craft, which was en route from point to comparatively easy sailing for it in this body.

While Governor Morrison, in his message yesterday, used the term "ship and port commission," the terminology is changed in the bill to read "ship and water transportation commission."

The measure is entitled "An act to create the state ship and water transwere said to be in the vicinity of the portation commission and to provide for the issuance of state bonds for such purpose." and the text omitting these sections containing the usual legal phraseology concerning the form of is-suance of bonds, follows:

Handled by Masked Mob Whereas, in order to further pro-mote the public welfare; to provide cheaper transportation to the markets within and without the state of pro-THOMASVILLE, Jan. 10.--R. E. Zim-merman, High Point automobile truck dealer, but formerly in business here, ducts of farms, the forests, mines and factories of state, and to effect cheaper transportation for commodities purwas taken from the back yard of the chased by the people of state, both within and without the state, it is deemed advisable to use fully the navihome of Mrs. H. G. Strayhorn, a prominent woman of this place, and severely beaten about the head and body by a gable rivers, sounds, and other bodies of water within boundaries of state: band of five masked men shortly after now, therefore.

o and or new masked men shortly after 7 o'clock tonight. Following the beating, Zimmerman was taken to the outskirts of the town and told, it is alleged, never to visit The general assembly of Noorth Carolina do enact:

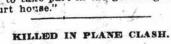
That a state and water transportathe Strayhorn premises or the town of Thomasville again. Zimmerman was tion commission is hereby created to consist of nine members, who shall caught by the masked men just as he stepped from his automobile after drivbe appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate, and who shall be ing into the yard at the Strayhorn known as the State Ship and Water Transportation commission. Three of Zimmerman formerly lived, at the Strayhorn home and was a frequent said commissioners shall be appointed for a term of two years from April 1,

1923, three for a term of four years from said date and three for a term of six years from said date, and shall be so designated by the governor in his message to the senate appointing them; provided, that any commissioner appointed under this act may be removed by the governor for cause. In the case

of death, resignation, removal by the governor for cause, or mental disa-bility of any commissioner during his MURPHY, Jan. 10 .- Testimony is being presented by the Carolina-Tennessee Power company in the land conterm of office his successor shall be femnation suits being heard by Judge appointed by the governor to fill out his unexpired term, and such appoint-P. A. McElroy, brought against the Hiawassee Power company, and present ments shall be reported to the next indications are that at least ten days will be required to complete the hearing, with the latter company scheduled the senate shall refuse to confirm any to begin its testimony during the next appointee of the governor, then it shall few days. (Continued on Page Six.)

Condemnation Suits

session of the senate for its action. If



SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 10 .- Lieu-

