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CHARLOTTE, N. C., SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 17, 1917.

Operations in Camaguey.

According to Cuban Official

Statement—Denial That Amer-

ican Marines Have Landed.

Havana, Feb. 16.-Official an-

aguey operating against the insur-

gents. Aurelio Hevia Secretary of

The school ship Patria sailed today

William E. Gonzales, the American

Minister, today issued a note in an-

assured the petitioners that the Min-

had been landed at Santiago de Cuba.

The statement issued at the palace

Havana, Matanzas and Santa Clara.

In this latter province several bands are still at large, but continue to be

closely pursued by detachments of

from among the civilian element.

"Camaguey will be in the hands of

above say that not a single sugar mill

has stopped grinding, the rebels hav-

this period of time expires on the

eighteenth and the Government will

the mills in question will be able to

Washington, Feb. 16.-A sugges-

tion that an American commission

eview the returns from Cuba's presi-

dential election, over which an armed

MAY REVIEW RETURNS

be in full control by tomorrow

AMERICAN COMMISSION

February 20 in Oriente

dential contest may be cast.

The suggestion grew out of a dec

laration by Orestes Ferrera and Rai-

partment that the story seemed un-

mander has discretionary authority

to take any steps necessary to pro-

JO-JO SAYS

air &

likely, although the Petrel's

tect American interests.

Fair and warmer;

down in the mouth.

dentist is a paradox.

Sunday.

keep on grinding."

eye-witnesses referred

the

"Quiet prevails at Pinar del Rio,

all military operations.

legal course."

This was denied.

onight says:

the army.

with 500 men on board.

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RESOLUTION PROPOSES

TO CREATE NEW STATE
Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 16.—
A resolution was introduced in the
West Virginia House of Delegates

today to create a new State from the counties of Ohio, Brooke, Han-

the counties of Ohio, Brooke, Han-cock and Marshall, with a view of thereby providing sufficient reve-nue to pay the Virginia debt judg-ment. The four counties have an area of 589 square miles. The res-olution provides that the four counties known as the panhandle counties, pay the \$12,000,000 debt judgment by a bond issue in con-sideration for separate Stateshin.

ment, in Event of War.

Fairfax Harrison Heads Commit-

tee to Co-Operate With Adminis-

tration, If Occasion Arises.

of their organization are at the dis-

posal of the Government in the event

Officials of eighteen roads were ap

pointed a special committee of Na-

roads last Fall to expedite the trans-

portation of troops to the border,

telegram to President Wilson notify-

ing him of the action of the railroads.

at a meeting of the American Rail-

Geographical division was made of

quarters of each to be in or near the

In the Southern Department, W

B. Scott. president of Southern Pa-

chairman; B. F. Bush, receiver of

Missouri Pacific and C. E. Schaff, re-

ceiver of Missouri, Kansas & Texas.

At a meeting today, there was no

discussion of the work which the

Government might call upon the

roads to do. The new committee will

meet in Washington as soon as the

council for National defense wishes, it

was stated, prepared to assure the

in the entrance of Hampton Roads

as a guard against undersea boats,

has been placed in position, Rear

masters of the harbor entrance men-

ship navigators should signal the de-

bill already passed by the House for

Commission from seven to nine mem-bers were made today after Commis-

sioners Clements and Hall had urged

the Senate committee handling the

measure to expedite it as much as

possible. The commissioners declared

the pressure of business made the en-

FATHER TO SON.

pagne, which he says maintained their

Growing

Charlotte Must

reputation for smart execution.

URGENT DEMAND TO

enlarging the Interstate

largement imperative.

await

carry out instructions faithfully.

NET PROTECTS HARBOR

roads will

quarters is located.

are his assistants.

Federal body that the

way Association's executive commit

The committee was named today

committee named today.

Condition of Three of the Firemen Who Were Hurt Is Serious.

ANSWERING FIRE ALARM

Truck Was Turning Onto South Boulevard When the Collision Occurred.

Eight members of the Charlotte fire department and two passengers aboard a street car of the local street railway system were injured, three of them seriously, in a collision between a street car and a motor truck of the fire department at the corner of Park avenue and South Boulevard at 12:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. At a late hour Friday night, very

little hope was entertained for the recovery of Fireman George Spittle, and Firemen W. F. Simpson and James Morris were also reported in a serious condition, as the result of injuries sustained in the accident when the big six-cylinder American La-France truck of the Charlotte fire department collided with an in-bound Fourth ward car.

Firemen Robert Phillips, Reid Barkley, Calvin Grier, Raymond Long and J. V. Duncan, who were also on the truck, were slightly injured, and Miss Georgia Albright, stenographer for the Southern Cotton Oil Company, and Julius
Norman, a negro employed at the
home of W. N. Foreacre, were slightly bruised. Miss Albright and the negro were on the street car.

Hospital Reports. Reports from the Presbyterian Hos- of war. pital, where Simpson and Spittle were rushed after the accident, were that Simpson sustained the fracture of a rib on the left side, the broken rib entering a lung, and that Spittle was suffering with a fracture at the base of the skull.

Morris, who was taken to his home, was said to be in convulsions from hurts about the head, late in the af-His condition was unimproved at the last report.

The accident happened when the downtown truck company was rushing to the location of Box 86, on Worthington avenue. An alarm had been telephoned into headquarters, Fireman Duncan answering the telephone. The voice at the other end of the wire asked the firemen to "Come of President Wilson's National counto Parkwood and Lindale avenues."

Duncan attached an alarm disc to president of the Baltimere & Ohio the indicator, and thinking the fire and a citizen member of the council was in Dilworth, rang in Box 86. The in charge of transportation and comtwo trucks downtown and the truck munication, will act in am advisory from the Dilworth station answered, capacity both for the new committee Going out South Tryon street, the and for the council in the railroads' two trucks turned to the left up preparedness measures.

Park avenue, crossed the railroad and the first truck succeeded in crossing the country, corresponding with the the street car tracks on South Boule- four army departments, and a sub-The second truck is said to committee of railway heads was aphave been about a half a block be- pointed for each territory, the head-

The street car, Fourth Ward No. 52, was coming into town on the opposite track, and from the most accurate reports obtainable, had stopped to allow passengers to board it. The to allow passengers to board it. car was in charge of Motorman D. C. Morgan and Conductor J. W. Mock. The three passengers were Miss Albright and Lacy Seawell, a resident of Dilworth, and the negro, Norman. First Truck Crossed.

After the first truck had crossed South Boulevard, officials of the Southern Public Utilities Company say, the motorman did not know the second truck was coming, not being able to hear its bell or the noise of the exhaust, because of the noise made by the first car.

The street car had started up, and was approximately three-fourths of a car length across the intersection of Park avenue when the big truck crashed into the rear end and was completely reversed, by the power of the collision, changing ends.

Captain Simpson was in the front seat of the truck with Robert Barnes The six others were on the rear platform and running boards. The version of how the accident Admiral McLean, commandant of the took place as given by Barnes was as

"I saw the street car standing still, or running at such a slow rate of speed that it looked as if it was going to stop every second, when I got where I could see the corner good. Our bell was ringing, and we were not running fast, as I had been forced to slow down at Park avenue and the the buoys to wern ships. railroad crossing.

"When I saw that the street car was crossing Park avenue, it was too late for me to stop. I realized that if I tried to go around the car, would side-swipe the back end and kill the men on the left side, and so I locked my wheels and took it

The second it struck, I was leaning to the right, and it knocked me clear of the steering wheel and to the street. The next thing I knew, I was helping pick George Spittle up from beneath what was left of the truck." Versions of other firemen who were able to tell of the accident were prac-

tically the same, Motorman Morgan and Conductor Mock both declared that they did not hear the truck on account of the noise made by the first one, and could not see it until it was right upon

their car. Car Not Damaged

The street car was not badly damaged, in spite of the terrific force behind the blow of the heavy fire truck. There wasn't a single window glass shattered, and the only damage was a small hole crushed in the side.

The conductor and motorman im-mediately notified police headquarters, and under the instruction Chief Horace Moore, ambulances and automobiles containing doctors were rushed to the scene. At first it was thought Firemen Spittle and Simpson had been killed outright, and that the injuries sustained by the others were worse than they later turned out

The firemen thought to be worst injured were rushed to the Presbyterian Hospital, while Fireman Morris was taken to his home. In the meantime, while the acci-dent was happening, the firemen left

Have More and Better School Facilities.

CROWN PRINCE'S ARMY DRIVES FRENCH BACK ON CHAMPAGNE LINE

Ground Captured to Depth of Half a Mile-Seven More Vessels Sunk by Submarines.

Striking at the French line in Champagne, midway between Verdun and Rheims, troops of the German Crown Prince have taken ground to a depth of a half mile on a front of a mile and a half. The attackers captured \$58 prisoners, including 21 Cabinet Member Takes Charge of officers and 20 machine guns.

The Crown Prince had not been active since his partly successful at tack on French positions northwest of Verdun on January 26. The latest thrust in Champagne comes a few OTHER PROVINCES ginning of the attack by him on the outlying fortifications of Verdun.

South of Ripont, between Tahure and Cernay, was the scene of the German success. Most of the ground gained was contained in the Maisons de Champagne farm and on Hill No 184, which lies about one-third of a mile south of the farm. The latest French official statement mentions only artillery activity in the vicinity of Maisons de Champagne, and de-clares there was no infantry activity there. Berlin's supplementary report nentions no further activity in Cham-

Except for raids by British, French and German troops at various points along the front in France, and two small engagements in Galicia, there small engagements in Galicia, there gents. Aurelio Hevia, Secretary of argued that the same punishment has been no important infantry fight. Government, departed today for Santa should apply to any person, including ing on the other of the battlefields. aerial activity on the western front.

Placed at Disposal of Govern-Shipping totalling at least 9,536 tons has fallen prey to the German submarines, according to the latest reports. All the seven vessels sunk which include a sailing vessel and a trawler, were of British registry. Of the five steamers sunk, the tonnage of one, the Kynusti, is not available. The Hopemoor, of 3.740 tons, was the largest victim reported.

INDUSTRY THREATENED WITH SHUT-DOWN

Hardwood Manufacturers Ask Interstate Commerce Commission to Intervene.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 16.-Resolutional defense, President Fairfax Hartions adopted at a meeting here today rison, of the Southern Railway, being of the directors of the Southern Hardchairman. He was the chairman of wood Traffic Association, the committee formed by the railconsider action regarding the existing embargo in effect on Northern and Eastern railroads, declare that "the which will be supplemented by the transportation system of the country has failed at a time when the Nation W. W. Atterbury, vice president of is facing a critical period in its histhe Pennsylvania Railroad, sent the

The resolutions urge the Interstate point and fighting must be in prog-Commerce Commission to take such ress at this moment, though, owing immediate action, however drastic, as to the wires being cut, no official retem adequate to meet the commercial today.

cil for defense. Daniel O. Willard, cars of forest products annually, and employing approximately 15,000 la-borers. The directors at the meeting today said complete shut down must occur unless relief is given very soon.

DECLARES BRITISH HAVE CAPTURED DEUTSCHLAND

city where the commander's head-Returning American Declares it and 186 Other U-Boats Are seventeenth, it is very probable that Tied Up at Plymouth. cific lines in Texas and Louisiana, is

> Baltimore, Feb. 16 .- William Palmer, second engineer of the American transport liner Mongolia, which arrived here today from Plymouth, Eng land, via New York, said he saw the merchant submarine Deutschland and 186 other German underwater boats in Plymouth harbor. Palmer asserted that the British had captured 400 enemy U-boats and that 187 of that number were chained together in

Captain Koenig and the Deutschland's crew, are in English jails, the tion. engineer said. Palmer formerly was do not indicate the revolting Liberals employed by the Chesapeake Steam-AGAINST U-BOATS ship Company, which operates steambetween this port and Norfolk. He said he did not learn how the Norfolk, Va., Feb. 16 .- As fully Deutschland was captured. half of the big steel net being placed

HALF THOUSAND FEET OF FILM MADE HERE FRIDAY

fifth naval district, today warned ship Nelson A. Harris, of New York, gen-He issued instructions that before attempting to approach the line of buoys holding the net in position pany of Charlotte Thespians, made might not resent that form of asstroyer and naval tug on duty and over 500 feet of film Friday after- sistance. orders before proceeding. noon in Myers Park, much of it at the Searchlights at night will play upon residence of Zebulon V. Taylor. This of any landing by American naval feature will be completed in about a forces at Santiago as reported in a week if good weather prevails in the newspaper story published in Ha-meantime. The production is attract-vana. It was said at the Navy Deing much interest locally because of **ENLARGE COMMISSION** the appearance on the screen of a number of Charlotteans. Mr. Harris is one of the ablest film Washington, Feb. 16 -Plans to put directors in the country, and has esthrough the Senate tomorrow night the tablished developing and printing rooms on the third floor of the Broad-

very few hours after their completion. NORFOLK BAY TRAFFIC AT COMPLETE STANDSTILL

way Theater building, where the films are developed and "proved" within a

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 16.—Bay traffic out of Norfolk is almost completely at a standstill tonight, owing to dan-Berlin, Feb. 16.-Via Sayville.-An gerous fields of ice in the upper official communication says Emperor Chesapeake and tributaries. The sail-William has telegraphed the German ings of both Baltimore liners and Crown Prince, congratulating him also the Washington steamers were and his troops for their successful cancelled. Daylight runs may made tomorrow in order to relieve attack against the French in Cham-

the freight congestion. The tug Southern, with barges in tow, arrived today after being icebound off Annapolis for three

MINORITY REPORT ON PROHIBITION MEASURE

Washington, Feb. 16 .- Another minority report from the House Judi-ciary Committee on the proposed con-stitutional amendment for Nation-wide prohibition was filed today by Representative Walsh, of Massachusetts, who protested against what he termed an effort to convert the Constitution into a mere criminal statute. Mr. Walsh said it was possible to secure Nation-wide prohibition through legislative enactment and Federal and State enforcement.

ATTENTION OF SENATE IS AGAIN TURNED TO INTERNATIONAL CRISIS Many References to German Sit-

uation During Debate on Bill to Curtail Activities of Foreign

Washington, Feb. 16 .- The Senate urned its attention to the international crisis again today, a debate on the Administration bill to curtail activities of foreign agents developing many references to the situation with Germany, and drawing from Chair-man Stone, of the Foreign Relations Committee, a bitter denunciation of newspapers which circulated false statements in order to create a senti-

QUIET, ment for war. "There is no shadow of doubt in the mind of any fair thinking man," said Senator Stone, "that there is a cabal of great newspapers in this country seeking to create a senti-ment and coerce the Government of the United States into an attitude of hostility with one of the belligerent Powers. I believe anyone who makes such false statements is a public enemy, and that he should be punished."
The foreign relations chairman

chairman

nouncement was made tonight that made this statement in discussing a section of the bill which would make quiet prevails in the provinces of Havana, Pinar del Rio. Matanzas and it a crime to wilfully or knowingly Santa Clara, and that a large force mant intended to influence the ware ment intended to influence the measof troops is in the province of Camures or conduct of a foreign Government in relation to any dispute or con troversy with the United States. He Clara Province where he will direct editors or publishers, who knowingly or wilfully made such statements, not

under oath. Senator Cummins objected vigorously to the section which would author-ize the President to use the army and navy to seize or detain munitions of war or ships carrying them where swer to many petitions for him to they are designed to be used to viowho were likely to be shot. The note late American neutrality. posed to amend the provision so that armed forces could not be used "at a ister knew it was the intention of time or in a manner that would make the Government to "follow the usual it an act of war."

Senator Sutherland and Senator A sensational report was in circu-tion today that American marines former declaring it "would be tying ad been landed at Santiago de Cuba. the hands of the Executive," citing lation today that American marines many provisions of law which he said already gave authority to use the army and navy to preserve neutral-

ity without such restrictions. Senator Cummins finally withdrew his amendment in order to perfect it. He probably will reintroduce it tomorrow.

Troops numbering 800 landed GERMAN SUBJECT IS early this morning on the southern ARRESTED AT NOGALES coast of Camaguey, and by noon were at Central Stewart, some eight

or ten miles from Ciengo de Avila. Charged With Violating National headquarters of the insurgents. Two other columns, numbering nearly 2,-Defense Laws-Former Vice 600 men are converging on the same Consul in Mexico.

Nogales, Ariz., Feb. 16.-Fred Kaismay be necessary in its judgment to afford prompt relief and insure to the American public a transportation system at Ciengo de Avila reached Havana violating the National defense laws. They stated that Jose Miguel He was specifically charged with enand military necessities of the Nation. Gomez is at the head of the rebillion tering a warehouse illegally and was
The membership of the association there. He has only about 100 de- alleged to have been obtaining miliour hundred men hastily recruited

Kaiser, who was released tonight on \$2,000 bail, is said to be a former the Government before 24 hours have German Vice Consul as Manzanillo and Colima, Mexico.

Government agents charge Kaiser, since the arrival of troops here for border service, has "cultivated the acing given them five days in which to quaintance of the military officers at finish up the cane already cut. As Camp Little and lavishly entertained them.

Attention of the Department of Justice agents, they say, was directed to Kaiser by questions he is alleged to have asked concerning equipment and other military details.

SEGREGATION CASE IS

Ordinances of Several Southern

revolution has developed, is under Washington, Feb. 16.—City Attorney C. R. Pollard of Richmond, to-day presented a brief to the Supreme consideration at the State Department as one possible solution of the situa-Although reports received here Court commending race segregation to the labor shortage. The many facordinances of Richmond, Louisville, have much headway, the United Baltimore and other cities as a means of promoting the interests of both ne-Government is deeply concerned lest the movement assure a gro and white citizens. The Louismore definite form with the voting ville ordinance is before the court and if declared void, similar measures in other cities will be affected. where the deciding votes in the presi-

Photographs of negro residences, schools, churches and banks in Richmond were incorporated in Mr. Polmundo Cabrera, Liberal representalard's brief as evidence that restrictives in New York, that their party tion upon intermingling of whites and eral film director of the Dixie Film would regard such a step with sat-Company, who has charge of the isfaction, and would abide by the rework of reproducing the scenario, suit. It was said there had been no hibit white persons from residing in "Down in Old Carolina," with a com- indication that the conservative party negro residential sections, it was argued that there is no unconstitutional discrimination against the colored

Officials here have no knowledge The case will be reargued next

ORDINANCE HELD VALID BY KENTUCKY COURTS

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 16.-The Louisville segregation ordinance now be-

the majority of inhabitants are ne-groes and prohibits negroes from moving into blocks in which white persons are in a majority.

In event a house in any block where both races are present becomes vacant it can be occupied only by persons of the race predominant in that block. The ordinance does not restrict either race to any particular section of the

PRESIDENT POTEAT WILL SPEAK HERE ON SUNDAY

President Edwin M. Poteat, of Furman University, is announced to speak at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Doctor Poteat has spoken in the city frequently under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and his coming is always an occasion of mark. He is one of the most dramatic speakers in the South and never fails to delight his audiences as well as instruct them. While Doctor Poteat is coming to Charlotte expressly for this engagement at the Y. M. C. A., efforts are being made to have him speak at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning

Special music will be provided by those in charge of the service and the meeting is expected to be most atvited to be present.

SEVEN MORJ BOATS SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINES Seven more vessels were sunk by the German v-boats, according to yesterday's report. They include a sailing vessel and trawler, all of British registry. The names of only three were given out. The record of vessels destroyed since the submarine campaign was inaugurated February 1 follows: REPORTED SUNK YESTERDAY:

Ship. Tonnage. Netherlee, British 4,227 Hopemoor, British 3,740
Kynusti, British
Others, names not given,
brought total tonnage for day up to..... Previously reported . . 212,223

221,759 Total sunk Summary of ships sunk: American, 2; other neutrals, 33; British, 62; other beiligerents, 7; total, 104.

Even If It Doesn't Grow Worse, Is Outstanding Feature

Of Problem Confronting German Empire-Shortage of Labor Is Serious Feature.

the outstanding feature of Germany's great problem.

starving, and they still have provis- tions. port life, while in the case of further is still the institution of compulsory come.
"soup kitchens," the most economical Pre method of making all foodstuffs go to the war through an absolute lack represents 120 manufacturing conserters from the army and three or tary information. Kaiser resided in
lation of Germany on the present subject. far from pleasant though the Ger- ish man newspapers are fond of referring to conditions this Winter and last Winter as exceptional. They also say that the short rations are due largely to bad harvests and like to intimate that normal crops of grain and potatoes in the coming Summer may end the principal food difficul-

> Many agricultural experts believe that the Central Empires did quite as well in both years as could be expected, and that the populations of Germany and Austria-Hungary must reconcile themselves to getting along during the coming harvest year on no greater allowance than in the past. BEFORE SUPREME COURT The problem as frankly discussed in agricultural circles and as outlined a recent circular of the Prussian Ministry of Agriculture, is not one of Cities Will Be Affected by the more land for crops, but one of labor and fertilizer to cultivate the land

already available advantageously, Even the normal supply of potential a fertilizing material indigenous to Germany in great quantities-will not be available the coming season, owing tories producing nitrogen from the nitrates by far, in view of the am-Chile for agricultural purposes and the German U-boats from their ba other imported fertilizers.

crop farming.

Taking all these factors into con- derstood to have been sideration, it is highly improbable strewn with mines. that there will be any increase in general crop production over 1916 and 1915. Weather conditions may, as in between this country and the north

No Outside Help.

Very little help, Adolph von Ba-tocki, president of the food regulafore the Supreme Court of the United tion board, stated in a recent ad-States has been held valid by the dress, can be expected from outside States has been held sources in the tuture. State courts of Kentucky.

It provides that no white families countries, he said, being under the steadily increasing pressure of the steadily increasing pressure of the British sea control, would have ittle or nothing available for export to "letters of assurance" from the B Germany this year and the Germans ish Embassy here that there go must pull in their belts a notch tight- are not consigned directly or er and reconcile themselves to hold- directly to England's enemies ing out on present allowances. The British blockade and the "rationing food expert of New Cologne, one of of Holland and Scandinavia will con-the municipalities of Greater Berlin, tinue as before, and a new list of arstated recently, in fact, that the cur-rent allowance of meat, fat, bread England will be published shortly. potatoes was inadequate and working men engaged in heavy labor destruction by submarines to a few and that men so employed required thousand tons has made a great a supplementary allowance which, pression here, and given rise to specuhowever, the usually to supply in order to maintain submarine fleets to base or the production.

So far the people of Germany are responsible. holding out well, though with a great deal of grumbling in urban and in- field, at Vienna, are awaited deal of grumbling in urban and in-dustrial regions, where conditions are particular interest because of press dustrial regions, where conditions are worst. The German people are still well disciplined and for the present are not apt to give way to pressure Austrian Foreign Office and Ameriand to abandon the war in which they now feel they are standing with their backs to the wall with no alternative except to fight out the struggle for National existence.

The Government has had no

Consideration Given All Phases That Have Developed.

NO STEPS DECIDED ON

But it Is Admitted Present State of Affairs Can't Be Allowed to Continue Indefinitely.

Washington, Feb. 16 .- The ruthless German submarine campaign and its effects upon the United States were discussed late today by Presi-dent Wilson and the Cabinet. The meeting lasted an hour, and afterward it was said no new steps had

been decided on. Arming of American merchantmen and the economic effects of the partial tie-up of shipping out of American ports, were the subjects on which the Cabinet centered attention. Secretary McAdoo is compiling a list of essels held in port, and Secretary Redfield is making a comprehensive analysis of the inroads submarines are making on shipping generally.

Consideration is given by the Gov-ernment to all the different phases of the situation that have developed since the break in relations with Germany, including the detention of the Yarrowdale prisoners, the crisis with Austria, the plight of Americans in Turkey and Belgian relief. High officials took pains today, however, to emphasize that the great fundamental problem before the Nation is the illegal submarine campaign itself.
Against this campaign, the United States has made the most vigorou protest possible short of war, but the Administration realizes that so long Geneva, Switzeriand, Feb. 16.—via as it permits American ships to be held in port for fear of attack by London.—The food situation in Ger- submarines, it in effect is aquiescing many may not grow worse, but it in the German policy. The state of scarcely can become better. This is affairs, it is admitted, cannot be permitted to continue indefinitely.

What and When?

What the United States must do to The German people as yet are not end it, and when, are the only ques-The President is under ions in adequate quantities to supdecreases in available supplies, there yw decided that the time to do it has

Press dispatches from Berlin announcing that the 72 American seaas far as possible to stand between men brought in by the Yarrowdale Germany and any forced termination had been released caused the demand that the men be freed to be with of food. Life for the civillan popu- held pending official advice on the

A cable Ambassador at Berlin whether the report was true. It is not doubted, as it has been assumed from the first that Germany would not hold the men after rumors reachin gthere of the imprisonment of German sailors in the United States

had been cleared up.

Another inquiry was sent to the Spanish Ambassador to ascertain the cause of delay in the departure of the American train from Munich. which Mr. Gerard previously had re ported would leave "some day this week" with 86 consuls and their famlies and an unknown number of

other persons. An earlier dispatch from the Spanish Ambassador said Germany has promised to facilitate the consuls departure as much as possible. It is understood, however, that for milltary reasons the Germans insist that the remaining Americans all go out in one trainload, and that there has been delay in concentrating them at Munich. No doubt is felt here that they will arrive at Berne shortly.

Britain's Moves.

Two important moves by Great Britain to meet the submarine menair will not be able to produce enough | ace were announced during the day, A new danger zone was proclain munition requirements to replace the seeking to block practically the whole nitrates normally imported from route of exit towards the Atlantic of in Germany and Belgium. The decidedly short supply of la- English Channel practically closed by bor, even by working every available an elaborate system of nets, mines prisoner of war and the inhabitants and patrols, the means of exit for the of occupied districts is not enough submarines has been through the for the intensive cultivation which route north of Scotland and down made Germany a world leader in big the Irish Coast. The new danger zone designed to close that way out is un-

Details of plans for changing the port of call and examination for boats 1915, produce a bumper potato crop ern European neutrals from Kirk and a poor grain crop, or the re-verse results as in 1916 but the gen-The idea is to allow the vessels to eral result probably will be about the ayold the German submarine zone by swinging around Ireland and Scot-lard and down the Norwegian coast, instead of touching the British Isles A second port for the examination of southern commerce may be estab lished later at the Bahamas, or Ber-

muda. "Letters of Assurance." American importers will still be afforded the opportunity of securing "letters of assurance" from the Brit-

The falling off in the rate of daily factories managed lation as to whether the return cess of British precautions is chiefly Dispatches from Ambassador Pen

reports saying the Ambassador "broken off negotiations" with the ment knows, the Ambassador still presenting the views of the Americ trouble of moment in keeping citizens Government in regard to Germany to the mark and "food riots" reported submarine policy, to which Austri has adhered, although a final report any time.

from time to time in the foreign press are either inventions or exag- from him showing a break with tractive. All men are cordially in- gerated accounts of unimportant demonstrations.

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