With Object of Making Impression on King Constantine.

SHOT IN BACK cern, and an effort is being made to induce the Greek Government to de-

Allies Are Determined to Make Sure That They Will Not Be Attacked by Greece.

The Near East still is the center of greatest interest in the world war with the future status of Greece as strongly supported by the Russian regards the Entente Powrs the chief point at issue.

With the object of bringing to a head the situation created by the Greek Government's seeming indecision in matters which may eventually affect the Allies, and possibly also with regard to the entry or nonentry of the Hellenic Kingdom into the war on the side of Serbia and threatening Prilep and Monastir, are the Entente Powers, conferences are in progress in Athens between Denys Cochin, a member of the French Cabinet, and the Ministers of Great Britain and France and the Greek of-

In addition Earl Kitchener, the British Secretary of War is close at hand on one of the Islands in the garians west of Nish, are moving Aegean Sea and it is thought probable he also will join in the conversations, which are expected to determine finally what will be the stand of Greece toward the Entente Allies or of the Entente Allies toward Greece,

Russia and Italy also are said to be watching closely the trend of affairs in Athens, at which Capital ru- East will be watched with considermors have been current that the Greek Government may request the Allied troops to leave Greek territory. Simultaneously comes the report that anti-dynastic demonstrations have occurred at Petras, a stronghold of ex-Premier Ventzelos, who held a majority in the last

On the various fronts the fighting has been confined to artillery duels, Italian frontier and at the crossing of the Styr River in Russia. The Austro-Germans and Bulgarians in Agency, "describe the further victhe North have again bent Southward and Wesward the lines of the Serbians and taken from them additional positions and captured men and November 13 and 14 French troops guns, while a late dispatch says that on the night of November 12-12 atthe Serbans have been compelled to Vardar River but by a Bulgarian retreat from the Babuna Pass, in the counter-attack were thrown back on South, owing to the danger of their the right bank of the Karassu. The position being turned,

The French and Bulgarians have been fighting fiercely along the Cerna that were thrown back on the east River, and the French commander, side of the Karassu. south of Veles, General Sarrail, is authority for the who, singing their famous national statement that 30,000 Bulgarians anthem, 'Foaming Maritza,' stormed were repulsed along the whole line and conquered strongly entrenched with very heavy casualties, not one French positions. French gun being taken.

A report from Berne, Switzerland, ed to the left bank of the Morava, says that Field Marshal von Hinden- which is from 150 to 200 meters wide, burg, who has been engaged for The Serbians, from fortified positions weeks past, in an attempt to drive and in King Peter's presence, with back the Russian line in the Dvinsk, strong artillery tried to check the sector, has left the Eastern for the Western front,

Fighting day and night is in progress on the Doberdo sector of the they took six mortars 19 cars with Austro-Italian line. The Italians on ammunition, 480 boxes of artillery Monte San Michelle several times ammunition, 12 carts laden with war have entered the Autsro-Hungarian material and made prisoners of 7,000 positions, according to Vienna, but Serbians, have been almost completely ejected from them,

The American Government has requested from Austria a detailed statement of the torpedoing of the surrounding villages."

Penfield, at Vienna, was instructed

by cable today to ask the Austro-

Hungarian Foreign Office for a state-

ment in detail of the circumstance of

week with a loss of several American

presentation by the Austrtian Em-

bassy here to Secretary Lansing of a communication from the Vienna Ad-

miralty stating that an Austrian sub-

marine sank the Ancona, and assert-ing that ample time for the passen-

gers and crew to escape was afforded. Until responsibility for the ac-

tion of the submarine, which, it had been reported, was of German Na-tionality, was thus officially assum-

ed, the American Government with-

Ambassador Penfield was instruct-

ed to discuss the case orally with of-

held formal inquiry at Vienna.

This action was taken upon the

AMBASSADOR PENFIELD IS

INSTRUCTED TO INQUIRE

Washington, Nov. 16.-Ambassador gers and crew to get into the lite-

the torpedoing of the Italian liner the passengers were aboard?

Ancona in the Mediterranean last The fact that the Austrian

ranean last week, which resulted in

It is said that the presence at Sal-

oniki of a large number of French and British warships with transports

has made some impression on King Constantine and his advisers. But,

with so much at stake, nothing short

The presence of Lord Kitchener,

the Serbians at Babuna Pass, thereby

Thus far the Serbians are holding

the Babuna Pass, and the French their original position, but the pres-

sure is necessarily being belt by

troops who have been fighting for

In the north, the Austro-Germans

who have joined hands with the Bul-

slowly and steadily, but doubtlessly

the unbeaten Montenegrins with per-

haps other support, harrassing them

A dispatch received tonight from

British and Italian troops are en-deavoring to reach the battlefield

where the Serbians are awaiting

point they are coming. The Near

hardened, however, and attacks which

could not be attempted in the mud

Bulgarian Successes

torious advance of the Bu'garians in

and from one to two meters deep.

Pribitchevitch, who was one of the

instigators of the murder of Archduke

Francis Ferdinand. His regiment dis-

banded and the men went into the

What were the activities of the

Was a torpedo fired while any of

The fact that the Austrian Gov-

ernment assumes responsibility for

he action of the submarine disposes.

it is believed, of the reports that the undersea boat flew a German flag, but

officials are anxious to be satisfied

Press reports from Berlin have

stated that the German Government

disclaimed any connection with the

the character of representations by the United States might be should it

develop that enough time was not

given the Ancona's passengers to es-cape, as alleged in Italy's official

communication presented yesterday

by Count Macchi di Cellere, the Ital-

escape, but that when she stopped 45 minutes were allowed for the pas-

sengers and crew to get into small boats, a torpedo being fired only when

Officials would not predict what

on this point as well,

incident

ficials of the Austrian Government to obtain details supplementary to those transmitted by the Embassy. The undetermined points on which Austrian Embassy today says the Ancona was shelled while trying to

submarine while the ship was un-loading its passengers?

"According to Bulgarian reports of

able anxiety for the next few days.

river crossings.

Serbia.

might soon be possible.

and two mountain guns.

were unable to do so.

but does not say from what

bank of the Cerna.

days without cessation.

the loss of American lives.

fine its intention

President Alexander of the State Farmers' Union London, Nov. 16.—With the increasing gravity from the Allies' viewpoint, of the military situation in Serbia, Greece's attitude toward the armies of the Entente Powers has become a matter of the deepest concern, and an official to be the series of the deepest concern, and an official to be the series of the deepest concern, and an official to be the series of the deepest concern, and an official to be the series of the deepest concern, and an official to be the series of th on Preparedness.

UNION MEETS

John Sprunt Hill Features Night Se sion at Durham With Talk on Rural Credits.

of a positive guarantee of the safety of the French, British and Serbian troops, should they be compelled by (Specia; to The Observer.) Durham, Nov. 16.—Those who have circumstance to retire into Greece, will satisfy London and Paris, the ome to expect the North Carolina Farmers Union to start something Ministers of which Capitals are being will hardly be surprised by the anconvention which opened its sessions here today, for President H. Q. Alexander has expressed his usual the British Secretary for War, in the decided views on the subject of leg-Aegean, and of Denys Cochin, a member of the French Cabinet, at ilation needed by the farmers, John L McLaurin of South Carolina has' Athens, it is hoped here, will help to presented the importance of a wareclear up a very complicated situa-tion. The time, however, is short, housing system for the cotton of the State and John Sprunt Hill of this or the Bulgarians have been strongcity has dwelt on his idea of rural ly reinforced both in central and southern Serbia, and, besides atcredits and rather disparaged the efforts of the State and National Govtempting a flanking movement against ernments to teach right methods of farming, while he intimated that North Carolina Congressmen knew opposing formidable forces to the French at Gradko and along the left little and cared less about rural cred-

While President A'exander spoke of the great lesson taught the farmers by the war, the cheap crop that is being gathered at a price much better than last year and the fact that more foodstuffs had been raised than perhaps ever before, he did not advise a self-congratulatory pause. but advocated demanding some reforms which he considers necessary before the farmer will be guaranteed cautiously owing to the presence of the just fruits of his labor and the right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness in the fullness thereof,

The crop lien law he insisted, as usua', should be repealed, referring Vienna by way of Zurich says that his hearers to The University News British and Italian troops are enthat the system is inherently Wrong. Equitable taxation is imperative, and he thinks publicity—the printing of every man's tax lists-would help in gaining this object.

Race segregation in land owner-On the other fronts there is little ship exists in the city and should exto report. Both the Belgian and Peist in the rural sections. The commission form of government should trograd statements report quiet gen-On the Styr River, however, be studied, not only to apply to citthe Russians are still fighting for the ies, but to counties and State. Certainly, he insisted, a shorter ballot is In the west the weather is wintry greatly needed. and there has been only artillery and mining activities. The ground has

COURT REFORMS. Lawyers have a way of brow-beatng witnesses that should not be permitted, he declared. Court reforms are needed. Attorneys of utility corporations when holding public office should resign their jobs counsel in good faith. Savville - "Delayed reports from

Direct freight rate legislation needed. Florida has a law inflicting a penalty of \$1,000 for an overcharge; this State could use a similar one, he intimated. In the Justice freight act the State had something, but undid its work-as he put it, "marched up the hill and down

The fire insurance of the State is largely in the hands of a nefarious trust, said the president of the union. More farmers' co-operative insurance companies should be formed, getting Bulgarians took two machine guns ample protection at a fair rate Banks should be put under the con-

"On November 14, French troops trol of the Corporation Commission. The six per cent interest law should be enforced and the solicitors should be made to do it. It is unfair, he said, to ask borrowers to do the prosecuting in case of violations of the anti-usury law. Money, as a mat- this project also was defeated, as the ter of fact, should be regulated na-"The Serbians after the fall of Nish tionally and the Government should destroyed all the bridges and retreatoperate the banking system just as it does the Postoffice Department. In this manner a system of rural credits that would be adequate. NOT LONG ON PREPAREDNESS.

In regard to national issues, although Doctor Alexander gave fresh Bulgarians crossing the river but assurance of the non-partisanship of the union he pointed out the dangers "The Bulgar ans stormed the left of militarism and declared that those bank and entered Prokulupe, where most solidly behind the preparedness program of which so much is heard are contractors, shipbu'lders and ammunition, 220 - boxes of infantry manufacturers of war munitions, He did not favor preparedness to the extent that taxes for the maintenance of a large Army and Navy should be-"The first Serbian territorial regicome burdensome. ment mutinied and killed Colonel

Ex-Senator McLaurin spoke of the importance of a warehouse system for cotton and other larm products. He went over the whole cotton situation, and said that at the first of the season there was always a rush of farmers to the gins and from there to the market. Marketing is done, he pointed out, in a haphazard way and the prices pa'd are those which the mill men want to pay. He advocated a warehouse system for all of the Southern States under the direction of an interstate commission which wou'd have supervision of the whole, with agents or managers of various ware-ABOUT SINKING ANCONA houses. Then with the cotton stored. a minimum price would be fixed. If there was no demand at this fair

price, the staple would be held. The convention assembled this morning with 200 delegates present and more than 400 farmers tendance. The meetings are being held in the county court house. The farmers were welcomed by Mayor Benjamin S. Skinner on behalf of the city and R. O. Everett on behalf of Chamber of Commerce. Mr. De-Loach of Northampton County made

the response for the visitors. At the executive session this atternoon State Organizer J. Z. Green reported that during the past year he had aided in the organization of 90 new local unions.

Tonight John Sprunt Hill, a member of the American commission which went to Europe to study the credit systems of the farmers there took the State and National Departments of Agriculture to task for spending a large amount of money in investigations and theorizing, while there was little being turned to practical demonstrations of the right

de of farming. Mr. Hill also called attention in no uncertain terms to the lack of interes which Southern Congressmen are taking in bills looking to rural credits legis'ation. He said that the members boats, a torpedo being fired only when of Congress from North Carolina Did the submarine cease firing another ship appeared in response to knew mighty little about this immen the Ancona came to a stop? a summons by wireless from the An-

acting Solicitor Brothers of Fayette ville Recorder's Court Says People Want 'Blind Tigers," (Special to The Observer.)

Fayetteville, Nov. 16 .- A nol pros was taken in each case against 10 defendants for selling beer and whiskey in the recorder's court here today at the request of H. L. Brothrs, acting socilitor of the court and enting the city, after Solicitor A., B. Breece had refused to further prosecute the cases on account of a mistrial in the first case and verdict of not guilty in another. The prosecution was recently instituted by the city against the women of the 'red light' district and one or two men upon evidence secured by an imported detective from Chatham County, and as the evidence of this young man alone was that upon which the prosecution relied, Solicitor Breece gave that as his reason in refusng to further prosecute the cases adding that he saw no obligation on his part to further incur expense to the coun-

Mayor John C. Gibbs and Attorney Brothers objected to the court per-

In washing his hands of the job today Mr. Brothers said that it was evident to him that Fayetteville wanted "blind tigers" and as far as he was concerned it could have them even if to the extent that whiskey flowed in the streets knee deep. The defendants, under their rights, demanded jury trials.

Criticises Prime Minister and Sir Edward Grey, as Unfit for Their Positions.

London, Nov. 16 .- A "Patriotic meeting" organized by the Woman's Social and Political Union over "to demand Hall, and which was loyal and vigorous conduct of the war" has been cancelled by the Hall management. Premature announcement by Mrs. Pankhurst disclosing the real purpose of the meeting. caused the cancellation. In her announcement which took the form of a letter Mrs Pankhurst said:

as a final, tragic positions they hold. In order to give would not say that there held.

Mrs. Pankhurst, commenting on the order cancelling the meeting, "This inspired attempt to deprive will not succeed. The meeting will be held at a time and place to be

announced later." Simultaneously the Women's Social and Political Union announced State, that it would hold its usual weekly meeting at the London pavilion on crystallization of sentiment as to the Thursday, where Mrs. Pankhurst next Republican candidate for Gov-would deal with the situation, but ernor, but that he hears mentioned manager of the pavilion notified Mrs. Pankhurst that the heater was engaged and, therefore, not available.

Tells Serbians When He Is Killed They Can Flee or Surrender. Plight Desperate.

Saloniki, Nov. 16 .- Via London .-After heavy fighting with the reinforced Bulgarian troops in southern Serbla the French were compelled to retire at two points in the vicinity of Gradisce, 12 miles north of the Greek border. A Bulgarian attack along the Cerna River was repulsed. with heavy losses to the attackers. The battle of the Cerna was waged along the left bank of the river. Two or three Bulgarian divisions were engaged and a desperate attempt was made to pierce the Frnch cnter. The engagement was in progress with furious intensity for 36 hours, after which the Bulgarians beaten back along this entire

The situation in Macedonia is developing rapidly. Largely reinforcements have been brought in by the Bulgarians, who are making renewed efforts to force Babuna Pass, The erbians are still holding out but this movement threatens Perlepe and Monastir. Many inhabitants of Mo-nastir are preparing to depart. The the diplomatic corps have changed their plans, and inted to proceed to Scutari, Albania,

instead of to Monastir, Old Serbia is lost and new Serbia is in a precarious condition, in the opinion of M. Jacowscheff, secretary of the Russian Legation in who arrived here yesterday from Mitrovitza, western Serbia, by way of Albania

The secretary asserted the plans at Babuna Pass could not hold out much longer, and that the only hope was that the Serbian force concentrated at Mitrovitza would prove to be strong enough to take the of-fensive and advance through Tetoyo towards Monastir.

splendid," he continued. "Half-trained recruits march to battle, singing

Committee at Raleigh This Afternoon.

RETRENCHING NEED

J. Harris of Hillsboro Says Economy in Government Will Be

(Spec'al to The Observer.)

Nov. 16.-Chairman Frank Linney of the State Republican Executive Committee , arrived this evening from Boone ready for the meeting of the committee tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and the open-meeting of Republicans generally that is to be held at 2 p. m. mitting nol proses to be taken at that time, and as they agreed o take charge of the cases, Judge Henry L. Cook overruled the Solicitor's mo-Hillsboro; State Senator Haymore, Hillsboro; State Senator Haymore, Surry; Maj. H. L. Grant, Goldsboro; ex-Representative Teague, Alexander; former Revenue Agent Miller, Hick-

ory, and Giles Mebane, Durham. Chairman Linney said tonight that he executive committee will consider especially tomorrow the party policy in the matter of complying with the new State-wide primary law which requires primaries by all parties on the same day. And that, this being the first application of this law, it is necessary to reach a general agreement as to how the Republicans will proceed in complying with it. He said the conferences tomorrow will be characterized by a determined purpose to completely unify the party in this State and crystallize a movement for a State ticket composed of business men and farmers, with special attention, declared E. C. Duncan, who was listening to Chairman Linney's statement, bringing the farmers to their right-

fully large share in office, Mr. Linney would not indicate any definite policies of party politics in this State as contemplated and said that would be left to the people to preside Thursday in Royal Albert through the State convention, the time and place for which will be agreed on tomorrow.

C. J. HARRIS TALKS.

C. J. Harris, former Republican nominee for Governor, talked interthe Republican party in the next cam- contributions from America, paign. He said that retrenchment in "The betrayal of Serbia has come affairs of the State must be featured various establishments will be ther and that he believes the people will the honor nor the interests of the be keenly interested in any effort of unfit for the great and responsible burden of taxation is too great. He was not expression to the prevailing indigna- great need of equalization of taxes. tion x x x x a great meeting is to be but he believed his party would regard as dangerous to the State the exthe Nation of its right to protest know best the real value of property. bonds that are being issued by town-

ships, municipalities, countles and the Mr. Harris says there has been no E. C. Duncan of Raleigh and John

M. Morehead of Charlotte. Speaking of business conditions. Mr. Harris said that he is just back from an extensive trip North and East and that he found business conditions wonderfully improved. The great increase in business of munitions and steel plants he considers as the base of this improvement, but he says it is extending to all lines of business and will be felt in the South in increasingly large way soon. He considers business conditions in

North Carolina aleady very greatly improved the past few months and is sure that still further improvement is sure to come,

Files Complaint With Interstate Commerce Commission; Not Yet Known Against Whom. (BY NIXON S. PLUMMER.)

Washington, Nov. 16 .- A volume

of data has been compiled for the complaint to be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission alleging discriminations against North Caro. ina lumber manufacturers in favor of Virginia lumber manufacturers. Attorneys Matt H. Allen and S. F. Teague of Goldsboro and Secretary R. Beaman of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce, who were here 10 days ago, have returned and have spent two days in the offices of the commission gathering further information. They are not yet pre-pared to disclose against whom the omplaint is to be filed or what violation of the interstate commerce act will be alleged.

It is understood that the case is of concern to every lumber manufacturer in North Carolina and that the effect of it will not be to Goldsboro

Walter P. Bridgers has been appointed carrier at Warsaw vice Luby G. Hollingsworth and John M. Carver, Jr., has been appointed at Lei cester vice James H. Hook. Senator Lee S. Overman said today

he feels quite sure that Mr. Paul Warburg, of the Federal Reserve Board, will be able to keep his apcointment to speak at the Charlotte linner. Mr. Warburg had decided the press of duties would be so heavy he could not make the trip and had so notified the Charlotte committee. Senstor Overman called on Mr. Warilke veterans. Their aged King Peter is fighting in the trenches, clad so notified the Charlotte committee. In the uniform of a private. He seeks death, saying: When I am killed you can flee or surrender. "Famine and misery prevail. There is no bread at Mitrovitza. The people would go. Mr. Warburg desires the is no bread at Mitrovitza. The peo- would go. Mr. Warburg desires the ple are reduced to eating haricots."

State Republican Executive Commission for Relief in Reports Current of Opposi-Belgium Issues Appeal. to America.

CLOTHING NOT

Women and Children Must Be Clothed This Winter-Nine Million Wholly

or Partly Destitute.

New York, Nov. 16 .- Over 3,000,-000,000 persons in Belgium and northern France, mostly women and young children, must be clothed and shod by Christmas. If the garments and shoes for these destitute people are not forthcoming at once, their sufferings during the Winter will become

Such is the note of an urgent appeal issued to the people of the United States by the Commission for Relief in Be gium. The New York Committee have received from Mr. Herbert Hoover, chairman of commission, the following statement: "It appears to me that it is necessary for us to go frankly to the American people and ask them to clothe the destitute in the occupied areas of Belgium and northern France

during the coming Winter. "There are 9,000,000 people in these areas and of these over one-third are now either wholly or partially destitute and are today receiving their food either wholly or partially without payment.

"As you know we have set conomic measures based on the ability of a portion of the population to pay for its food which, with the contributions of other countries, enables us for the present to find the bare minimum of food supplies for the whole 9,000,000 people, but we have no reserves with which to provide clothing for the destitute. now plead for help on their behalf. "Even if these 9,000,000 peop.e had

money they could not import clothes, or the raw materials with which to manufacture them, through the blockade into an area under military occupation. While the better classes have some clothing with which they can get along, the destitute are comnaturally had little reserves of clothing when the war broke out. The tonight of affairs in the only additions they have received State and the probable attitude of since then have been the generous and elsewhere. By Christmas time a.l taxation and in administration of the the clothing which we have in our

'It is a certainty that the undue Nation are safe in the present hands, his party to give relief in this direc-and that in particular the Prime tion. How the party would go about and children to the bitter Winter will Minister and Sir Edward Grey are this he did not explain, just that the greatly increase mortality. The clothonly if we receive gift supplies for the purpose. We must depend upon the American people.

"We have arranged that the cost ercise of the power by the Corpora- of transportation of clothes from any tion Commission of upsetting the tax central point in the United States to assessment work of local appraisers Belgium and northern France and of who are generally considered to the distribution will be paid for out of funds which have been especially Mr. Harris fears, too, that the Dem-ocratic party is somewhat "daft" on contributions will reach the destitute without one cent of deduction.

"In the matter of the character of clothing for these people, we are surrounded with a multitude of difficulties. In the first instance the drastic sanitary arrangements made by the ernor, but that he hears mentioned Governments through whose territory we must pass make the introduction of second-hand clothing, especially in the areas of the operating armies where the want will be greatest, practically impossible. "We therefore must ask frankly for

new clothing and more particularly for unmade material. Not that the destitute in Belgium and northern France are not intensely grateful for second-hand clothing, but as a matter of necessity, we are force dto ask only for unworn stuffs. "It must be borne in mind that

those for whom we appeal are living under almost total industrial paralysis; that many millions of them are idle. and that the cry we have .rom them daily is: 'Give us something to do, give us something to work on, so that we may contribute to our support.' Therefore if we can provide them with materials they will make up their own clothing. Furthermore, the poor of Be glum and northern France can devise an extraordinary amount of clothing out of a given piece of cloth and can work in such materials to patch up their own clothing. For this reason we are anxious to secure piece goods as far as possible, or, alternatively, unworn made-up clothing, "We have established workrooms in

all the leading Belgian cities. The one in Brussels alone gives employment to over 15,000 people. This cothing is all distributed free through our local communal committees after they have made a careful investigation of the necessities of each recipient. There are today between 30,000 and 40,000 of the noblest and best Belgian and French people giving their whole services in the volunteer conduct of these local committees, endeavoring with the greatest possible devotion and under the greatest strain, to eke out to their utmost usefulness the meager supplies which we are able to furnish.

"What we urgently need is new woolen clothes for women and girls and boys, woolen and cotton mater als for babies' clothing, shawls, stockings, ferseys, sweaters, blankets, boots and hoes, underclothing overcoats, petticoats, and suits of all descriptions and in fact every article in the gamut of warm clothing. "It seems to us that there must

be on the shelves of the stores and in the houses of the United States a large amount of remnant cloth ma-terials and new ready-made cothing which would be contributed or could be purchased by the various commit-tees interested in our work on terms of the great possible economy. "It seems to me that with the

nerosity of the American merchant tees from monies that may be sub-scribed to them for this purpose can purchase such materials at far more

tion to Him As House Leader.

WILSON AFFAIR

Administration Does Not Counse Heading Him Off, But Its Friends

(BY NIXON S. PLUMMER.)

Washington, Nov., 16. - While the dministration has not counseled any action to prevent Congressman Claude Kitchin from becoming majority leader of the House and does not wish any such course to be made, reports have become current tonight that some of the friends of the Administration are thinking seriously of taking some steps to head off Mr. Kitchin's entrance to the high positions This sentiment is understood to

have developed to considerable proportion since the publication of Man Kitchin's letter to Charles L. Coon. in which he expressed fear that a large majority of the Democrats would "fling away their convictions" to do the will of the Fesident. This criticism is regarded as a reflection and as a sign that-trouble is shead in the future for Democratic cooperation should Mr. Kitchin House leader, in the minds of those who would consider his elimination. His probable position on other questions has been taken under consideration, particularly the opposition the Administration's shipping bill, un. til the feeling among Administration supporters is understood to be fearful of division on numerous matters which they claim the party should

champion solidly. While it is to be expected with respect to the preparedness measure that action of Congress will be nonpartisan and little fears of dire results for the party in power are entertained either way the measure may go, there is dread of any factional difference that may stand in the way of passing measures which are con sidered in need of well-organized partisan support, and upon which the party can present a united stand to the country in the campaigns.

Friends of Mr. Kitchin, however, are convinced that his action is persuaded by his convictions and that ne will stand for a solid front excepwhen his convictions direct him otherwise. There is little disposition to criticise him for standing by his convictions in the preparedness measure public showing his criticism of Democrats for stand ng by the President regardless of their convictions has the talk of challenging his leadership

The possibility of a revolt against him has been suggested. If it is made, of course it will have to be mighty quickly done since Congress convenes in but little more than two weeks. The Ways and Means Committee is to meet November 29 for organization and assignment of duties to members, and in that work Mr. Kitchin will be quite influential. Should no action aga nst him in any organized way be possible before Congress convenes, it may be expected that some members may express their sentiments then regarding the leader. The White House is expected to counsel against any revolt. No state-

ment was forthcoming there tonight. Mr. Tumulty, secretary to the President, when asked about the matter said he had read Mr. Kitchin's letter but had no comment to make

ALBRIGHT NEW HEAD OF THE COAST LINE

W. N. Royall Resigned as President All Present Members of the Board Relected.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 16 .- W. N. Royall tendered his resignation as general manager of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, at the annual meeting of stockholders of thatroad, held here today, and P. R. Albright, who has been assistant general manager, was promoted to the position. Mr. Royall's retirement from the service was because of ill-health. All of the present members of the board were re-elected. At a meeting of the board of directors a dividend of 2 1-2 per cent on the common stock, payable on January 20, 1916. to stockholders of record on Decem ber 20, 1915, was declared. The board elected the following officers: H. Walters, chairman of the board New York; J. R. Kenly, president, Wilmington, N. C.; Alexander Hamilton, first vice president, Petersburg, No second vice president was third vice president, Wilmington, N. C.; R. A. Brand, fourth vice president, Wilmington, N. C.; Alexander Hamilton general counsel, Peters-burg; H. L. Borden, secretary and ansistant treasurer, New York; R. Cronly, Lyman Delano. Wilmington, N. C.; James F. treasurer, Wilmington; J. J. Nelligan and Joseph B. Kirby, both of Balti-more, and J. Moultrie Lee of Savan-nah, Ga., assistant treasurers; P. R. Albright, general manager, Wilming-

the American Government now seks Did the submarine fire a warning