## STATE DEPARTMENT **WARNS CARRANZA**

BERIOUS CONSEQUENCES MAY FOLLOW CONFISCATION OF FOREIGN-OWNED WELLS.

#### MAKES AN URGENT PROTEST

Sent By British Ambassador to the British Consul at Vera Cruz for General Carranza,

Washington-The United States Government has warned Gen. Venustiano Carranza that "serious consequences may follow" his threatened confiscation of foreign-owned oil plants in Tampico. This announcement was made by Secretary Bryan to day after a conference with Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador and representatives of the American oil con

Already the Carranza officials have enforced a virtual embargo on the exportation of oil by a big English

The British Ambassador at Mr. Bryan's suggestion, sent to the British Consul at Vera Cruz an urgent protest for General Carranza. As the British fleet obtains much of its fuel from the Tampico oil fields, the pos sibility of serious complications over Carranza's attitude is fully realized by the American government.

Mr. Bryan said that the foreign owned oil companies "feared confiscation of their wells" by Carranza and that today's action had been taken to forestall such action. A decree is sued by the Carranza government makes it impossible for some foreign oil companies to operate without the consent of the Carranza authorities and it is said some American concerns have been forced to pay so heavy a tax that they have been compelled to shut down.

The prospect of a battle on the outskirts of Tampico is expected here to develop the situation further. H Villa forces are victorious, a solution of the problem is confidently expected because of previous assurances by the Villa Gutierrez officials.

### EVERY BUILDING DESTROYED.

Only 2 or 3 Per Cent. of Avezzano's

Poupulation Escaped.
Rome.—William Marconi who returned here from Avezzano on board the train with King Victor Emmanuel, said words could not describe the horrors he had witnessed. The town had been wholly leveled, he said, and res idents who escaped death were desti-

"King Victor Emmanuel told me." said Mr. Marconi, "that he had visited" the scenes of all earthquake disasters in Italy since he was a child, but that this supassed all, including Messina. The king said survivors of Avezzano were only between two and three per cent of its population, while in Messino one-third escaped.

Describing the damage in Avezzano Mr. Marconi said:

"Avezzano has ceased to exist. In Messina some buildings give one the impression that they are still intact, their facades having survived the shock

"Not so with Avezzano. No wall there remains erect. It seemed as though the town had been ground to powder by some gigantic machine."

Nation Unready For Fight.

Washington.-In urging upon the senate the need for a commission to report on national preparedness or a permanent council of naval de-fense, Senator Lodge declared that the national defense of the country "is not only imperfect and unbalanced but that it has grave and in some instances fatal deficiencies. "He design nated what he termed many of the defect and said their were "almost wholly due to congress."

An adequate national defense the senator said, could be obtained without additional expenditure, "Cut off our needless army posts, navy yards and stations," he advised the

"Lay aside for a few years appropriations for the public buildings and river and harbor improvements where they are not needed. Drop all the expenditures which are designed for spots where votes are lying thickest and you will have money enough to provide for a sufficient army and an adequate navy without adding to the burden of taxation."

He warned that the ocean barrier that defended the country in 1776 and 1812 had been destroyed by steam and electricity. Unarmed, unready, undefended, the nation stands an invitation to aggression and attack, he said

Senator Lodge asserted that not only the regular army, but the militia was highly defective, adding that the Panama Canal was "miserably and most inadequately protected" against being blown up and blocked for months by agents or spies of a hostile nation.

Senator Lodge declared the army was without sufficient artillery and artillery mamunition and said available testimony showed that the guns in the fortifications were of shorter range than those carried by foreign

warships of the latest designs. Senator Lodge stated that there wa apparently a sufficient number of mines for harbor defense, but that there was a shortage of cable and

Russians Making Advances. London,-Official reports from the Russian general staff disclose a new Russian operation which may have far-reaching results. Starting on their new year, the Russian cavalry com menced a forward movement in Poland on the right bank of the lower Vistula River and have reached the

MISS ADELINE PENDLETON



Miss Pendleton, daughter of Col. E. P. Pendleton, U. S. A., and Mrs. Pendleton, has recently been introduced to Washington society.

### WOMEN CAN'T VOTE YET

NO VOTES FOR WOMEN YET AWHILE IS VERDICT OF THE HOUSE.

Suffragists Not Dismayed By Vote Which Was 204 Against to 174 For.-Antis Well Pleased.

Washington.-The house of representatives by a vote of 204 to 174 refused to submit to the states an mendment to the Federal Constitution to enfranchise women.

A two-thirds majority would have been necessary for adoption of the resolution submitting the amendment.

Hundreds of women who had sat in the crowded gallery throughout the eight hours of debate greeted the announcement of the result with varied expressions of approval or disapproval. Dejection mingled with enthusi- Fremdemblatt. asm as the purple and yellow sashes of the suffragists and the red rose bedecked anti-suffragists filed out into the house corridors wearied with the long strain of oratory.

It was the second defeat suffered by the sugrage cause in Congress within a year. On March 19 last an equal suffrage constitutional amendment received a vote of 35 to 34 in the senate obtaining a bare majority but not the necessary two-thirds.

Suffragists leaders undismayed by the result of the House vote declared that the fight was by no means over. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw and other prominent suffragists who sat with her in the gallery through the debate, predicted a more favorable result when Congress again is called on to vote on the question.

Anti-Suffragists were well satisfied. "The result was what we expected" said Mr. Arthur M. Dodge, president of the National Association Opposed to Women Suffrage. "It means that the suffrage movement, fostered by hysterical women is on the wane." Voting for the resolution were 86 Democrats, 72 Republicans, 12 Progressives, 3 progressive-Republicans and 1 Independent. Total 174.

Voting against the resolution were 171 Democrats and 33 Republicans. Total 204.

ARMY BILL UP NEXT.

Senate Military Committee Begins

Consideration of Measure. Washington.-War department bills to strengthen the army and create a retary Garrison and aides present to German official statement as a "bril-explain various projects. Members liant feat for our troops." In the of the committee indicated by their questions their general approval of the measures.

Senator Dupont, however, objected to the bill for the addition of 1,000 officers to the mobile army, contending that it would result in a disproportion of colonels and lieutenant colo-Secreatry Garrison said the nels bils had been prepared in the War apportionment selected would be to furnish the committee.

of the coast artillery bill would bring Five European Governments were rethat arm of the service up to 50 per cent of the strength it would have in war. He said he considered this an urgent matter.

Trade Balance Doubles in Week. Washington,-A favorable trade balance of \$35,092,453 on foreign merchandise transactions at 13 principal customs port in the United States was announced by the Commerce Department for the week ended January 9. This was an increase of \$17,294,720 over the balance in favor of the United States for the week ended January 2. Secretary Redfield said he considered the showing one of the most remarkable ever made in a similar per-

Ships and Cargoes Held by Britains. London.-The Norwegian steamers Alfred Nobel and Bjorson, loader chiefly with Chicago packing house products have been held in British ports since the middle of November. The cargoes are consigned "to order" at Copenhagen. The Nobel sailed from New York October 20 and arrived in Liverpool November 17. The Bjornson left New York October 27 and was taken into Leith November 17. Owners of the vessels saw the ships sailed fro mthe United States before recent rules were adopted.

## **GERMANS GRANTED** PARTIAL SUGGESS

FRENCH OFICIAL STATEMENT AD-MITS REVERSES ALONG THE AISNE.

RUSSIANS EXPLAIN

Were Not Forced But Retired to Concentrate Troops-Furlous Fighting in Poland.

London-A reverse of the Allies a long the Aisne in the neighborhood of Soissons is admitted in the latest French official statement although the possible effect of the German advance is officially minimized. After continnous engagements, which lasted nearly two days, the Germans forced the French to yield in front of Vregny, east of Crouy. The French war office explains that the flooding of the River Alsne destroyed several of the bridges and thus rendered precarious the communications of the troops operating on the right bank. These troops were withdrawn, as it was thought impossible to send reinforcements to their support.

"The success is a partial one for our adversaries," says the French statement, "but will have no influence on the operations as a whole,"

Emperor William himself was esent at these operations which resulted in capture of several thousand French prisoners and were continued throughout January 12 and 13. Petrograd claims progress on the

right bank of lower Vistula, where the German cavalry was repulsed. On the other front fighting is made up largely of skirmishes and artiflery

The general staff of the Russian Caucasus army devotes a statement to operations in Azerbaijan, where it is explained, it became expedient to regroup the Russian forces, necessitating evacuation of certain places previous occupied. No important action took place .

British aviators early in the week dropped bombs on the German position in Antwerp, according to Netherlands newspaper dispatch. The damage has not been ascertained.

Eighteen Russian generals have been discharged from important positions, according to The Hamburg

COLE L. BLEASE RESIGNS.

Retires as Governor of South Carolina, Giving No Reason.

Columbia, S. C.-Cole L. Blease has retired as South Carolina's governor five days before his second term of two years would have ended. His resignation, sent to Secretary of State McCown, was supplemented by a brief message to the general assembly informing the members that it also was tendered to them.

Some members of the house of representatives and senate cheered the announcement of the governor's resig-No formal action was necessary and by direction of the presiding officers in the two houses the message was received only as information. Lieutenant Governor Charles A. Smith was immediately sworn in as the state's chief executive to serve out the unexpired term. Chief Justice Gary of the state supreme court administered the oath of office. accompanied Mr. Smith to the governor's office. Legrand G. Walker,, pres- its present condition," the order read. ident of the senate, automatically suceeeded to the lieutenant governorship.

munication of Govenor Blease: Kaiser Witnesed Battle.

Berlin.-Emperor William was pres ent in person during the spirited hattle on the Vregny Plain, northeast of Soissons, which resulted in that elereserve corps were taken up by the vated ground being cleared of the senate military committee with Sec- French and which is described in the In the engagement the Germans claimed to have captured 14 French officers and 1.150 men.

Wheat Goes Soaring Again. Chicago.-Generally accepted assertions that unless the European mand soon diminishes the United States would have no wheat to ship abroad after March lifted the price of College and that the reason for the that cereal here in \$1.43 3-8, the highest in many years. Retail flour prices rose simultaneously, sacks which re-Secretary Garrison said enactment cently sold for 70 cents going to 90. ported to be actively in the wheat market on this side of the Atlantic in German machine fell within the addition to individual buyers from for French lines. One of the German eign fields.

Turkish Advance. Amsterdam, Holland,-There has een received here an official communication given out at Constantino-ple by the Turkish authorities as fol-"Assisted by Persian troops our army is steadily advancing in Azerbaljan province, Persia, in order to deliver the country from the Russian yoke. We have had further not- hurriedly sent out scouts who informable success occupying advanced positions of the Russians in the vicinity of Tabriz, A number of tribesmen of iod. He laid the figures before the the British army of occupation in Egypt have surrendered to us.

Cotton Exports Almost Normal.

Washington.-Cotton exports became almost normal during December, 1,202,115 bales having been sent abroad, compared with 1,230,830 hales in December, 1913. Exports for the first five months of the cotton year however showed a decrease of more over December 1913.

SENATOR J. W. STONE



ator Stone of Misspuri is soon to suceed William J. Bryan as secre-

## **BLEASE DISBANDS MILITIA**

DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN GOV ERNOR, WAR DEPARTMENT AND MILITIA IS REASON.

Will Try to Hold Organization Together Until New Governor Comies Into Office.

Columbia, S. C .- Governor Blease has disbanded the South Carolina organized militia. Thirty-one companies, comprising approximately 2,000 officers and men, are affected. Disagreement between the governor and militia and war department officials on the organization and equipment of troops was given as the reason for the action.

Militia officers began a movement to prevent complete disorganization. Telegrams were sent to South Carolina members of Congress at Washington requesting that they use their influence to have the war department delay asking the return of \$200,000 worth of supplies loaned the troops.

While Mr. Manning has not yet in dicated what action he will take, it was considered certain by militia officers that he would rescind the action of Governor Blease.

Adjutant General Moore has gone to Washington to confer with war Department officials on the situation. Governor Blease explained in his order disbanding the troops that the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy and Adjutant General Moore of South Carolina on one side and himself on the other, prompted, him to take this step. These differences, he said, resulted in serious breeches of discipline in the militia corps.

"The present governor of the State of South Carolina is of the opinion Mr. that it will be unfair and unjust on his Blease and several state officials then part to turn over to his successor in office the militia of South Carolina in

The controversy between Governor Blease and Adjutant General Moore "I hereby resign my office as Governor was said to have been the result of of South Carolina," wa sthe mull com- the governor's refusal to sign certain s and official papers presented to him by the adjutant general.

Urge Colombian Treaty.

Washington.-Urging in the open Senate early ratification of the pending treaty with Colombia under which the United States would pay \$25,000, 000 for the Panama Canal strip, Senator Ransdell declared that the United States could not afford to reject the treaty from the standpoint of either justice or business. When the Louisiana Senator began the discussion in open session Senator Jones suggested that treaties usually were considered executively. No one attempted to stop the speech.

German Aeroplane Captured.

Paris.-A German aeroplane flying ver Amiens has been brought to the ground by a French machine. The French airmen went aloft when the German was seen approaching. He opened fire with the result that the pilots was killed.

Monterey Held By Carranza. Laredo, Texas.-Monterey is held by Carranza troops, according to reports which said that Gen. Maclovio Herrera arrived there with a large force When Herrera's troops approached Monterey the citizens took them for Villa troops and for a while pande monium reigned. General Herrera ed the populace that no Villa troops were approaching normal again. Villa's capture at Vivtoria is semi-offi-

New York .- William G. Sharp, American Ambassador to France, has be come an honorary chairman of the American Commission for Relief in endeavors.

12.000 PENPLE NEAD

ROME SHAKEN HARDER THAN EVER BEFORE .- TOWN AVEZ-. ZANO DESTROYED.

### MUCH DAMAGE DONE IN ROME

Building Where American Ambassador Lives is Cracked, Several Villages Destroyed.

Rome.-A terrific earthquake, the strongest ever felt in Rome, lasted several seconds and caused a seriou panic, people everywhere rushed from their houses in terror. Many build ings were damaged by the shock. Th town of Avezzano was virtually

destroyed by the earthquake. dead are estimated at 12,000. thousand persons escaped from the ruins but most of them were injured. The dome of the Church Charles Catinari was cracked. large piece of the cornice of the Jesuit Church of St. Ignatius fell with a crash, adding to the fright of persons in the neighborhood.

Ceiling in many of the houses fell, a number of persons being injured in that manner.

A colosual statue at the basilica of St. John in Lateran, which occupied a position visible from many parts of lome, tumbled down and was shattered on the steps of the edifice. Several street cars lines were forced

o suspend operations. As details began to arrive it was apparent the disturbance in the province of Rome and the Abrubbia had been greater tha nat first believed and that it also had been felt severely around Naples.

At Monteretondo three persons were killed and two wounded; at Zagarnlo the dome of a church fell; at Galiano part of the cathedral was wrecked; at Verolt two persons were killed and two injured. At Tivoli one person was killed; at Pereto five houses collapsed and at Poggio Nativo one person was killed and several were injured. There is no communication with the ancient fortified city of Aquila in the Abruzzi, owing to in terruption of telegraph service. It is reported, however, that several vilages were destroyed in that vicinity.

TWO DREADNAUGHTS PROVIDED.

Also Number of Smaller Vessels in Committee Report.

Washington. - Provision for con struction of two great dreadnoughts, six torpedo-boat destroyers, 16 coast defense submarine, a hospital ship, a transport and a fuel ship at an aggregate cost of \$53,168,828 is made in the naval appropriation bill agreed on by the House Naval Committee. All told the bill carries \$145,500,000 of which \$22,903,988 is for new construction.

Chairman Padgett protested that the committee was "runing wild" with appropriations. The program proposes the building

Two battleships at not more than \$7,800,000 each, eclusive of armor

and armament. Six torpedo-boat destroyers at not fore than \$825,000 each, exclusive of

armament. One sea-going submarine at not nore than \$1,400,000 exclusive of

armament. Sixteen submarines at not more than \$550,000 each.

One hospital ship at not more than \$2,250,000. One transport at not more than \$2,-

Chicago Nationals to Tampa. Chicago,-Members of the Chicago National League team will gather

February 28 at Tampa, Fla., for their spring training. At Tampa practice games will be played with the Philadelphia Athletics and some Cuban Exhibition games scheduled are at Savannah April 17; Birming ham, April 2-3; Nashville, April 4; Memphis Chattanooga, April 5-6; April 8, 9, 10 and 11,

Republican Senators War on Wilson Washington.-One of the liveliest debates of the present congress stir red the senate when Republican leaders launched a vigorous attack on President Wilson's speech at Indianapolis, the administration's Mexican policy, and Democratic legislation. Democrats met the attack with praise for the president and a prediction of his re-elecion. The debate was precipitated over Senator Cummins' olution asking the president to indicate what the government proposed to do with Mexican customs collected

Austrian Foreign Minister Retires. Vienna.—The retirement of the Austrian Foreign Minister Count von Berchtold was anounced by Vienna Fremdemblat. It published this statement: "Count von Berch told, who for a long while, desired to retire and who asked the Emperer to relieve him of his office, renewed the request. The emperor, recognizing the important personal reason mov were in sight and by night conditions ing the foreign minister to take this step, has granted his request. He will be succeeded by Baron Stephan Burian von Raisez"

Steamship is Libelled.

Savaanah, Ga. - The steamship Aquila, now at this port, has been libelled by the New Orleans Export Belgium, the New York office of the Company for \$50,000 for failing to transport a cargo of cottonseed cake sion received a cable saying Mr. Sharp to Stockholm, Sweden. It is claimed however showed a decrease of more had accepted the office. L. W. Bates, the owners of the steamer have dethan 50 per cent from the same period vice chairman of the relief body, said manded an exorbitant freight rate for of 1913, the total being 2,607,164 hales it was expected that the addition of transporting the cargo because of the compared with 5,437,480 bales. Of Ambassador Sharp would greatly fance war risks. The collector of custom and Haly both showed increases which arise in connection with relief not to grant clearance papers to the which arise in connection with relief not to grant clearance papers to the endeavors.

Association.

.Ralegih. - The North Carolina Branch of the American Poultry Association, membership of which is commen in this state, held its annual meeting in Raleigh in conection with the annual Wake Poultry Show and Harry M. Lamon addressed the largest gathering of poultrymen ever as-sembled in the state. Mr. Lamon is chief of the poultry division of the United States government.

The Wake Poultry Show this year

was the only official poultry show held

in North Carolina under the auspices and rules of the American Poultry Association. The American Poultry Association yearly has jurisdiction of one poultry show in every state, which means that the official show takes higher rank over all poultry shows and that the Wake Poultry Show was the most important of all poultry shows in North Carolina-Birds from Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York state, Indiana, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia Virginia, West Virginia and all parts of North Carolina were on exhibition at this show. While the management does not claim the show to be the largest in the state it does claim it to be the best in quality. This being the official show and held under the rules of the American Poultry Association all gold medals and other specials offered by the American Poultry Association were competed for. Judges who passed upon the merits of the birds exhibited are prominent in poultry circles as well as breeders of note. J. W. Dennis, of Biema Hall, Va., judged regular classes. A. W. Nrecomer, of Glen Rock, Pa., passed awards in bantam classes. D. L. Christian of Rocky Mount-judged game classes. The display was held in the auditorium.

Republicans Hold Conference. Raleigh.—Republican State Chairman Frank Linney and a score or nore prominent Republicans from various parts of the state attended the special conference of the State Comnittee and other Republicans and the Republican members of the Legislature held at Raleigh a few days ago. A large crowd was present. Plans are being laid for the next campaign and to get a line on the election law and taxation legislation most especially, that will be ground out by this Legislation and looking out for political preferment for the Republican party as opportunity may develop.

COMING EVENTS. Annual Live Stock Meeting, Statesville-January 19-21, 1915.

TAR HEEL BREVITIES.

Cotton receipts to January 1st for Mecklenburg county were 22,163 bales or 7,020 bales less than last year. A party of Greensboro people will call on President Wilson, January 28th, to invite him to attned the Fourth of July celebration at Guilford bat-

tleground. A debate between Wake Forest College and Richmond College has been arranged for April 2.

Citizens of Monroe have been attending mass meetings and warmly supporting the cause of prohibition. Cotton farmers in Halifax county are going to cut their cotton crop in

Rockingham county has 13,929 school children between the ages of 6 and 20, and 56,9 per cent of them attend school.

Asheville citizens are making an aggressive effort in behalf of a training school for the western part of the state.

Mecklenburg county is just completing a \$75,000 jail built of brick and concrete and fireproof.

John A. Campbell has purchased 400 acres of virgin timber land near Asheville and will develop a big apple orchard.

Twelve of the Buncombe County schools have formed a county-wide debating union with a view to selecting candidates to participate in the contest conducted at Chapel Hill each year under the auspices of the University of North Carolina.

Concord will begin in afew days to extend her white way for several

Frank Wood of Dunn raised, 134 bales of cotton on 134 acres of land at a cost of five cents per pound. The supreme court has adjourned until the opening of the spring term

the first Monday in February. The prospects are good for an increased strawberry and vegetable crop in Eastern North Carolina. Catawba county board of health will recommend to the commissioners in February, the employment of a whole-

time health officer. The Buncombe county board health recently elected Dr. D. E. Sevier as health officer for Buncombe county, the present official being chosen to succeed himself unar

The Baptists at Kinston will soon complete a modern \$50,000 church building

"Ten thousand members" is the slogan which the corn club men are adop. ing as the New Year's slogan for the work in North Carolina. This past year there were between 6,000 and 7.000 members in the state.

State Senator John S. Efird of Stanley county, has made glad the congregation of the Raleigh Lutheran Church since his arrival there for the Legislature, by giving to the Church \$100 with which to buy a reading desk. The Duplin Enterprise, a

paper that has been published at War saw for the past year has been moved to Bowden and will be published the Thos, McNeely, who was crushed beneath a wrecking derrick near Morganton recently, died at an Asheville hospital

J. E. Provo, formerly superinthe Pasquotank county commission ers superintendent of the Pasquotank county chaingang and manager of the public roads, at a salary of \$1,290

# OFFICIAL POULTRY SHOW SCHOOL FUND FOR STATE IS DIVIDED

COUNTIES GET SHARE ACCORD ING TO SCHOOL POPULATION AT PER CAPITA OF 31006.

MECKLENBURG LEADS LIST

Full Amount of \$250,000 Reduced by \$7,500 for Rural Libraries and \$1,500 for Teacher Training.

Raleigh-The State Board of Education met and approved the apportionment of public school funds for the year, to the various county depart-ments of education. With the deducton of \$7,500, the biennial appropriation for rural libraries and \$1,500 for teachers training, the remainder of the \$250,000 was distributed among the counties in ammounts based upon the school population of the county. The manner of finding the just spro rata share was the division of the entire fund less special appropriations just mentioned by the entire State school population, 777,267, giving a per capita appropriation of 31006.

Mecklenburg received the largest

share of the State appropriation this year. With a total school population of 23,408, Mecklenburg's share of the funds is \$7,257,88. Wake followed close on the heels of Mecklenburg and with a school population of 23,400, the county receives \$7,255.40.

County Apportionment

Hanover range 2,451,64 2,269,23 3,308,99 849,94 3,815,91 1,977,56 7,255,40 2,170,97 1,607,97 1,607,97 1,369,85 3,799,47 3,570,03 3,334,08 Total .. .. .. . 777,267 \$250,000,00

Greenville Wants City Managerauthorized by the city board a number of citizens met to consider the plan of and for a city manager for Greenville. Mayor J. B. James was master of ceremonies and went into details of the plan as in force at Staunton, Va., and some other cities, After discussion and expression by several present, Albion Dunn, E. G. Fisnagan and B. W. Moseley were appointed to look further into the matter and report as early as possible that action may be taken.

Y. M. C. A. Convention. Winston-Salem.-The annual Interstate Y. M. C. A. Convention of North and South Carolina will meet in Winstan-Salem on January 29, 30 and 31. More than 125 delegates are expected to attend the convention which will featured by a banquet at the Hotel Zinzendorf and by addresses by several prominent speakers among whom will be Gov. Locke Craig of North Carolina, Gov. Richard I. Manning of South Carolina, President Harrison of the Southern Railway and Mr. Fred B. Smith, international secretary.

For the Unemployed.

Wilmington.-People of Wilmington re vitally concerned in the problem of providing employment for the many jobless men in the city. was indicated by a mass-meeting held recently in the court house when every available seat was occupied and tendent of the chaingang system of many had to stand. Various suggesterated county, has been elected by thous were made for providing relief one of these being that the city council and the board of county commissioners provide employment for some of the idle by making needed improvements on certain streets and roads,