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WORD "ILLEGAL

Mere Coice of Words in German Reply Will Not Prevent Settlement in the Lusi-

tania Case.

NEITHER IS USE OF 'DISAVOWAL' DEMANDED

Decision Encourages Atmosphere of Optimism in Regard to Negotiations in Lusitania Case.

Inited States government would not ly be started by the Germans on the insist on the use of the word "illegal" or "disavowal" in the German acthe loss of 115 American lives was days.

Inasmuch as the proposal now beficial quarters as substituting for the word "illegal" phrasology which the forces around Erzerum seem not to Lansing is described in German of-German government hopes will be acceptable to the United States as covering the same points without hu-newed Russian attacks, it is declarmiliating Germany and having regard ed. for German public opinion, the announcement is taken as strengthening the optimistic atmosphere which surrounds the negotiations and as leav-ing open a way for continued negotia-

NAVY DEPARTMENT HAS ORDERED POWERFUL BOAT

Will Have 800 Horse-Powe and Speed of 40 Miles an Hour, Builder Says.

New York, Feb. 7 .- A motor boat manufacturer has announced that department representative had ordered the building of a high speed 16-cylinder, 800-horse power boat for use as a coast patrol. The boat will have a speed of more than 40 miles an hour and will be equipped with small callbre guns and tor

MRS. MOHR ACQUITTED: NEGROES FOUND GUILTY

Elizabeth F. Mohr has been acquitted by a jury of a charge of having instigated the murder of her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr. C. Victor Brown and Henry H. Spellman, negroes, who were accused of the actual killing, were found guilty.

Mrs. Mohr swooned while the ofreman was announcing the verdicts, head dropped forward and she was slipping from her chair, when her attorneys grasped and supported her, while a court officer rushed for

torney General Rice. "But Mrs. Mohr is on bail on the other charge." "The defendants Brown and Spell-man are committed without ball,"

said the court, "and Mrs. Mohr is discharged from custody on this com-plaint."

The other charge against Mrs. Mohr and the two negroes is that they committed an assault on Miss Emily Burger, with intent to kill. Miss Burger was abot while riding with Dr. Mohr on the night he was attacked. Brown and Spellman are accused of firing the shots at Miss Burger, while Mrs. Mohr is charged with being an accessory before the fact.

TWO ARRESTED ON DISORDERLY CHARGES

TEUTION MASSING ON GREEK BORDER

News of Attack on Saloniki Appears Only to Have Been Premature, in View of Activities-Roumania Concentrating Forces on Austro-Hungarian Frontier, as Result of Friction With Central Powers, Dispatches Say.

operation of an offensive by the Teu- German West Africa. A Spanish offitonic allies against Saloniki appear to have been premature the accounts of various troop movements are held in military Quarters to indicate that such an offensive is probably not far distant. A dispatch from Athens tells of the continued concentration of Germans, Austrians and Bulgarians on the Greek frontier with the transfer of heavy artillery to the south from

With such movements in the Balkans in prospect reports which come out of Roumania command increased interest. Advices from allied sources declare that the friction between Roumania, supposedly in view of the reports of the threatening attitude of Germany and Austria is collecting forces close to the Austro-Hungarian

The secretary of news of active operations on any of the mainfighting Washington, Feb. 7.—Administra-tion officials let it be known today that the mere choice of words would that the mere choice of words would talk of the captories. The chief capipermitted to stand in the tals of the entente allies, however, way of successfully concluding the Lustiania negotiations and that the

This belief is prompted largely by knowledgement that the sinking of the liner without warning and with

The latest official bulletin from Constantinople reports improved con-Inasmuch as the proposal now Server President Wilson and Secretary ditions for the Turks who appear to have been under severe pressure by be able to undertake an offensive they have been able to repulse all re

> uation in Mesopotamia, the British relief army being still stalled some distance from Kut-el-Amara, it ap-

The inauguration of an offensive movement by the German and Bulgarian forces which have been stationed along the Greek frontier is reinating those of their adversaries,

While recent reports of the active mans hard in the Kamerun region of cial communication says that 900 Germans and 14,000 of their colonial troops have crossed the southwest ASKED TO RUN BY border and sought asylum in Spanish Guinea where they

and interned. Except on the western France and Belgium and on the Caucasus front, little fighting of moment is in progress in all of the war theaters. In northwest Russia, there been aerial raids by both the Ger-mans and Russians and in Galicia and Bukowina small infantry and grenade attacks. At one point along the line where the Russian general, Ivanoff, is in command, the Russians found a system of Teuton mines and having wired it, detonated the mines.

The British and French in Belgium have shelled, with destructive ef-fect, German trenches in Boesinghe, and the French heavy guns have al- didate for attorney general, followed

of Boesinghe the wrecking of German trenches on has made newspaper readers watch the plateau of Navarin and the blow- the paper for signs and woners. blown back on the German lines, Atouth of La Bassee canal were repulsed, according to Berlin.

TERRE HAUTE OFFICIALS

Leavensworth, Kan., Feb. 7.-Edward Holler, Alexander Aczell, Charles without comment but that the local Houghton, Joseph O'Mara and George orted in a Saloniki dispatch to the Sovern, former city officials of Terre Balkan agency. It is said an artillery Haute, Ind., convicted in the case.

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Sen. Weeks Said To Have Decided To Abandon Race

Is Credited With Having Figured Himself Out of Running For Republican Presidential Nomination — Friends Tell Him He Has About One Chance in 1,000 - Senator Is

(By Parker R. Anderson.) Gazette-News Bureau, The Riggs Building, Washington, Feb. 7.

Senator John Wingate Weeks, of Massachusetts, has developed the first pair of "cold feet" among he repub- prise was expressed in some qualiters Osborne, lican aspirants for preidential honors, If reports are to be credited the Bay van to get out on tse eve of primary State man figures himself out of the contests. running and is about ready to quit.

It was learned from a reliable

convention, her, while a court officer rushed for a glass of water.

"Is there any other charge against these defendants?" inquired Justice Stearns.

"There is, your honor," replied Attorney General Rice. "But Mrs. Mohr

stay in the race for a while longer on the theory that his retirement now wuld further emplicate an alrady muddled situatin.

The observers here have been cedthe New England support and surwhen it became noited about that oe

If Weeds does retire tels early in tne figat, the assumption here is that source that Senator Weeks has held an effort will be made to line up New numerous conferences with friends England for former Senator Theodore during the last few days with the re- Burton, of Ohio. It is known that an suit that he has convinced himself he amazingly large sentiment has been does not possess the qualities neces- stirred up for the Ohio senator sary to attract support in the Chicago throughout th ecountry. Without resorting to publishity, Senator Lodge and former Senator friends have been quietly working for W. Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, their choice in many sections of the

have sought the views of others.

As the story is told, Senator Weeks that nearly every one with whom he talked agreed that his chances of landing the republican nomination were about one in a thousand. Some, however, advised him to

Villa Terrorized People At Laguna Mining Camps

threatened to idli all "gringos" in the operated.

El Paso, Feb. 7.—Francisco Villa Wednesday, it is said, Villa reappeared terrorized the mining camps at Launa, in Chihushua last Monday and to leave the mines as he did not want any mines owned by Americans to be

People Interested in Probable Decision of Former Chairman Now That Everett Has Quit Place.

WINSTON-SALEM PAPERS

Eastern Men Moved to Think West is Already Well Represented in Race for Attorney General.

By W .T. Bost.

Raleigh, Feb. 7 .- The dropping out of R. O. Everett of Durham as a can lenced a German battery to the east quickly by an editorial in the Journa of WinstonSalem inviting former State In Champagne the French report Chairman A. H. Eller into the race

ing up of munition depots. In addition Paris records the demolition of the field which he has not definitely asphyxiating gas reservoirs, the escate deam Monday night. Friday caping gas waves from which were the Journal had a full column asking Mr. Eller to decide to run. It did not tempts by the British to make ad-vances southwest of Neuville and did not know whether he would acpretend to have interviewed him and cept a nomination or not,

Three months ago Mr. Eller had Petrograd says the Russians con-tinue to harrass the Turks over the Friends of the Forsyth lawyer were here direct from Winston-Salem presenting his claims and calling upon Raleigh people to support him. In the full knowledge of their presence and mission their business was chronevents have justified them

Supporters of other candidates view of the law and an the latest suggestion as a "feller" and are pleased to observe that not only the outside papers have passed it by dailies have not had a "follow-up. They are not belittling the Winston "favorite sons" to beat already in

The home paper of Mr. Eller makes the geographical argument for him. He is from the west and it is assumed Mr. Eller, the west is sufficiently sup-

And he is but slightly eastern, farming territory. Geoggraphy never cut a man a prettler caper than Calvert. He is a Chatham man. He lives in exactly the center of the state when he is in Arkansas City would endanger the rabbit county. If he goes on one side of the street in Pittsboro, he is a westerner. If he is booted to the other, he is an easterner. Wherever he is he is always a lawyer.

May Want a Speaker. The suggestion of the local paper in Mr. Eller's town would be a Bickett on the stump. That would be a big ing o Weeks a big slice if act all of claim in the behalf of any man in the race now or since the days of Frank

The democracy is expected to do a lot of speaking this year. Just why nobody publicly says, but it is understood. The most gifted campaigner now in the race is W. A. Self who is a brilliant speaker, but Self speaks, candidacies or no. Judge Carter is trenchant of pen. Captain Edmund Jones can speak and write.

And lawyers say as much of Cal-vert.. If must go on the stump he will make a speech without foolish-Before the Supreme courche

of the places seriously looked at is the Cooper Marble yard near the union station which furnishes ample space for the erection of a big building. The Bushee property on Hargett and Salisbury streets is also available an dthe old market site on Fay-etteville is the third which has been

tions but have declared that they are interested in bluiding. The Sanders string of hotels, headquarters at Greensboro, is credited

in the eye of hotel men. They have not authorized a story of their inten

MANY CONFERENCES BEFORE PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson Expected to See Numero nators and Repre sentatives This Week in Eff ... Expedite Administration Program—Lusite Afair Also Demands Attention

tration's program, particularly with of preparedness hinges largely on the regard to the preparedness and the Lusitania case, gave promise of occu- Lusitania case. While it is admitted pying much of President Wilson's attention during the week. The president is expected to confer with many it has had any definite effect on consenators and representatives in an ef- gress. fort to expedite the work of congress on the army and navy bill which he col. sence between the president and is anxious to have disposed of, so that Chairman Jones of the house insular other legislation, including the ship-affairs committee. It is said that an ping bill, the tariff commission bill and the revenue bill may be taken up. the president's approval as it passed

Whether the president will make a the senate,

Washington, Feb. 7 .- The adminis- southern speaking tour in the interest outcome of his conferences with conthat the president made a deep impression on his western speaking trip

The Philippine bill, already passed by the senate will be taken up for The measure is said to have met with

Dutch Papers Demand Reparation Of Germany

Call For Prompt Punishment of Torpedo Boat Commander Responsible for Sinking of Steamer Artemis in North Sea-One Paper Asks What British Fleet Was Doing While German Flotilla Cruised Busy Lanes.

The Hague, Feb. 7 .- Dutch news- | danger of other incidents of this napapers are unanimous in demanding ture. Incidentally the paper asks there is a disease known as "constitutionitis," which afflicts members while a conspicuously colored Germany prompt expression of what the British fleet was doing while a conspicuously colored German torpedo boat flotilla was calmly reasons for opposing a proposed law. icled. The Forsyth papers were quite the North Sea. The papers call for the Nordhinder light ship. sure that the former state chairman the punishment of the German comagainst the Netherlands.

doing of the Dutch tank steamer Ar-temis by a German torpedo boat in between the Hook of Holland and Mr. Keating, furnished complete re-

had no such designs and subsequent mander who was responsible for the case as a breaking down of "the events have justified them." mander who was responsible for the case as a breaking down of "the events have justified them." unjust action discipline" which it says seems need urgent improvement, especially said the speaker, that among all the The Vaderland recalls previous from the viewpoint of surety of lives republican members there were only 'German errors," and dwells on the of neutrals.

Arkansas Flood Waters Are Spreading Rapidly would be worse than none if passed; that it would deprive the children of

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 7 .- The rap- above the level of the town. On the moved to think with Captain Ed- breaks in the levees, had engulfed a upper stories of buildings in Arkansas colleauges felt sure that he nund Jones, W. A. Self, Judge Frank score of towns last night, leaving sev- City protrude. At the levce are three Carter and perhaps a fourth without eral thousand persons homeless. Six- steam boats, one of which is ready to teen lives have been lost in the last carry the workers to safety should plied with candidacies. Assistant At. few days and damage that probably they lose their battle with the flood. torney General T. H. Calvert is the will run into hundreds of thousands They are living in the second stories only easterner.

Still greater damage is feared if the Mississippi continues to rise as in the of a foot, to 55.7 feet at Arkansas City, last few days. Predicted stages at and was still rising slowly last night.

en until its surface is fifteen feet tions of the town

Yesterday the river rose two-tenths last few days. Predicted stages at Arkansas City would endanger the levees there and a break in the Mississippl leevees would precipitate a sessissippl leevees would precipitate a session would precipitate a session would precipitate a session would precipitate a session would precipit

Convention Of Medical Authorities In Chicago | fee as physically unfit and declared that a law to protect children is the first step toward preparedness. Rev.

ference on Medical Education, Public Health and Medical Licensure. The ensure high standards of professional gathering which begins today, will last efficiency among practitioners.

through tomorrow, and is made up of The first meeting will be of the through tomorrow, and is made up of The first meeting will be of the Reilly of Charlotte, with the statethe Association of American Medical with the state boards and will hear said that women's clubs have become colleges, Council on Medical Educa- Surgeon General Gorgas of the United great organizations working for social tion and Council on Health and Public States army, W. C. Braisted of the reform. Mrs. Murdoch of Alabama.

700 Commercial Bodies Represented In Meeting "Whenever you hear a man holler, "It's agin the constitution," you may be sure it's agin his constitution,"

with the new enterprise to be built from all parts of the country gatherfrom the ground up. Mr. Sanders ed here today for the opening tonow has the Wright on Martin street.

morrow of the fourth annual meetmorrow of the fourth annual meetannual banquet Thursday will be ut-Moody and Lonnie Rice, argently, according to Mexican passengers who arrived here today on the sengers of an law train from the ground up. Mr. Sanders morrow of the fourth annual bacquet Thursdeed that on how has the Wright on Martin street.

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Washington, Feb. 7.-Delegates mitted for discussion during the three representing 700 commercial bodies days session.

National defense is expected to

ENDS SESSIONS

Child Labor Conference Closes With Addresses to Large Audience at Auditorium Yesterday Afternoon.

CONGRESSMAN KEATING PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Colorado Representative Replies to Mr. Britt's Saturday Night Speech—Asheville Speakers Are Heard.

With a mass meeting that filled the nain floor of the Auditoriu mand part of the balcony the twelfth annual conference of the National Child Labor committee came to end here yesterday afternoon. Representative Edward Keating of Colorado, was the principal speaker and he delivered a speech in reply to Congressman James J. Britt that bristled with sarcasm and facts in answer to the arguments made by the tenth district representative at the Battery Park hotel Saturday evening.

Referring to Mr. Britt's statement, "this bill is without a scintilla of constitutional warrant," the Colorado congressman said that in Washington ply to Mr. Britt's challenge for any representative to state anything showtional validity. It is a little strang, two who found the bill unconstitutional and had too much conscience to

"Fell in a Faint."

Mr. Keating caused laughter and applause when he took up Mr. Britt's statement that the Keating-Owen bill work, giving them nothing in return. If such were the possibilities, how then could Mr. Britt use his influence for the Weaver law which proidly widening lake in southeastern other side of the levee is the great posed practically the same remedy, that the west is going to demand the Arkansas formed by the flood waters flood lake nearly forty miles long and asked Mr. Keating? The Colorado nominee this year. Eastern men are of the Arkansas river pouring through twenty miles wide. From it only the man said that a number of Mr. Britt's support the bill and that he nearly fell in a faint when the tenth district member voted "no."

Discussing national responsibility, Miss Lillian D. Wald of the Henry Street Settlement, said that if the proposals of the child labor commit tee seemed to be negative it should be remembered that these were the

in Arkansas City tolled in an effort to of Lake Village went in boats to the citizen of the nation. Citizens can strengthen the levees against the fast court house today where they planned only fulfill their national responsirising water and last night they were to send a rescue fleet of rowboats to billies through the action of the national distance of the national government, and Dr. Campand the town be saved. The narrow In Clarendon, on the White river, bell. He expressed confiedence in Mr. strip of levee is the only land in signat where the levee broke Saturday night Britt's honesty and integrity; but the there. On one side is the river, swol- water is six feet in the highest por- people should have let their representative know what they wanted him to do. Those who failed to do so are to blame fo rhis failure to help the cause. The Asheville minister pointed out the great number of men who were rejected from military serv-Dr. Campbell asked why the federal government should be concerned Chicago, Feb. 7.—Physicians and also be several foint gatherings. In about the interstate shipments of imsurgeons and public health officials the latter the Federation of State Med-pure food, diseased cattle and plants and leaders in medical instruction ical boards will play an important and should not take steps to safeguard children.

Mrs. Reilly. Secretary Lovejoy introduced Mrs. Reilly of Charlotte, with the statedical boards of the United States, the council will hold a joint session south are the women. Mrs. Relliv instruction of the American Medical navy and Rupert Blue of the public said that no one wanted to take away association. Each of th efour organizations will board of examination in its relation aim was to prevent them "from behold its own meetings but there will with the federal medical service. ing worked." N. Buckerner said op-N. Buckerner said opposition came from those who profited by the labor of children,

Dr. George T. Winston declared that the labor of children in this state was not necessary to support widows. said the doctor. Dr. Winston sarcastically suggested that the cotton mill men might continue their explottation of childhood and export their products to some enlightened