

U. S. WILL NOT DEMAND USE OF WORD "ILLEGAL"

Mere Choice of Words in German Reply Will Not Prevent Settlement in Lusitania Case.

NEITHER IS USE OF 'DISAVOWAL' DEMANDED

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

Washington, Feb. 7.—Administration officials let it be known today that the mere choice of words would not be permitted to stand in the way of successfully concluding the Lusitania negotiations and that the United States government would not insist on the use of the word "illegal" or "disavowal" in the German acknowledgment that the sinking of the liner without warning and with the loss of 115 American lives was wrong.

NAVY DEPARTMENT HAS ORDERED POWERFUL BOAT

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

MRS. MOHR ACQUITTED: NEGROES FOUND GUILTY

Providence, R. I., Feb. 7.—Mrs. 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.

TWO ARRESTED ON DISORDERLY CHARGES

B. F. Moody and Lonnie Rice, arrested yesterday on charges of an immoral nature will be given hearings before Magistrate B. L. Lyda tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. The defendants were arrested by Of. Rose T. R. Parker.

TEUTON 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.

While recent reports of the active operation of an offensive by the Teutonic 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 Nish.

The secretary of news of active operations on any of the main fighting fronts is probably for the good reason that there are few such operations of importance. The chief capitals of the entente allies, however, appear to be impressed with the idea that an important offensive will shortly be started by the Germans on the western front.

This belief is prompted largely by military movements, notably along the Franco-Belgian front in recent days. The latest official bulletin from Constantinople reports improved conditions for the Turks who appear to have been under severe pressure by the Russians. Although the Turkish forces around Erzerum seem not to be able to undertake an offensive, they have been able to repulse all renewed Russian attacks. It is declared.

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 Shocked.

(By Parker H. Anderson.)
The Riggs Building, Washington, Feb. 7.

Senator John Wingate Weeks, of Massachusetts, has developed the first pair of "cold feet" among the republican aspirants for presidential honors. If reports are to be credited the Bay State man figures himself out of the running and is about ready to quit.

Villa Terrorized People At Laguna Mining Camps

El Paso, Feb. 7.—Francisco Villa terrorized the mining camps at Laguna, in Chihuahua last Monday and threatened to jil all "gringos" in the country, according to Mexican passengers who arrived here today on the first train from the south in eight days.

WONDER WHAT ELLER WILL DO

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

ASKED TO RUN BY WINSTON-SALEM PAPERS

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

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—The dropping out of R. O. Everett of Durham as a candidate for attorney general, followed quickly by an editorial in the Journal of Winston-Salem inviting former State Chairman A. H. Eller into the race has made newspaper readers watch the paper for signs and wonders.

TERRE HAUTE OFFICIALS COMPLETE SENTENCES

Leavensworth, Kan., Feb. 7.—Edward Holter, Alexander Azell, Charles Houghton, Joseph O'Mara and George Sovern, former city officials of Terre Haute, Ind., convicted in the election conspiracy case, were released from the federal penitentiary today, having served their full sentences. All of the prisoners earned time by good behavior.

Arkansas Flood Waters Are Spreading Rapidly

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MANY CONFERENCES BEFORE PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson Expected to See Numerous Senators and Representatives This Week in Effort to Expedite Administration Program—Lusitania Case Also Demands Attention

Washington, Feb. 7.—The administration's program, particularly with regard to the preparedness and the Lusitania case, gave promise of occupying much of President Wilson's attention during the week. The president is expected to confer with many senators and representatives in an effort to expedite the work of congress on the army and navy bill which he is anxious to have disposed of, so that other legislation, including the shipping bill, the tariff commission bill and the revenue bill may be taken up. Whether the president will make a southern speaking tour in the interest of preparedness hinges largely on the outcome of his conferences with congressional leaders as well as on the Lusitania case. While it is admitted that the president made a deep impression on his western speaking trip, it has not yet been learned whether it has had any definite effect on congress.

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 newspapers are unanimous in demanding from Germany prompt expression of regret and reparation for the torpedoing of the Dutch tank steamer Artemis by a German torpedo boat in the North Sea. The papers call for the punishment of the German commander who was responsible for the act which is described as a violation of the law and an unjust action against the Netherlands.

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MASS MEETING 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 main floor of the Auditorium and 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 there is a disease known as "constitutionalitis," which afflicts members who have not the nerve to give their reasons for opposing a proposed law. The Congressional Record, continued Mr. Keating, furnished complete reply to Mr. Britt's challenge for any representative to state anything showing that the measure has constitutional validity. It is a little strange, said the speaker, that among all the republican members there were only two who found the bill unconstitutional and had too much conscience to vote for it.

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