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QUARREL WITH ALLIES LIKELY ON MATTER OF ARMED MERCHANTMEN

TEUTON STAND SEEMS SOUND

U. S. Will Probably Support Contention of Central Powers That Armed Merchantmen Are Warships.

ENTENTE DIPLOMATS CONFER WITH LANSING

Believed to Have Stated Opposition to U.S. Suggestion That Merchant Ships Be Not Armed.

Washington, Feb. 12.-The diplomatic representatives of the entente allies today made representations to a "get-together" meeting and a def- dent's plan skyward. Secretary Lansing in regard to the merican memoranda to their governments, suggesting the disarming of merchant ships and that armed American entering merchantmen ports might be regarded as warships. it is believed that Secretary Lansing was informed that the entente govcroments would be unwilling to adopt the suggestion. Formal replies to the memoranda are expected soon. It is considered doubtful whether the exact position of the United States will be defined until they are received. The texts of the notes from Germany and Austria setting forth the intenarmed merchantmen as warships also being awaited. So far, it is said the representations of the representatives had to do solely with he Omerican memorandum.

High officials today declared that the views of the United States on steamer turne armed merchantmen were absolutely ward the sea. n accord with the views of Germany

ind Austria.

thill they arrive state depart-ent officials are reserving comment. There are strong indications how-

ever that various high officials consider the positions of the central powers well founded in view of the changed conditions of sea warfare. Hard Problem.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Diplomatic negotiations of various characters soon will confront the United States as the result of the expressed intention of the German and Austrian governments to treat armed merchant ships of the entente allies as war vessels after February 29. Apparently it is certain, if the tempers of the allied governments can be judged by the feelings of their diplomatic representatives here, that any attempt by the United States to change the present rule permitting the use of American ports by merchant ships armed for defensive turposes will be met by a strong pro-test. The correspondence also is likely to follow if the United States assome a position which coincides with congress and other prominent men, that of Germany and Austria regard- have been suggested to the president with Mrz. Wilson. Their return is set for tomorrow night or Monday morn- local church in its community, and its

On the other hand the United States itself may take the initiative should waters are ships of war, and therefore armed merchantmen.

States toward the stated intention of German and Austrian governments Germany and Austria will be deterinined after the formal texts of the quarters today came the information botes, which have been handed to that the United States might warn its Ambassador Gerard and Ambassador nationals to remain off the warships efficials here, it is believed the position German and Austrian governments of this government quickly will be demarine commanders will start to put of American ports was widely discuss their new instructions into operation. ed in official circles during the day. The view of at least some of the representatives of the entente allies here is that any change made in the rules ter American ports to take sway merican ports to take the war should be an unneutral act, chandles and goods consigned to them. governments are represented as selves. not being prepared to admit that there lt as admitted in high official quarington government proposes a par-has been any change in the conditions ters that should such a plan be put of naval warfare which would warrant, into effect, action of some kind might clear—namely, the surrender of its

Resignation Of Garrison Will Clarify Situation

His Elimination Should Strengthen President With Congress in Regard to Preparedness Plans-Reasonable Appropriation May Now Be Provided.

> Gazette-News Bureau, Teh Riggs Building,

War Garrison will greatly clarify matters with reference to national men in the house will urge him to preparedness and will in effect strengthen the president with members of congress. It is now believed that a very reasonable appropriation for national defense can be passed hrough both houses of congress.

Many democrats hope that an arrangement can be made with Major-ity leader Kitchin whereby a com-promise can be had between the folowers of Mr. Kitchin and President With the continental army plan abandoned, and the already admitted willingness on the part of Mr. Wilson to give most liberal consideration to the fishes and views of congress, it is contended that there

inite program decided upon. When seen today, however, Mr Washington, Feb. 12. Kitchin was not prepared to The resignation of Secretary of along this line. It is known, however, that some of his closest friends

agree to a compromise on national

defense. In a word, the situation in congress today seems better for democracy tha nany time since convening December, last. There is an apparent Carolina, in session here, has been the disposition on the part of all democrats to give the president benefit of the faces of the hundreds of delegates the doubt and wherever possible sup- in attendance, a determination that is

preparedness program.

The disclosure in the correspondence between the president and Mr. ure has been the music, the men join-Garrison that the former was not the overbearing dictator that he has been the convention goes on the greater painted to be, and that he realized seems to be the enthusiasm; and the and apprelated the fact that he must speakers, if such a thing is possible consider the wishes and views of conshould be no objection on the part consider the wishes and views of conof Mr. Kitchin and his followers to gress, has sent the stock of the presi-

Brazilian Cruisers Fire On Interned German Ship

Under Cover of Fog German Steamer Ansuncion Starts Toward Sea-Brazilians Presumably Believed She Was Trying to Escape-Investigation Has Been Started.

Berman steamship Ansuncion, intern- have begun an investigation, ed at Para, requested permission to High officials today declared that it approach a wharf to take water was not fair to say at this time that aboard. Under cover of the fog, the beautiful to the line of the li steamer turned about and headed to-

Officials would make no decision shots, and as the Ansuncion did not pany of Hamburg, and was reported until the official texts of the notes stop, fired with projectiles. The Ger- as staying at Para voluntarily. It is

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Feb. 12.-The ing to escape. The local authorities

The German steamer Ansuncion was constructed at Hamburg in 1895 and is of 4663 gross tonnage. The vessel is 375 feet long and 46 feet by beam. The Brazilian cruiser Republica and The Ansuncion is owned by the Hamthe auxiliary cruiser Teffe fired blank burg-South American Steamship comreceived from Berlin and Vien- man vessel then stopped and returned to be presumed that the steamer was ared on under the belief that she was stated that he had no intention of try- proper clearance documents.

Appointment Of Garrison Successor Expected Soon And that, In the opinion of Dr. Patton is the object for which this great gath

Washington, Feb. 12.—On board to be giving foremost consideration the naval yacht Mayflower on his to Secretary Lane of the interior deway down the Potomac river and Chesapeake bay for a week end trip, the agricultural department, and President Wilson today was consider—Counsellor Polk of the state departing. "The Broadening Meaning of Social Service." Dr. Tippy stated that cial Service. "Dr. Tippy stated that Missionary movement is ing the selection of a successor to ment.

Former Secretary of War Garrison. Several names also have been sugther only great organization in the

ing cabinet members, members of named and consulted. son. The president is said, however, ing.

mediately following his return.

The definite attitude of the United the view that the contentions of the and wholesome attacks. Penfield, are received from Berlin and that are armed. This was said in Ger-Once the texts are before man circles was precisely what the

the entante allies impose a virtual of small calibre being sufficient to gink, confined under the terms of the memboycott on America in the event of any submerine which might attempt orandum to unwarmed attacks upon this government deciding that armed to warn such a vessel. It is admitted armed merchantmen. It was insisted the interchant ships entering American submarines have a right to stop enemy to one quarter that the notice of the vaters are ships of war and therefore armed merchantmen. German and Austrian governments American officials seem inclined to was intended to mask indiscriminate

British Ask for ?Guarantec.

London, Feb. 12.—The Manchester der in Rowan county in March 1915 Guardian in an editorial in the Ger- of Lucinda Price a woman of his own man memorandum sent to the United color. Cooper displayed no agitation States in regard to armed merchant- as he entered the death chamber and men says that the German govern- He was remarkably calm. Two shocks fined. Only eighteen days remain The possibility of the entente allies men says that the German governbefore the German and Austrian subputting into effect a practical boycott
marine commanders will start to put of American ports was widely discussto treat armed possibility of the entente allies
men says that the German government's announcement of its intention
were administered. The first rendered
to treat armed possibility of the entente allies
to treat armed pos

The editorial argues that Wash-

ING GROWS UNIVERSITY DANCES WILL

sity will get a holiday on George Wash-

ington's birthday, February 22. Such

The faculty also decided that the

change the date of the dances

March 1. The students claimed, fur

at the time when the varsity baseball

eam takes its northern trip.
On the other hand the faculty and

majority of the students objected to

he change on several grounds. In the

and many of the girls could not come

e arranged by March 1. And finally,

preparations for a great meeting.

On Tuesday night a meeting of the

central committee was held when Rev.

T. F. Marr, paster of the First Meth-

down during Lent.

April.

Dates For the Annual Spring Dances Not to Be Changed, Laymen In Session at Greens boro Show In Their Faces Faculty Says. Determination For Chapel Hill, Feb. 12,-The univer-

PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY WILL BE BEST OF ALL

Mission Work.

Men of Wide Reputation Delivered Inspiring Messages Yesterday—Speaking, If Possible, Grows Better.

Special to The Gazette-News, Greensboro, Feb. 12 .- One of th great outstanding features of the Laymen's Missionary convention of North seeming determination showing upon port at least a very great part of his expected to surmount all obstacles in the way of promoting the advance ment of missions. A very special feating heartily in the singing. The longer And the program at each session is carried out to the letter; a thing mo pleasing to men well acquainted with conventions

The total registration now reached 1585; and it is the belief gen-eral that this number will be increased o well above 1800 tomorrow, since the best has been reserved for the last and Sunday's program will be one long to be remembered among North Carolina laymen. The registration to date ant Episcopal, 69; Presbyterian, 471; aneous, 13; student volunteers, 42. Bishop Rondthaler, of the Moravian

church of Winston-Salem, conducted odist church under whose auspices the the devotional exercises preceding the tabernacle meeting is to be held, exsession last night and Dr. R. W. Pat- plained the duties of all committees. on of Atlanta, Ga., missionary sec- The publicity committee is planning retary of the southern province, Pro-fer a short, aggressive advertising fire, testant Episcopal church, was the first campaign in Rowan, Stanly, Davie, tion speaker introduced by Dr. D. Clay Davidson, Iredell and other surround-Lilly, presiding. "The Dynamic of Missions" was the subject upon which The various newspapers in this distlan statesmanship, the speaker de- pected to attend from all these counclared, is a sufficient incentive to un- ties captain of the Ansuncion later the belief that she was attempting to leave the port without the had no intention of trybe acquired and entered into only by the power of prayer. The laymen assembled, rightly organized, could uplift the standards of the world, "Jesus Christ came to give light to the world, not to one race, country, state or city.' And that, in the opinion of Dr. Patton ering is being held. A Christian city cannot be built in a non-Christian May "Do Something" in Support of Plan for Continental state; so it is vitally necessary that the

It was expected that the president's gested as successors to Mr. Brecken-decision would be made known !m- ridge, assistant secretary of war, but A score of more of names, including cabinet members, members of named and consulted.

It is not expected that a selection will on this theme; and the reason for this he attributed to the fact that the men announced yesterday he introduced.

The facts will be disclosed to anyone who have this world vision see that tended to retire absolutely who carefully reads the correspondsignificance thereto,

BE HELD AS ARRANGED ON WEST FRONT

Positions Lost in Artois District and South of the Somme.

was the decision reached at a recent faculty meeting. It is probable that EXTENT OF RUSSIANS the occasion will be suitably celebrated at Chapel Hill, though no definite steps OFFENSIVE INCREASES have yet been taken or tentative plans

date of the spring dances should not Operations in Southern Rusbe changed. Easter week has always been the customary time for the dances. This year, however, owing to sia and Galicia Assuming the fact that Easter comes late in April and just two weeks before the Considerable Proportions senior examinations, a number of the students petitioned the faculty to Saloniki Lines Extended. ther, that the dances would come just

Latest reports from the western front indicate successes for the French in winning back some of the positions lost in the recent nibbling of the Germans at the entente lines in the Artois district and south of the Somme.

first place March 1 comes during Lent Secondly, the dances are but one of the Easter week attractions and the others could not considerable proportions but without of the Grier act holding a gentleman striking results so far having been achieved. Otherwise comparative month. opponents of the change claimed that the weather is much more fickle calm prevails in the wide-spread war uring March than it will be late in

In preparation Saloniki the right bank of the river.

versed for guards. Salisbury, Feb. 12 .- Not for years The Italians and Austrians are keep-

has so much interest been taken in any one meeting in this section as is ing up their artillery duels on the Ausina laymen. The registration to date any one meeting in this section as is being manifested in the tabernacle lows: Faptist, 218; Christian, 40; Disciples, 6; Friends, 38; Lutheran, 25; 26, with Blabop John C. Kilgo. A Methodist Foiscopal, 297; Methodist score or more committees on arrange-appreciable result. In Albania the Cooperation of the control of the contro tro-Italian front despite the heavy murdered left his demonstration of snows in th emountain regions and stupid nerve as the only memory of here and there delivering infantry at- his death in the electric chair yesappreciable result. In Albania the Cooper's execution in the presence Austro-Hungarians have occupied Timents are now hard at work making

sive being put down by the Russian Bombardments of Turkish posttions on the Black sea coast are being kept up by the Russian torpedo craft, On the other hand Constantinople as-Dr. Patton addressed the great gath-ering. The conception of great Chris-the meeting publicity. People are ex-British attempted to advance from the The various newspapers in this dispelled to retreat to their old positions.

Will Retire From Public

Army But Will Not Follow Bryan's Example in Oppos-

ing Wilson Policies-No Politics in Retirement, He Says.

He said he would not discuss be misinterpreted by anyone. .
"I intend to retire absolutely from

his resignation from the cabi- politics and public life. I do

Allies Winning Back Some of Supreme Court Considers Automobile Carrying Contraband Liquor, But Mortgaged to "Innocent" Party.

> TIGERS USING MORTGAGE TO EMBARRASS COURTS

Law Provides For Confiscation of Machine in Which Whiskey Is Transported in Violation of Statute.

(By W. T. Bost).

Raleigh, Feb. 12.-The Supreme court finishing the first district yesterday takes up an entirely new point From southern Russia and Galicia in the liquor legislation involving the come the announcements that the ownership and disposition of the au-Russian offensive there has assumed tomobile which is caught in violation

The legislature of 1915 made the capture of automobiles caught in the for eventualities illegal transportation of liquor con-the allies are traband for the state. To avoid that strengthening their positions and ex-tending their lines, the French hav-deal in the stuff have discovered that ing advanced across the Vardar the mortgaging of machines before northeast of the city, encamping on the journey is taken will embarrass the courts in taking them with dis-In Albania the Austrians are reported to be marching on Durazzo gued in the court this week. The marwith a force not larger than 30,000, chine had been made over to a man with a force not larger than 30,000, chine had been made over to a man had been mad much of the Austrian army having and there was no way to show its been left in the regions already tra- ownership to have been related in the slightest particular with the transportation of whiskey.

Jim Cooper, the Rowan

rana, a short distance to the northeast of the port of Durazzo and also dominating heights in that region.

seating capacity can hold a crowd, yet admitted to the octagonal death chambers was the first real function Petrograd says the Russians in their that Samuel J. Busbee, the new waroperation against the Turks continue den, has performed. The to make progress and that all attemps death two weeks ago of Warden Sale by the Ottomans to assume an offen- as he finished the work of electrocuting two must have brought a few of the curious yesterday. They could not have been attracted by the promin-ence of the prisoner and his victim, the first a little obscure negro, the second his woman whom he shot in the true-to-race that murders the

> es wanted to see Mr. Busbee and observe his nerve which was unquestionably fine. The current was twice applied and twice he opened the shirt of his dead prisoner and allowed the doctors to listen to the moving heart. The new warden acquitted himself with a perfect execution and the operation of the electri-cal apparatus was new to him.

Life, Garrison Declares Cooper walked easily to the chair and without any sign of fear, understanding, or emotion of any kind up-on his immobile face, sat down, He was the smallest of all the men who have died there. Two colored ministers read the Episcopal ritual as comfort to the condemned. He may have needed it, he didn't show it. He appeared not to be engaged in a mat-ter of the slightest moment and New York, Feb. 12.—Formtion, the situation to be produced or that may be assumed to be produced. The state of the fellow alone that may be assumed to be produced.

tended to retire absolutely who carefully reads the correspondence between President Wilson and to Governor Craig and confessed his from politics and public life, myself. That correspondence cannot guilt. The murder was open and no controversy arose as to his guilt of net from any political angle.

Mr. Garrison intimated, however, that he might "do something" in the nature of giving support to the movement in favor of the continental army, the issue on which his resignation.

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Mr. Garrison intimated, however, that there was anything political in might have convicted him more easily. He looked incapavile of even a lawless love.

The Gus Hohn Hide company, incompany, in some crime. He killed the Price girl

The sockholders are W. S. Beam and others of Charlotte.

RECORDED IN BUFFALO

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 11.—The seis-ograph at Canasius college recorded an earthquake of ten seconds today.

It was stated that the shock was and was undoubtedly in the south

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"I will not discuss my resignation policies. from the cabinet from any political "Abso angle whatever," said Mr. Garrison, swered. "Absolutely not," Mr. Garrison ana negro, was electrocuted in the state penitentiary here today for the mur-Garrison's Resignation

Gives Out Prepared Statement.

merchant ships armed for defensive here of the contended that merchant ships armed for the entents allies its to the affairs of the entents all the effect of tearing down defect that the suggestion of the United States and the design may be announced later. Though not obtained from persons the united of decrease. The entents all the effect of tearing down decided with the National Guard of North Carolina would restrict the new of Secretary Guard will be a many who will all the effect of tearing down decided with the National Guard of North Carolina would restrict

Tended to Tear Down Rather Than Build Up Militia-

Chief of N. C. Militia Says Ex-Secretary of War's Policy

Pleases General Young