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BRITISH LINER SUNK .WITHOUT WARNING

Only American Known to Have Been on Board Was Saved

THIS MAY BE "OVERT ACT"

Whether This Will Drive U. S. Into War Officials Would Not Say Last Night—Last Lingering Hope That at bill to allow lodging house keep-Germany Would Permit Passenger ers liens on baggage of their guests Ships to Escape Seems Swept until bills are paid. Away

Washington Dispatch, Feb. 7. ing of the destruction of merchant resolution by Stubbs, of Martin, for the fire waste is in this country? ships by German submarines was the people of the State to vote at Here in our care the fire less tondard Committeeman A. W. Mcships by German submarines was the people of the State to vote at the people of the State to vote at the people of the State to vote at the next general election on the Here in our own State, the fire loss terday fro ma visit of several days deal with his eye. We lope it will be about \$3,000,000 appually—over in Westington and Baltimeters and Balti cablegram to the State department question of holding a constitutional tonight from Consult Frost at Queens- convention, delegates to be elected on \$300 per hour. town announcing that the British pas- the same basis as members of the senger liner California had been tor- House of Representatives. pedoed without warning, and that an American was among the survivors.

Whether this will prove to the overt act to drive the United States into war no one would attempt to say the Navy and Mrs. Dameis entonight. President Wilson, who must ing the Scales bill fo restablishing the Scales bill fo restablishing the Scales bill fo restablishing the Scales bill for restablishing the Sca into war no one would attempt to say the news came and officials did not wake him.

Await Complete Reports The President undoubtedly will wait for complete reports on the disaster before determining whether the time has come for him to go to Congress to ask authority to "use any means that may be necessary for the protection of our seamen and our

people."
The consul's first dispatch said second added no information concernang casualties except that the survi-vors were landed at Queenstown tovors were landed at Queenstown to-Lee, of Montgomery Ala., the only American known t ohave been aboard and that some were still missing, including two women and several chil- New Hanover offered a bill to regdren. The fact that the American ulate the sale of gasoline. escaped lessened in a degree the ex-citement created by the news, but by Grav making the penalty for the since the German proclamation of enrolled for ratification. ruthless warfare on seas went into effect last Thursday. It is realized was among the victims, it merely way stations to sell their wares. was a fortunate accident and that it can be only a matter of hours before Americans are caught in such wholesale destruction.

The California, which was bound from New York for Glasgow, is the special order for rext Tuesday. first big passenger steamer to be destroyed since the Arabia was torpedoed in the Mediterranean months Her sinking has about swept away the last lingering hope here will be found on page 3). that Germany after all would permit passenger carriers to escape in an effort to avoid driving the Unit-

od States to holtilities. Preparations for War Continue The message fromConsultFrost came at the close of another day devoted to energetic preparations for the war regarded as virtually inevitable and to guarding against any act of the hostilities.

ANSWERS SUDDEN SUMMONS

Mr. Travis L. Grimsley of Fairmont Died Suddenly This Morning-Funeral Saturday

Grimsley, one Fairmont's oldest citizens, died sudber of the Baptist church at Fair. mont and was a Mason. He is survived by his wife and several chil-Interment will be made Satuiday morning in the old family burying ground about 7 miles south of Fairmont.

Superior Court-May Adjourn This

A large number of judgments has been signed and two divorces were SENATE APPROVES WILSON'S granted. These broke the marriage ties of Walter Oxendine and Rena Washington Dispatch, Feb. 7. Oxendine, D. H. McMillan and Lincey

-Smith School District recovered or are on the road to re- Bernstorff his passports. covery. The school at Smith's, in Mr. Sessoms' district, was stopped Stock and Fixtures of Townsend Bros. tional defense appropriation measures for 2 weeks on account of measles, but it started un again last week. had the disease or have it now.

in the writing room of the Lorraine Tuesday, February 20, at 11 a. m. hotel on Monday afternoon, February

shortly after midnight. The two could in case of war with Germany President Wilson at the dinner Mon. to be best interest of the creditors.

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WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE

Favorable Report on Resolution to N. C. Fire Prevention Association Hold Constitutional Amendment-Divorce Bill Clinched-Doings of the Legislators

Senator Gough introduced a bill Monday to enlarge White Pond school district in Robeson county.

The House Monday passed the Sen-

The House committee on constitutional amenlments voted Tuesday Robesonian for publication: The steady stream of reports tell- night to report favorably the joint

and \$10,000 for maintenance.

morality in divorce suits, which was peoples of the world, be handicapped foreign affairs with the President, a new horse and buggy and Mr. C. J. life. Here's hoping that the may defeated in the House Monday by such a terrific waste of wealth he gathered from Mr. Wilson's gen-one vote, was reconsidered Tuesday, and of the energy which produced it? eral conversation that war may yet

The explanation may be given in he everted and that Senators and that Senators and that Senators and the Rozier schools Nos. 1 and 2 birthdays. ready passed the Senate, was ordered enrolled for ratification. Representa- ence. tive Brummitt, when it had passed there was "one death and thirty hos- by a safe roll call vote, moved to renight, among them being John A. fered with through subsequent parliamentary moves.

Ray of Macon offered a State-wide the 4th instant.

he Senate Tuesday voted down a bill by Gough to prohibit news butchthat if no citizen of the United States ers on trains to leave the train at

Senator Brenizer has offered a bill providing that any town of 20,000 inhabitants may join with its county in establishing a home for wayward girls and women. It was made

Great numbers of petitions been presented for the Anti-Saloon league legislation.

Other news of the Legislature

Severe Cold Weather Has Cost Farmers of South Millions of Dollars Press Summary.

United States which might precipitate will result in an immediate curtail- was used by a force of hands rebuildhaving been laid waste.

weather came.

RESOWING TOBACCO BEDS

Plants Killed by Severe Cold-Plenty of Time Yet to Raise Plants

Tobacco growers report that all tohacco plants which had come up be-Superior court, which has been in fore the cold snap were killed. They session since Monday for the trial are sowing their beds again, however. of civil cases, is expected to close They say it is not too late for them this afternoon. Judge Geo. W. Con- to sprout and be ready in plenty nor is presiding. Quite a number of time for transplanting. Tobacco growcases that had been set for trial this ers in Robeson had the misfortune to week were compromised without trial. lose practically all their plants later Only two jury trials had been com- in the season last year and many pleted up to noon today. These were: who planned to grow tobacco last J. R. Lawson vs. V. B. Inman, year had to abandon the idea. Many judgment for plaintiff: McRae Co. planted their beds over, but the plants vs. Burrell Alford, judgment for were so late that the crop was very light in weight.

BREACH WITH GERMANY

Ten Cases of Measles in One Family ate. By a vote of 78 to 5 the Sen-cent a week more for a semi-weekly farthest. He has not found that be-Mr. C. W. Sessoms of Howellsville ident's course, adopting a resolution has gone so high that Uncl eSam has to the Capital. Heretofore there vears, died at the home of Mr. N. was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday submitted by Chairman Stone of the raised the price of envelopes? Uncle have not been wanting men who E. Horne, with whom he boarded, at Measles has given Mr. Sessoms quite Foreign Relations committee, en- Same is not supposed to make any thought that the war might last two the Jennings cotton mill village. this a seige lately. During the past three dorsing the withdrawal of American profit on the envelopes, either. weeks ten members of his family Ambassador Gerard from Berlin and have had the disease, and all have the giving to German Ambassador Rig Increases Proposed for Defense fairs are confident that the end of monia developed. The remains were the 20th, day of Feb. 1917, at 11 of-

to be Sold at Auction There are 100 children of school age send Bros., which made a voluntary far-reaching provisions requested by ple have that in the event of war in the district and only 10 or 15 of assignment last week, an account of 'he administration to prepare the with Germany the United States these had had measles when the en- which was published in last Thurs- country for whatever may follow the would seize these ships is erroneous idemic broke loose. Now practically day's Robesonian, are given at around break with Germany. all the children in the district have \$12,000 and the assets at about \$5 .-000. Mr. J. D. Norment who was named as trustee, will sell the stock Asheville Dispatch, Feb. 7. -The Housewives league will meet and fixtures at public auction on

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Will Visit Lumberton Wednesday Waste in North Carolina Amounts to \$300 the Hour-Prepare for Inspection

The North Carolina Fire Prevention association will visit Lumberton Wednesday of next week for the purpose of making an inspection. The following in regard to this visit and its purpose has been furnished The

Did you ever stop to think what

waste is preventable; in other words, men prominent in government cir- visiting their sister, Mrs. M. J. Bar-The joint committee on appropriatives. It is either due to carelessness or oth-cles in Washington as to the crisis ker, have returned to their home at The joint committee on appropriations heard Tuesday evening Miss er causes that could be prevented. between the United States and Ger-Fayetteville.—Messrs. Stedman Hol. Chestnut street, has installed one of the latest model Landis leather sewdies and Dr. A. A. McGeachy of lars and cents are about thirty times elsewhere in this issue, the Secretary at Smiths.—Mr. Roscoe Tolar spent ing machines. Charlotte on the necessity for pass- per capita more than in Italy. It of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels en- Saturday at Rennert with his parfor girls and women. The bill carries \$25,000 appropriation for plant Our fire waste approximately equals the people invited to meet them. our tariff duties. Now, why is this The bill to put husband and wife of the shrewdest and most progressive on the same footing as to issues of the world be handicapped foreign affective of the property of the shrewdest and most progressive course he did not attempt to discuss Mr. Walter Rozier has purchased

waste in this State, the North Caro- ent opinions and conjectures as to overv is "Resolved. That women pital cases," among the more than consider the vote by which it had line Fire Prevention association was what may be the outcome, but there should have the right to vote." This pital cases, among the more than passed and then to table that motion. Organized and during the past four is only one view of what will happen is going to be a very interesting descended and during the past four in the event of an "overt act" on years has inspected nearly all the in the event of an "overt act" on bate and no doubt will be attended principal cities and towns in the the part of Germany. That of course by a large crowd. State. Lumberton is the next city on would mean a declaration of war by the list for inspection and the asso- the Congress at once. ciation will meet here on Wednesday,

In order to have Lumberton put in good condition as to order and clean- said, is that Germany is reduced to Pritt. liness, it behooves each citizen to bestir himself and have a thorough cleaning up. At this inspection evonly in a degree. More than a score first offense in carrying concealed erv mercantile building, church and of merchant craft have been sent to weapons \$51 or 31 days in prison and school house will be inspected from the bottom in the war zone within the past 24 hours, and fifty or more the past 24 hours, and fifty or more carelessness, will be noted.

4 MEN HURT IN COLLISION

Car on Side Track-Injured Men and 5 Others on Car Members of egraph Co

Three men are in the Thompson hospital badly bruised up and an-Thompson hotel as a result of an 8-horse power railroad motor car running into a flat freight car on the other view is that if other neutrals ing the exact cost of doing such work. between Lumberton and Fairmont-S.A.L.side track at the Robeson Man-should follow the lead of the United ufacturing Co.'s plant 1 miles west EARLY VEGETABLES DAMAGED of town, about 6:30 last night. The injured men are: W. W. Peek, right ankle fractured; W. F. Covington, back hurt; L. D. Honeycutt, head badly bruised; C. T. Bigger, cut over Still another view is that German; ditions on the drainage canal here, bred White Wyandotte eggs for sale left eye. There were 9 men on the found it necessary to make some such and Mr. McCrory's visit and decision —Shelton West, R. 5, Lumberton; Severe cold weather within the car, and all were badly shaken up. last few days has cost the farmers The motor car belonged to the Germany Cannot Carry Out Avowed maintenance work on Certain Section; White Leghorn hens and pullets of the South millions of dollars and Western Union Telegraph Co., and .Purpose ment of the supply of early vege- ing the telegraph company's lines be- McLean said, that Germany coul! ac- the canal since it was finished about and bank stock and real tables. In South Carolina alone a tween Hamlet and Wilmington. The complish the avowed purpose of her three years ago. conservative estimate places the loss force has been working near here submarine warfare; that is, to shut at a million dollars, four thousand and making Lumberton headquarters off England from her supplies and 2 Cases Infantile Paralysis Quaran- will grind corn 6 days a week-Robacres planted largely in cabbage for some time. The men worked thus strangle her in a short while. right up to 6 o'clock last night in He found the general conviction that Two colored children, who live just sale-J. D. Norment, trustee. Florida has reported 75 per cent order to get some line troubles ad- Germany cannot do much more in south of the Seaboard railroad from of the early vegetables in that State justed. Mr. W. W. Peek, foreman of that way than she already has done. town are reported to have infantile United States Secret Service Men killed and Louisiana crops were dam- the crew, says he was looking for aged about fifty per cent. Fruits local freight No. 65 on the main line denly about 10 o'clock this morning, and vegetables in south Georgia were and the fact that it had gone in on ing American ships and killing American ships are ships and killing American ships and killing American ships and killing American ships are ships and killing American ships and killing American ships are ships and killing American ships are ships and killing American ships and killing American ships are ships are ships and killing American ships are ships are ships are ships are ships and killing American ships are ship learned here. Deceased was a mem- About half of the citrus crop in Flor. open with no switch lights burning States to declare war, Mr. McLean attending them and notified Dr. B. eastern district of United States seida had been gathered before the cold and no flagman or brakeman with a sees no likelihood that the United W. Page, county health officer, of cret service with headquarters in

The injured men were brought to the county was never better,

ed medical aid.

the car had a close call.

U. S. FEELS HIGH COST

Cost of Paper

wth 2 cent stamp, has increased a state of war existed. from \$21.36 the thousand to \$21.74, President Wilson's severance of dip- and size No. 8 has increased from lomatic relations with Germany was \$22 to \$22.56 the thousand. How can lief that the war will be over in six approved formally today by the Sen- a man kick on paving less than 1 months, or in twelve months, at Young Man Dies of Pneumonia Fol- ing gum. ate expressed confidence in the Pres. paper when the price of white paper lief prevailing on any former visit

> Washington Dispatch, Feb. 6. Big increases were added to Na- sight. in Congress today and plans were

First Regiment Reaches State

their home stations.

MEN POMINENT IN NATION TAKE HOPEFUL VIEW OF SITUATION

of Next Week-Preventable Fire Mr. McLean Finds Prominent Men Not Disturbed Over Crisis

WOULD NOT DISTURB BUSINESS

If War is Declared Business Would Not be Disturbed and Country as a Whole Scarcely Would Know the delayed with their farm work on ac-Difference—Opinion Prevails That count of the bad weather. War Will be Over in Six Months or 12 Months at Farthest

National Committeeman A. W. Mc- weeks ago. is about \$3,000,000 annually—over in Washington and Baltimore and soon be better. The Robesonian asked Mr. McLean Mrs. F. L. Hightower and sister, At least 70 per cent of all this about impressions he had gained from Miss Mary Watson, who had been

Hopeful View of Situation by such a terrific waste of wealth he gathered from Mr. Wilson's gen- Biggs has purchased a new horse.

Different Views severe straits, that the German peoleaders that at any time they could tenance Work on Canal submarine warfare for this purpose civil engineer, bold stroke to hold her allies.

A Feeling of Security Prevails If the worst happens, and by sink- Leggett and Jim McKinneth. One light to be seen caused the acci. States will get into the war to any the cases and Dr. Page has had the this city, with several of his subordent. The motor truck was making appreciable extent, except, of course, homes quarantined. about 15 miles an hour, and had the that American warships might be Dr. Page says he doesn't think there mington, N. C., for special duty remen on board not jumped before the sent over to help convoy merchant is any need for alarm as the disease lating to the presence of two German collision, no doubt some of them vessels, etc. Business, he thinks, is not liable to spread at this sea-ships interned there. would have been killed. The train would be disturbed only momentarily, son. His opinion is that the only lit is reported that the machinery was not moving.

It is reported that the machinery danger of contracting the disease of one or both of the ships at William will be disturbed only momentarily. Son. His opinion is that the only lit is reported that the machinery was not moving. town on the freight engine and Dr. among farseeing business men there house where a patient is sick with it. Blalock, who was in the Shadow Lawn W. A. McPhaul, local Seaboard sur- is no anxiety over what may happen. geon, and Dr. N. A. Thompson render- Indeed, some big business men say Lumberton to Fairmont Auto Service has been temporarily transferred to that declaration of war would be the Bullock's garage has put on regular Charlotte. While none of the injuries is best thing that could happen to bus- auto service between Lumberton and thought to be serious, the man on iness. At any rate and in any event, Fairmont. An auto will leave the At the Pastime after - rhaps a few days of unsettled Lorraine hotel each day for Fairmont "The Fugitive", a Gold Rooster and the country as a whole would the auto will leave Jones' garage at LaBadie, is running at the Pastime not know the difference. In this sec- Fairmont at 11 a. m. and 6:30 p. theatre today. The story is one full Uncle Sam Has Increased Price of tion, to bring things down to home m. The service was begun yester- of interest from start to finish and Stamped Envelopes Owing to High folks, conditions would be just as they day and will prove a great conven- will be enjoyed by all who see it. are now, with the exception that the ience to the traveling public, as the Tomorrow a Vitagraph feature will Owing to the high cost of paper, price of cotton would be affected, and railroad service from Lumberton to be shown which will be up to the Uncle Sam has increased the price but for news of events from the out. Fairmont is not at all satisfactory, standard. The music at the Pastime of stamped envelopes. Size No. 13. side world one would not realize that It takes all day to get from Lum- is worth several times the price of

End of War Almost In Sight Mr. McLean found the general be-Men in close touch with national af-

Speaking of war-bound German ships in American harbors, Mr. Mc-The liabilities of the fir mof Town- made to put through quickly other Lean said that the idea many peo-The first regiment, North Carolina them would be confiscation of private rate them without profit. Mr. Mc- right to reject all bids, and sell said infantry, arrived here from El Paso property. Of course the government Tean says he heard Mr. Ford tell property at private the private owners would be paid for marines a day if necessary.

ROZIER NEWS NOTES

Farm Work Delayed by Bad Weather ing for Debate-Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian. -A severe wind and snow storm swept through this section last night.

trees being blown down. Farmers of this section are being days, is slightly improved today.

library, which was or lered a few Mr. J. W. I owe is suffering a great

The circle Sunbeam meeting will be terday morning. held with the church at Clybornville

The explanation may be given in be averted, and that Senators and are preparing to have a debate soon. two words: carelessness and indiffer- other prominent men with whom he Affirmative. Messrs. Ed Sessoms and talked take a hopeful view of the Chas. Rozier: negative. Mr. Walter In order to assist in reducing the situation . There are many differ- Britt and Miss Pearl Carlyle. The

Mrs. E. B. Smith of Dublin. Bladen county, arrived last night and will spend a few days at the home One prevalent opinion, Mr. McLean of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Mr. Lee says the Charlotte-Wilming-

ple have been led to believe by their Government Engineers Will do Main-

bring England to her knees by strang- Mr. S. H. McCrory, chief engineer ling her with submarines, and that in charge of drainage investigation, basement to garret, and every defect, while the German leaders know this department of roads and engineering, cannot be done it was necesary for Washington, D. C., spent Tuesday in them to make declaration of ruthless Lumberton with Mr. F. F. Wetmore, in order to save themselves with their tions on Back and Jacob swamps said a fine boy was born to himself home people. In other words, that canal with a view to doing mainten-Railway Motor Car Runs Into Freight the declaration of ruthless submarine ance work. He will send a crew of Boone is well-known in Robeson, havwarfare was more for home consump. men here soon to do maintenance ing formerly been county farm demtion than anything else and that Ger- work on about 3 miles of Jacob onstrator in Robeson. Repair Crew of Western Union Tel- many would carefully avoid any act swamp canal and work may also be that would lead to war with the done on some portions of Back Notice of New Advertisements ... United States. The treatment of swamp canal. This work will consist Personally conducted tours to Florthe Housatonic, which was sunk care- in shrubbing banks, cleaning out ida and Cuba-Seaboard iAr Line; other is confined to his room at the fully within the rules, the crew be- channel, etc., and it will be done un- fashion expert from New York in pat-

States Germany would throw up her ington a few weeks ago on his way Robeson for new series Saxon cars hands and end the war immediately, home from a hospital in Baltimore, -Barringer Garage Co., Charlotte, her leaders "saving their faces" with where he was under treatment for N. C.; the way to have money in their people by the plea that Ger- some time, he called on Mr. McCrory the bank-First National Bank; house many could not fight the whole world. and had a talk with him about con- for rent-R. R. Carlyle; thoroughto send a crew of men here to do load of lightwood wanted-Robesontions of the canal is the result. No for sale: gift da- for men Febru-Nowhere did he find the view, Mr. maintenance work has been done on ary 10-R. D. Caldwell & Son; mill

tined-No Cause for Alarm

paralysis. They are children of Amos

and now would be in going right into the mington has been damaged. Frank

lowing Measles Mr. Willie Todd, aged about 20 or three years. Now it is different. morning at 1 o'clock. Deceased was first taken with measles, and pneu- undersigned trustee will on Tuesday. the war is almost, if not quite, in shipped this morning to Mr. Todd's clock a. m., offer fo rsale at public old home near Conway, S. C., and in- auction for cash to the highest bidterment will be made tomorrow.

them at the end of the war.

1,000 Submarines a Day It has been told in news disnatches merchandise, that Henry Ford, the automobile man- store This the government would not do ufacturer, has notified the govern- safe, and would have no right to do. ment that in the event of war he er goods, wares and merchandise These ships are the property of pri- would place his factories at the dis- formerly owned by Townsend Bros. vate German citizens and seizing noval of the government and one- assignors. The trustee reserving the

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

-License has been issued for the -School Library Received-Prepar- marriage of De.Witt McIntyre and Bernice B. Hamer.

-Miss Lula Bryan went yesterday Rozier (Lumberton, R. 2), Feb. 6 to the State sanatorium at Sanatorium for treatment for tuberculosis.

-The condition of Mr. W. G. Rey-We don't hear of any damage, only nolds, who has been very sick at his home, Seventh street for several

-Mr. J. Ed Tyson and family moved yesterday from Mr. Tyson's farm The Rozier school has received its about 2 miles east of town into the McNeill house, East Fifth street. -The Baraca gymnasium will give its first entertainment tomorrow eve-

ning, beginning at 8:15. Admission is limited to those who have received -Mr. W. F. Edwards, who ope-

fered a stroke of parlysis early yes--Mr. O. C. Norment of Lumberton is 79 years young today and says he

be hale and hearty on many more -A freight car was derailed on the V. & C. S. track at the Elizabethtown road crossing in the northeastern part of town yesterday af-

The passenger train from ternoon. Hope Mills was delayed about 15 minutes on account of the derailment. There was no damage. -Mr. Henry Lee of R. 4 from Lumberton was among the callers at The Robesonian office yesterday. ton highway, which passes his home, is in bad condition in many places

between Lumberton and his home as

a result of the recent bad weather. -Mr. W. C. Boone, who lives on R. 2 from Lumberton, was in town vesterday. He told a Robesonian reporter that he received a letter Tuesday from his brother, Mr. J. A. Boone, who lives at Montrose, in which he

ing given every aid to escape in safe- der supervision of government en-ty, seems to bear out this view. An- gineers for the purpose of ascertain- T. Biggs; double daily auto service When Mr. Wetmore was in Wash- Bullock's Garage; dealer wanted in bought and sold-P. O. Box meats cut to suit you-Phone 316: eson Grocery Co.; notice of trustee's

Ordered to Wilmington

Charlotte Dispatch, Feb. 8. Henry Thomas, chief of the Southdinates, has been ordered to Wil-Dr. Page says he doesn't think there mington, N. C., for special duty re-

> It is reported that the machinery detachment of secret service men,

and ditions, things would settle down at 9 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Returning play in 5 parts featuring Florence berton to Fairmont by rail-a dist-admission, 5 and 10 cents. Tomorrow ance of only 11 miles through the afternoon every school child visiting the Pastime and paying 5 cents admission will be given free chew-

Mr. Jesse Scott of Elrod was a Lumberton visitor Monday.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Notice is hereby given that the der at the store of Townsend Bros., in the town of Lumberton on the corner of 4th and Elm streets in said town, all and singular, the stock of fixtures. furniture. typwriter

J. D. NORMENT, Trustee.

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