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### IMPORTANT DECISIONS ON LIMITATION NAVIES TO FOLLOW DANIELS' VISIT

Subject Will Be Taken Up By Peace Conference

**WOULD DEFER JUDGMENT** ON THE COMPOSITE SHIP

Building of Gigantic Battle Cruisers By U. S. Has Been Watched By British "Since It Appeared Likely They Would Necessitate Additions To British Naval Budget," It Is Stated; Value of Types of Fighting Ships of Today Compared

Washington, March 15.-Important conclusions which probably will be reflected later at Paris in discussion of limitation of naval armament were expected here to grow out of the forthoming conferences between Secretary Daniels and his aides and European admiralty officials. The Secretary sailed accompanied by his three chief technical advisers.

While the main object of the trip of the American officials is to gather information upon which the Navy Department can base a report to Congress relative to the proposal to substitute gigantic composite cruiser battleships for present day capital war vessels, the fact such a program would render all existing fleets obsolete and that its cost would be enormous insure, in the view of many officials here, that the project will be taken up at the peace confer-

Defer Judgment.

Pending the return of the secretary and more complete intra-service discussion, naval officials generally are inclined to defer judgment as to the advisability of adopting the composite

In the view here even the American 35-knot erniser project, now held up to await a decision on the greater question of composite ships, has in its elements that make it more than a purely national matter under present consideration. Officers say if competitive naval building is to continue, other powers must provide similar ships as not even Great Britain has built or is building craft of equal efficiency in their own peculiar

British Interests and Why.

It is understood progress toward the construction of the gigantic battle cruisers, six of which already have been authorized, has been watched with some concern by British naval authorities since it has appeared likely they would necessitate additions to the British naval budget. There is little doubt among officials here the British would welcome an international anderstand-'ng at Paris which would eliminate that source of expenditure.

The standard fighting ship of today EX-SPEAKER DECLINES

is the super-dreadnaught, in the American and British navies, a vessel with a speed of approximately 23 knots, an armament of twelve 16-inch guns; an armor belt varying from 12 to 14 inches in thickness and a displacement of about \$5,000 tons. Such a ship costs about \$20,000,000. The United States has ten of them under construction or authorized and the naval appropriation bill which failed in the final hours of the last congress, authorized ten more

Proposed New Ship.

The proposed ship now urged by some American officers would have a speed of 29 knots, carry twelve 16-inch guns, an armor belt of from 12 to 14 inches, displace about 55,000 tons and cost \$40,000,-000. It would carry the same offensive and defensive power as the super-dreadnaughts and would make six knots an hour greater speed. The price of this increased speed officers declare, would be a doubled cost of construction and almost double size, the latter earrying with it far-reaching engineering changes in harbors, navy yards and dry docks to accommodate such monster craft. No such vessels have been built or projected by any other power so far as is known.

This "composite" battleship, for which Admiral Mayo, commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet, Vice Admiral Sims, commanding abroad, and many other high officers who have served overseas, have contended, is supposed to repre-sent the maximum attainable in speed without the sacrifice of gun power or

Among naval men it generally is conceded that there is no question as to the relative fighting value of the existing and proposed types. Having six knots greater speed, the composite craft would have a tremendous advantage but it is contended even with all mechanical and economic questions answered in the affirmative, the strategic and tactical value of the six knots increase in speed must be determined by concensus of professional naval opinion before so radical a departure in design could be embarked upon. Officers must project their minds to future battles, to say whether the additional speed is

worth what it would cost. The alternative, officers say, is the present program to which the general board of the navy clings super-dread-naughts for the line and 35-knot battle cruisers as a powerful scouting wing. There is no present thought of any compromise design. The British bat-tleship, Hood, nearing completion, is such a compromise and valueless in the merican view. While the Hood will have a speed of 23 or 29 knots, her eight 15-inch guns measure as seven to twelve in gun-power against ships

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and Bring Back Food For Germans

MUCH FOOD AVAILABLE

Iron-Clad Conditions To Com-

Paris, Mar. 15,-Under the agreement which the Germans made at Brussels, the United States will receive eight German ships which will be ready to go to sea within four days. The vessels are the Zeppelin, of 15,200 tons, the Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm of 17,000 tons, the Graf Waldersee of 13,000 tons, the Patricia of 14,466 tons, the Cap Finistere of 14,500 tons, the Pretoria of 13,-200 tons, the Cleveland of 16,900 tons Chinese Arthurst and and 125,000 tons.

also will go to the United States. At the present time the Imperator stuck in the mud but it is believed she

The vessels going to the United mans returned.

There is available in England for immediate movement to Germany approximately 30,000 tons of pork products, 5,000 tons of beans, 5,000 tons of rice and 15,000 tons of cereals. The United States has in Rotterdam and on

payment by Germany will be made by freight hire accruing to the Germans for the use of the shipping, and part from credits Germany may continue to establish and maintain in neutral countries; part from German exports; part from the sale of German owned foreign securities and part by the use of German gold.

The Germans agreed to place a de posit of gold in the national bank of Beigium at Brussels for use as col-

Through Mays He Is Asked To dred American officers and seamen attached to the cruiser and transport forces already have been sent to French ports to take over the German ships as they are delivered, it was learned here today. They are to be supplemented with men from naval forces stationed abroad. The first of the German ships is expected to arrive here shortly after

London, March 15.—The Associated Press learns that, while the total tonnage of German shipping to be surrendered cannot be accurately ascertained. it may be estimated roughly at three Washington, March 15. - Champ and a half million tons, including ships

> Austrian ships, the management of a very small proportion of the German shipping will be entrusted to that country. France will receive big oceangoing steamers to the extent of 75,000 to 100,000 tons. The balance of the tonange will be divided equally between the United States and Great Britain. The United States is not interested in the cargo tonnage, of which Great Britain will probably manage three-fourths,

The German ships will be delivered at various ports, those at present in neu-tral harbors being handed over there. There will be nothing in the shape of a formal surrender. The ships, according to information here, will be manned almost exclusively by British, French and American crews-exclusively so when they are used for the transport

An allied economic commission is being established at Hamburg to deal with the matter of freight and cognate sub-

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**NEGRO PRISONER WAS** EXPERT JAIL BREAKER

Locking Up Jailer of Pender County

Wilmington, March 15. — Motion Hayes, a negro held in Pender county jail at Burgaw, charged with killing

HE TOOK A BAND ALONG IN CASE HE SHOULD VISIT BERLIN



JOSEPHUS DANIELS

# JAILS FUN EUNUTE

Give Member of Crew a Chance To Become Officer

JACKIE SWINGS ASHORE WHILE SHIP LEAVE PIER

Distinguished Party of Naval Experts in Party; 19 Guns As Vessel Moves Out

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, March 15 .- Secretary Daniels and a party of naval experts, sailed for France today on the transport Leviathan to study naval and aviation problems. They will visit Great Britain and Italy and also will be absent until about May 12. Secretary Daniels was accompanied by Mrs. Daniels.

An army guard of honor, an army

band, Vice Admiral Albert Gleaves, representing the navy; Major General David R. Shanks and Brigadier General George McManus, representing the army and Admiral Grout of the French navy, met the secretary and his party when they arrived at the pier, and a naval guard of honor and navy hand "piped" them on board, the ceremonies corres-ponding with those accorded President Wilson on his first trip to France.

Flying the Secretary's Flag. The Leviathan fired a 19-gun salute as she started on her voyage at 4:30 p. m. flying the secretary's flag.

been brought about or made possible by the war," said Mr. Daniels, before setween June 1 and June 15. sailing. "We are going to pay particu-

As the transport was being warped away from the pier a sailor appeared at an open port and, grasping a dock rope, swung himself ashore, while his comrades called good byes. It de-veloped the youth, a member of the crew whose assignment to an officers training school had been disapproved by the bureau of navigation, had taken his case personally before Secretary Daniels aboard the liner. The secretary had approved the transfer, sailor said, and, having no mind for another passage on the Leviathan he made his dash for shore. He proudly exhibited the document, signed by the secretary.

As the Leviathan passed the Narrows at 5:30 p. m., the U. S. S. Amphitrite fired a salute of 19 guns in honor of Secretary Daniels, Several scaplanes and a dirigible balloon accompanied the liner a short distance out at sea. Commander Adolphus Staton, of Tarboro, N. C., is executive officer of the Leviathan and Commander Percy Foote, who goes as the secretary's aide, is from Wilkes county.

45TH RENEWAL OF **KENTUCKY DERBY** 

Bigger Than Ever (As Barnum Would Say) Big Racing Event Set For May 10

Louisville, Ky., March 15 .- Seventyfive eminations, five more than in 1918, have been made for the forty-fifth renewal of the historic Kentucky derby, worth to the winner about \$22,000 as against a maximum of approximately \$16,000, the greatest amount in any preious year. The list made public to-night by the Kentucky Jockey Club, indiented the speediest of racing horse flesh on the American continent will vie with the best racing blood from abroad. Fifty colts, twenty-one geldings, and four fillies are in the list. Ten are imported. Only one imported horse however, has ever captured the derby-Omar Khayyam, a son of Marco-Lisma, which won in 1917.

The derby will be run at Churchill Downs, May 10. The distance will be at a mile and a quarter for three-yearolds. It will carry \$20,000 in added money, which with entry fees of 25 and 250 to start will make the total value of R. Manlpass entered the cerridor, the the stake about \$26,000. The value to the winner, figured in excess of \$22,000 locked the door, took the key and dis-appeared. A carpenter was called to and make it the richest 1919 purse on

Play at Enterprise School. (Special to the News and Observer.)
Neuse, March 15.—The play, "Breezy
Point," was presented tonight at Enterprise school by the girls of Broadwell school. The proceeds will be used

Special \$250 Purse Plat Race. Big running race of the season. Pinchurst, Wednesday.—(adv.)

## **WETS ORGANIZE IN**

Association Formed Opposed To National Prohibition: Its Purpose

MAKE 18TH AMENDMENT "FOREVER INOPERATIVE"

Some Men With Financial Cognomens Are Among Those Named As Incorporators

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, March 15 .- Organization of the association opposed to national prohibition was announced here tonight with the avowed "prime purpose" making the eighteenth amendment to the constitution "forever inoperative." Application for incorporation under the laws of New York will be named next week, it was said. Among the incorporators will be Percival 8. Hill, president of the American Tobacco Company; Joseph W. Harriman, presi-

Alman & Company No parson offiit was declared, has any interest, di-Last Thing He Did Was To rectly or indirectly, in the liquor busia

Plans for organization of branches in twenty-nine States have been laid, it was announced, and nearly 800,000 persons already have applied for member-

"Personal Rights."

The organization, it was declared, stands on the principle of "personal rights and liberties,' and is opposed to introduction of any bills in Congress or in the various State legislatures differentiating between light wines and beer and whiskey.

It is as strongly opposed, the statement declared, to prohibition by con-stitutional amendment of the manufacture and sale of eigarettes, cough drops and chewing gum, as it is to the prohibition by constitutional amendment of the manufacture and sale of intoxi-

To Influence Public Opinion.

In addition to the organization's campaign to influence public opinion for "maintenance of the standards of personal liberty" by "all lawful and proper means," the organization also proposes to disseminate information regarding the political, social and economic effect of the prohibition of the sale of alcoholic beverages, to promote temperance in the use of alcoholic beverages" and to oppose any movement to limit or discontinue the use of to-

The organization will hold massmeetings and parades in forty-three cities on April 19, the anniversary of "We are going to Europe to study the firing of the first gun of the Ameriis to be held, the announcement says,

## lar attention to types of capital ships and aviation." A Proud Boy's Leap. As the transport was being warped

Attempted To Escape From Spanish Port Where It Took Refuge

(By the Associated Press) Paris, March 15 .- The German submarine U-48, while attempting to escape from Ferrol, Spain, last night, was chased by a destroyer and sunk. according to a Havas despatch from Madrid.

The U-48 took refuge at Ferrol in March, 1918, and was interned. The attempted flight of the U-boat was observed and the torpedo boat destroyer Antalo pursued her. The German boat was sunk outside the Ferrol Ronds. The crew was saved.

When the German U-48 sought refuge at Ferrol, her propellers were unshipped by the authorities and her guns and munitions were taken out according to dispatches from that port. The captain of the submarine declared his craft had been damaged severely in a fight with three ships. The U-boat carried a crew of thirty men, and for a time a Spanish warship stood guard over her. In 1917 the U-48 was reported off

Bermuda. TO BAR OUT USE OF

Berlin, Tuesday, Mar. 11 .- (By the A P.)-The ministry of finance, it is understood, will recommend to the German national assembly the immediate reactment of a law barring the Russian ruble from circulation in Germany and prohibiting any traffic in it. The influence of Russian currency,

which began in an astonishing manner with the advet of Adolph Joffe, the Bolshevik ambassador to Germany, in Berlin last summer, has been a constant source of annoyance in circles keenly alive to the Bolsheviki menace. The big banks suspicions were aroused when the Spartaeans suddenly displayed unexpected prosperity which enabled them to establish a daily newspaper and carry on a political campaign which ramifications in all sections of

Meanwhile rubles have continued to flow in, being shipped in potato sacks and soap boxes.

Views of Neutral Countries. Paris, Friday, March 14.-The invitation sent by the peace conference to neutral states to participate in a discussion of the league of nations has brought responses from Switzerland, Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. These countries have forwarded statements on their views to the secretary of the conference.

## A FINAL ARMISTICE MAY NOT NEED RATIFICATION AT HANDS OF THE SENATE

BRIDGE OVER PERIOD BETWEEN SIGNING OF PEACE TREATY AND RATIFICATION BY UNITED STATES.

Paris, March 15.—The peace delegates are considering bridging over the period between the signature of the peace treaty and the ratification of the treaty by the United States by a "modus vivendi" declaring hostilities ended as of date of the signature, so as not to delay the termination of certain war legislation and enable the rush of normal trade while affording the Senate the necessary time for consideration.

The question of calling a special session of the Senate immediately after the signing of the treaty, which may be within ten days, has also been under con-

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF MEETING OF SUPREME COUNCIL SATURDAY.

Press.)—The supreme war council met at 5 clock this afternoon. President Wilson was not present. It was explained that President Wilson THE PERSON OF TH

the final military and naval terms were not to be discussed at today's session, he House to the council instead. The official statement regarding the meeting says;

"The supreme war council was to have received the final draft of the naval military and air terms today but in the absence of President Wilson who was unable to complete his examination of the proposals, the meeting was adjourned until Monday."

Demonstrations Under Management Victory Loan Campaign

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 15 .- Three flying circuses of American, French and British aviators in American and captured German Fokker planes will tour the United States in connection with the Victory Liberty Loan campaign, giving aerial sham battles and aerobaties over 50 leading American cities.

The demonstrations will be under the management of the Victory Loan publicity bureau, of which Frank R. Wilson is director and the actual flights will be under the supervision of the military aeronauties branch of the War

Department. Fourteen captured German Fokker planes were lauded today at Newport will be demonstrated.

The tour will start April 10, although the loan selling campaign does not open until April 21. Each squadron will be carried in a special train of eleven cars, traveling at night. Nine end-door baggage cars will be required to carry the eventeen airplanes in each squadron.

Six of the best British flyers develsped during the war will participate. Eight French flyers, one of whom has a record of 43 victories, have left France for the United States to take part.

Photographers of the signal corps will elties visited; the plates will be dropped from airplanes by parachutes and hurried reprodu ions made for the benefit of the residents of all cities visited. Parades will precede the flying. The schedule of eastern squadron includes Richmond, Va., and Charles-

### SLEEPING SICKNESS SEQUEL OF INFLUENZA

Health Commissioner of New York City Makes Statement On Subject

New York, March 15 .- Belief that at east half of New York's forty cases of sleeping sickness" are sequels of Spanish influenza were expressed tonight by Dr. Royal S. Copeland, city health com-

Investigation by the health department, Dr. Copeland said, indicated that there were two forms of "sleeping sick-RUSSIAN MONEY IN GERMANY ness" in the city-one a sequel of influenza and the other the disease known as encephalitis lethargeia or epidemie

"sleeping sickness"-that of a baby of ten months-was reported today. The child had not suffered from influenza, Dr. Copeland said, but both its parents

Precautionary measures similar to those recommended during the influenza epidemic were advised by Dr. Copeland for avoidance of the new disease.

WHOLE TOWN DESTROYED BY CYCLONE; DEATH IN THE WIND

Muskogee, Mar. 15 .- At least one man was killed and several seriously injured when the town of Porter, about 12 miles northwest of this city, was practically destroyed by a cyclone this afternoon.

Situation in Korea. Honolulu, T. H., Mar. 15 .- The Korean activity in behalf of the inde-pendence of that country was incited by Christians, according to a Tokio cablegram to the Nippu Jiji, a Japanese daily newspaper here. blegram adds that the situation in Korea gradually is subsiding and that many leaders in the recent uprising there have been arrested by the Japa-

nese.

Preliminary Treaty May Be Characterized As Such Between The Big Powers and Germany

PLENARY COUNCIL WILL INCORPORATE LEAGUE OF NATIONS IN TREATY

President Answers Explicitly To This Effect An Inquiry Cabled By His Secretary at White House; Another Statement Says League May Be Incorporated in Final Treaty and Possibly Not in The Pre-William Ready L. W.

(m) the Kasheinted Frame) New York, March 15 .- Joseph P. Tunulty, secretary to President Wilson, announced here today that he was in receipt of a cablegram from the President stating that the plenary council has positively decided that the league of nations is to be part of the peace This cablegram was sent in response

o one sent by Mr. Tumplty inquiring whether there was any truth in certain newspaper stories that the league was not to be incorporated in the peace

treaty. "I cabled direct to the President at Paris asking if there was any truth in these reports," said Mr. Tumulty, "and I am this morning in receipt of a cablegram from the President stating that the plenary council has positively decided that the league of nations is to be part of the peace treaty; that there is absolutely no truth in any report to the contrary.

Explanation By Officials.
Washington, March 15.—Although it will be included in the final treaty of peace, the league of nations may not be in the preliminary treaty, it was said today in official circles here, after Secre-tary Tumulty had asnounced in New York he had been informed by President Wilson by cable the plenary council at Paris had decided the league plan was to be a part of the treaty.

Officials explained the preliminary treaty would be between the victorious associated powers and Germany only; that it might be characterized as the "final armistice" and as such need not be submitted to the Senate for ratifica-News and will be shipped at once to tion. They said that the preliminary Washington. The best types of Ameri- document in every particular would be can planes developed during the war incorporated in the final treaty which would present the terms which must be agreed to by all the warring nations. Among other details which will be acorporated in the final treaty and

which some officials do not think will be in the preliminary draft will be those of boundaries. WILSON WANTS LEAGUE

IN PRELIMINARY TREATY

Paris, March 15 .- (By the Associated Press.)-If President Wilson insists that the league of nations be incorpor accompany each squadron. They will ated in the preliminary treaty, the Brit-take war photographs of each of the ish it is understood, will concede the point, although they still believe the preliminary pact is not the proper place for the inauguration of the league which they declare should be included in the final pact.

This attitude was indicated today after the announcement that the American delegation strongly desired the inclusion of the league in the preliminary trenty, as well as in the final pact. The British, it is made known, do not wish to delay the lengue of nations pro-gram in any way, but they express the keenest desire for the immediate sign-

ing of the preliminary peace treaty, so

as to alleviate unsatisfactory conditions

resulting from the continuation of the

TO TAKE UP BOUNDARY BETWEEN POLAND AND GERMANY

Paris, March 15 .- (By the Associated Press.)-One of the first questions to be considered by the council of ten, with President Wilson participating in the discussion will be the boundary between Poland and Germany. The Polish boundary commission as well as the general terrorial commission has virtually agreed unanimously on this

While no official announcement has been made, it is known that Danzig is included in Poland and that the commissions have agreed upon a boundary which would give Poland stategic points which should make her an effective barrier between Bolshevism and western Europe.

PLAN SIGNING OF SEPARATE TREATIES WITH GERMANY'S ALLIES

Paris, Friday, March 14 .- (By the Associated Press.)-The British program at the peace conference is understood to contemplate the signing of separate preliminary treaties with the central allies as soon as possible after Germany is disposed of. Next would come the consideration of any amendments to the present constitution of the league of nations, and then the league would be whipped into permanent shape. The final peace treaty would follow and would include the league of

of nations plan. The leading thought among the British now seems to be to strip the preliminary peace terms of all unnecessary

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# Officials at Washington Say PRESIDENT DID NOT ATTEND WAR COUNCIL MEETING AS DRAFT OF TREATY TERMS NOT FINISHED IN TIME FOR HIM TO STUDY THEM.

Paris, March 15.—The supreme war council resumed its sessions this afternoon with a distinguished array of military and civilian chiefs, expecting that President Wilson would be present for the final consideration of the military, naval and serial terms of the German disarmament.

naval and serial terms of the German disarmament.

The Precident did not attend however, Col. House taking his place, as the draft of the terms of the treaty had not been completed in time to permit of study before the meeting. The President received the full draft late today, and went over it tonight article by article with Gen. Bliss and Admiral Benson at the Paris White House.

With the President absent the council deferred the military and naval terms until Monday.

Lived George Looks Wilson Un.

Lloyd George Looks Wilson Up.

The Polish frontiers of Germany were
the next subject but the British prime
minister was not prepared to proceed, so

act me country took out the bearing that President Wilson would not attend,

conference on the situation
Date of Completion.

The inevitable delays on various details lead to doubts for the first time in American quarters on completing the treaty by March 25, as was expected. It has developed also that Mr. Lloyd George is obliged to return to London the middle of the coming week, and he is unable to say how long he will be gone, owing to the British labor conditions and other subjects, requiring his attention in London. It is hoped that be will return within a week or ten days, or possibly turn over British interests to Mr. Balfour, but his absence may have the effect of prolonging the conclusion of the treaty beyond the 25th.

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Herse of Another Celor.

It was stated at American headquarters the treaty now being framed would be the definite treaty covering all the main subjects, and would not be a preliminary treaty. It is the treaty wifth will be submitted to the United States for ratification, and after its conclusion the remaining details will be largely formalities.

Seat of the Leagus.

No decision has yet been made concerning the seat of the league of nations, but the minister of foreign affairs of Belgium has written offering one of the historic palaces of Brussels as the home of the league, if Brussels is chosen. The prevailing American sentiment continues to be favorable to Geneva.

Bourgeois and House to Confer.

Leon Bourgeois, French delegate on the league of nations, will hold a conference with Col. House tomorrow concerning the two proposed amendments to the covenant. The amendments deal with investigations by the league of the military status of all the member countries.

Frank Hitchcock accompanied M. Bourgeois and the American delegates who aftended the league of nations congress at London, but is now back in Paris taking an active interest in the league.

OPPOSE CLARK AS

Define His Position On

The League

TO WORRY OVER IT NOW Says He Is Visiting Daughter In Order To Rest and Has

No Statement To Make (By the Associated Press.)

Clark was asked to declare his position in neutral ports. on the league of nations, in a telegram sent to him at New Orleans by Representative Mays, of Utah, who repeated his assertion that the former speaker had said in his presence the eague constitution "has as much chance

of being ratified as you have of being pope of Rome." Mr. Clark had publicly denied making such a statement. Mr. May's message was made public tonight by the organization of Democratic members of the House to oppose the selection of Mr. Clark as minority leader in the next Congress. It said the former Speaker's reference to the league was made on the day Senator Reed, of Missouri, spoke against it in the Senate and

that Mr. Clark had declared that Mr. Reed's argument "was unanswerable." "All other prominent public men announced their position on this vital public question," said Mr. Mays, "Bryan from a sick bed has declared the covenant of peace to be the greatest forward step in a thousand years, suggesting minor amendments. May we ask what are your suggestions? desire you to come out in the open like other public men assuming the lead in official position. We remember you did vote for the war resolution and that you spoke and voted against the selective draft, urged by the President. We remember your attitude throughout the period of the war as being out of sym-

Under Which Flag? "Do you now propose to act in har-mony with the majority view or to compel the majority to act in accordance with your views? Are you with Lodge, Penrose, Borah and Reed, or are you with the President and for the league

ELECTS OFFICERS

pathy with the administration and the

majority of your Democratic col-

leagues.

of nations?"

GREENVILLE MILL

Greenville, March 15 .- The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Greenville Cotton Mills, Inc., was held Friday at the offices of the company. A dividend of 10 per cent was declared and an additional sum was credited to the surplus account. The following officers were elected: President, J. G. Jailer Manlpass and was awaiting trial Special \$250 Purse Fl Moye; vice president, R. B. Cotton; when he made his second uncerem superintendent, W. H. Norris.

### TRANSFER OF HUN SHIPS UNDER WAY

Will Carry Allied Troops Home

FOR QUICK MOVEMENT

pel Good Faith in Carrying Out The Agreement

(By the Associated Press.)

can be floated in a few days. The total ships made available to the Allies under the sgreement number more than 700, approximating 1,500,000

States are passenger ships on account of the American desire to use them for the transportation of troops. Those going to France and England immediately are eargo vessels in neutral ports in South and Central America and the Dutch East Indies. They will be permitted to leave with cargoes for Germany with German crews but under allied flags. When ships put out from German ports to be handed over they will be manned by Germans but on arrival in allied ports the crews will be replaced by allied crews and the Ger-

the way there approximately 75,000 tons of breadstuffs. A summary of the agreement shows

U. S. Seamen Used.

TOTAL TONNAGE

As Italy already is in possession of

and France the balance.

Criminal Repeats Escapes By

two negeoes and setting fire to the house in which they lived, early this morning escaped from a cell into the corridor of the jail and when Jailer E. prisoner slipped out from behind him, release the jailer by sawing out the lock of a heavy outer door. Immediate search was begun for Hayes but late reports today say he has not been caught. Hayes was arrested last fall charged with the murder of two negroes and placed in the Pender county jail only