

the Lusitania, which Germany alleges, received here had cannon aboard ships, it will be asserted, but only selfwas armed and carried large stores of which were mounted and concealed war munitions "it acted in justified self-defense in seeking with all the means of warfare at its disposition to protect the lives of its soldiers by destroying ammunition intended for the enemy."

The German Government recalls the proposals submitted by the United in a confidential instruction, issued in State Government to Berlin and Lon- February, 1915, recommended its merdon, designed to end the submarine warfare and the shutting out of food supplies from Germany which, it declares, failed of their purpose because disguised to attack German submaof the refusal of the British Govern- rines by ramming. As a special inciment to agree to them.

# Text of Note.

The following is the text of the German note:

"The undersigned has the honor to submit to Ambassador Gerard, the of these facts, indubitably known to following answer to the communica- it, is unable to regard British mertion of May 15, regarding the injury to American interests urough Ger. ations specified by the admiralty staff man submarine warfare.

"The Imperial Government has subjected the communication of the Am- no longer able to observe the customerican Government to a thorough in- ary regulations of the prize law, which vestigation. It entertains also a keen they before always followed. wish to co-operate in a frank and friendly way in clearing up a possible misunderstanding which may have arisen in the relations between the two Governments through the events mentioned by the American Government.

"Regarding, firstly, the case of the American steamers Cushing and Gulflight. The American Embassy has duty with self-sacrifice and devotion already been informed that the German Government has no intention of submitting neutral ships in the war zone, which are guilty of no hostile acts, to attack by a submarine or submarines or aviators. On the contrary, the German forces have repeatedly been instructed most specifically to avoid attacks on such ships.

### Isolated Cases.

"If neutral ships in recent months have suffered through the German submarine warfare, owing to mistakes in identification, it is a question only of quite isolated and exceptional cases, which can be attributed to the British Government's abuse of flags, together with the suspicious or eulpable behavior of the masters of the ships.

"The German Government in all cases in which it has been shown by its investigations that a neutral ship, not itself at fault, was damaged by German submarines or aviators, has expressed regret over the unfortunate accident and, if justified by conditions, has offered indemnification.

Cushing and Gulfllight. "The cases of the Cushing and Gulflight will be treated on the same principles. An investigation of both cases is in progress, the result of which will presently be communicated to the Embassy. The investigation can, if necessary, be supplemented by an international call on the international commission of inquiry as provided by Article III of The Hague agreemnt of American government. October 18 1907

below decks.

## Prizes for Ramming

"The Imperial Government further has the honor to direct the particular attention of the American Government to the fact that the British admiralty cantile shipping not only to seek protection under neutral flags and distinguishing marks, but also, while thus tation to merchantmen to destroy submarines the British government also

offered high prizes and has already paid such rewards. "The Imperial government in view

chantmen in the zone of naval operof the German navy as 'undefended.' German commanders consequently are

Carrier War Material.

"Finally the Imperial government must point out particularly that the Lusitania on its last trip, as on earlier occasions, carried Canadian troops and war material, including no less than 5,400 cases of ammunition intended for the destruction of the brave Ger-

man soldiers who are fulfilling their in the fatherland's service. "The German government believes

it was acting in justified self-defense in seeking with all the means of warfare at its disposition to protect the lives of its soldiers by destroying ammunition intended for the enemy.

"The British shipping company must have been aware of the danger | many.

to which the passengers aboard the Lusitania were exposed under these conditions. The company in embarking them, notwithstanding this attempted deliberately to use the lives of American citizens as protection for the ammunition aboard and acted against the clear provisions of the American law which expressly prohibits the forwarding of passengers on ships carrying ammunition and provides a penalty therefor. The com-

the death of so many passengers. There can be no doubt, according to the definite report of the submarine's commander, which is further confirmed by all other information, that the quick sinking of the Lusitania is primarily attributable to the explosion of the ammunition shipment caused by a torpedo. The Lusitania passengers would otherwise, in all human probability, have been saved.

"The Imperial government considers the above-mentionel facts impor-

exploding material and lines in the past have been permitted to carry

arms and ammunition by special ruling of the state department on the mean- will be superior in many sections to ing of Federal stautes. Germany's failure even to discuss

the reparation demanded by the American note, and evasion of the request that guarantees be given to American vessels and lives be not States government, it was generally believed, would advert to in the sec-

ond note. The expressions of regret and offers of reparation for unintentional attacks on neutral ships are expected to have little weight in determining the nature of the response of the United States.

When the note of May 13 was sent tion, the United States will add, it is these counties. said, that the American steamer Ne-

braskan was torpedoed without warn- their investigations, they will make a ing within the last few days. While it is generally thought the United States will answer Germany's

request for facts with a re-statement of the circumstances as recited in the American note of May 13, the promptness with which the reply will be dispatched is counted upon to serve as an indication that the American government wishes an early answer ana does not desire to engage in a pro-

tracted diplomatic discussion. Persons close to President Wilson have learned that he is determined to obtain reparation for the Lusitania victims and assurances of respect for American rights in future, and that failing this, he would not hesitate to

DEAL FIRMLY WITH MEXICO.

Fresident Wilson in Statement Says Fighting Must Stop.

the chaos in Mexico. Until President to the war regulations. Wilson makes public a statement he has prepared, details of his plans will To Inspect Death Registration. not be known, but it is understood that pany, therefore, is wantonly guilty of the Mexican leaders will be informed that the time has come for them to Clifton C. Jermane, special agent, be stop fighting between themselves and sent June 1 to North Carolina to inagree on a government which the

United States can regonize. It is expected that the statement will recite famine conditions in the area for deaths. Upon its being admit- Wilmington, capital \$25,000 authorized, Southern Republic as Du val West and other Government agents have sral character to the statistics from D. T. Wright and W. H. Aledman for portrayed them. The President will point out how pa-

tiently the American Government has Investigating Home Gardening. waited for the Mexican factions to adjust the problem themselves and how tary elements.

approved methods of farm manage ment with an increased unaimity that is most gratifying.

The fruit crop, the Commissioner says, gives promise of a yield that the fine crop of last season Indeed,

the reports as to the fruit conditions, apples, peaches, pears and all the small fruits, are pointing to very large yields of finely developed fruit, thanks to the increasing practice of the growdangered in the future are the main ers of properly spraying and otherpoints, however, which the United wise caring for the fruit in all the stages of its development.

Soil Surveys in North Carolina.

Washington, D. C .- The United States Department of Agriculture will send representatives of the Bureau of Soils to make a complete soil survey of Alleghany and Davidson counties. A similar soil survey is now under it was pointed out that such promises way in Anson county. The suveying did not remove the risks to which parties, it is expected, will take sev-American vessels and lives were sub- eral months to complete the examinajected—and to support this conten- tion and mapping of the soils of

> As soon as they have completed large map showing the various kinds of soils and their location by means of colors and shading. This map will also show the location of the principal roads, schools, churches, railroads and watercourses.

Accompanying the map will be a complete report on the nature of the soils, their suitability for growing various crops, and suggestions for their improvement by fertilizers, cover crops and crop rotations. This report and the map will not be ready for circulation for some months after completion of the survey.

Work All Goes For Naught.

P. S. Henry of Asheville, who was commissioned last summer to visit Monford, capital \$50,000 authorized. sever diplomatic relations with Ger-European countries with a view to | and \$600 subscribed by W. M. Redmaking special investigations as to wood, Archibald Nichols and others European methods in management of for a drug business. public utilities, writes the governor that he is leaving Europe for home and | mington, with principal office near St. that he regrets to report that all his Phillips, on the Cape Fear River just photographs and reports that he in- below Wilmington, capital \$125,000

dications that from now on the Admin- the people of the state have been con- by J. P. DeVean, W. A. King, S. B. istration will vigorously seek to end fiscated by the various powers owing King, S. A. Guilds of Charleston and

Washington-Director of the Census Samuel L. Rogers has ordered that B. Mull and others. spect the operation of death registra- and \$2,400 subscribed by M. G. Crouch tion in that state with a view to the and others.

state's admission to the registration ed the Census Bureau will give Fed- and \$6,000 subscribed by R. A. Wright, that state.

Miss Ethel Gowans of the United

States Department of Education is in by Governor Craig for electrocutions

were as follows:

petition to rehear dismissed; Board of Education vs. Commissioners, Meck- of the present month. lenburg, order of reference made to Buncombe, no error; Bickett vs. Knight Buncombe, reversed; Worley vs. Southern Railway Buncombe no error; Bradley vs. Coal & Ice Co., Buncomb, affirmed; State vs. Berry, Burke, re-

appeal; Bank of Murphy vs. Murphy fruit already has perished. Furniture Company, Cherokee, no error; Mason vs. Telegraph Company, Cherokee, no error; Buchanan vs. Hedden, Jackson, no error, Spruce Company vs. Hayes, Swain, affirmed; Hyatt vs. Clark, Haywood, affirmed; Miller vs. Smith, Haywood, affirmed; Shepherd vs. Taylor, Mason, no ernor.

Charge Violations of Labor Law. few days quite a number of charges of violations of the 'North Carolina child labor laws in certain cotton mills in different parts of the state. In all cases Commissioner of Labor warding the charges to the authorities in the counties and districts where the violations are alleged to occur in order that there may be strict legal investigation as to the truth or falsity

Charters Granted During Past Week The Champion Chemical Company,

Th Carolina Fish & Oil Co., Wil-Washington .- There were plain in- tended to submit to the governor and authorized, and \$100,000 subscribed

J. F. Bussells of Southport.

The Drexel Roller Mills Company, Drexel, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$1,700 subscribed by S. Hoffman, D.

The Crouch Cabinet Company, Hickory, capital \$25,000 authorized,

The Southern Provision Company,

general produce business. Governor Signs Death Warrants,

Two death warrants were signed

of mountains which have not yet been | idolatry, the spirtuality of the Hebrew reached by the disease. He and the religion; second, David was a man of City of Kings vs. Trust Company, owners of a number of the larger or- war and therefore not qualified for Lenoir, affirmed; Haar vs. Schloss chards are urging that all of June be temple building. Though denied, David New Hanover, affirmed; Ivey vs. King, spent by the owners of pear and ap- did not despair, but at once provided Rockingham, petition to rehear dis ple trees in the cutting of diseased that his successor carry out his desire. missed; R. C. & S. Railway vs. Man- limbs from trees. The Department of II. David's One Great Sin, II Samufacturing Company, Mecklenburg, Agriculture recommends that this uel, 11:6. David's victories over his work be not undertaken until the close enemies are dismissed in a few verses, yet his sin is set forth in de-

The disease is carried from one tree tail-another evidence of the divine O. F. Mason; Rousseau vs. Call, to another by small insects and once origin and inspiration of the Bible. Wilkes, no error; State vs. Wainscott, 1. starts only through the cutting of David had followed the example of the trees can it be stopped Blossoms neighboring kings and taken to himhave withered and small fruit has self many wives, evidently regarding shriveled. Limbs are rotting and the his fancy as supreme and himself as orchards are being destroyed in the above the law. David was "off guard" spread of the disease. Experts are in the matter of temptation, a dangerversed; State vs. Tate and Cope, being summoned to aid in the cutting ous position for all, both soldier and Haywood, no error; Ritter Lumber which will be started the first of June civilian. David had had too long and Company, Swain, no error in either in the hope of saving the trees whose too great a period of success and prosperity after his long period of priva-

**Oppose Common Soda Cups.** 

tion, and this led to carelessness and pride. David was "off duty," indulg-Asheville.-After going on record as ing in ease while Joab did his fighting. opposing the use of common drinking As a result he became an adulterer cups at soda fountains and recom- and a murderer, and the record in no mending the use of individual cups way seeks to palliate his guilt. From instead, the Southeastern Sanitary all this the record brings to us many Association, in session here selected important lessons. Outwardly prosthe following officers who will serve perous and his army successful, Daduring the coming year: President, vid must have felt in his heart the There have been reported the past Dr. C. W. Coker, Hartsville, S. C.; sec | spiritual blight in the words, "but the retary and treasurer, Dr. Clarence E thing was evil in the eyes of the Smith, Greenville, S. C.; vice presi- Lord" (v. 27 R. V.); no psalm writdents, who also constitute the execu- ing then.

tive committee, V. V. Kelsey, Erwin, III. Nathan's Parable, II. Samuel, Tenn.; A. V. Woods, Brunswick, Ga.; 12:1-7. It is an evidence of God's E. M. Williams, Richmond, Va.; J. A. grace that he sent his servant to re-Hayne, Columbia, S. C.; Henry Han- buke and restore this "man after his own heart." Such is his mercy, for he does not will that any should perish but that all might come to the Wilmington.-The county superin knowledge of forgiveness (Ezekiel tendent of the Southeastern district 33.11; Matthew 23:37). No parable closed their annual meeting in this ever had its desired effect more quickcity. Supt. J. Y. Joyner and L. C. ly than this one. It brought conviction Brogden and N. C. Newbold of the and repentance (v. 13) and led to the State Department of Education were writing of the fifty-first psalm. It was in attendance and joined in the dis- a delicate task set before Nathan thus cussions. The meeting of the super- to rebuke the king, yet it reveals the intendents was held in connection with essential nobleness of David in that he did not become angry. Nathan's task and his wisdom are revealed in his approach and in the way he led Asheville .-- J. A. Arey of the North David to condemn, unwittingly, his own course of action. This was better than to begin by upbraiding and in western North Carolina in the in- denunciation. Verse two suggests, in-

> gross ingratitude. IV. Thou Art the Man"-v. 7a. Thus far the story is one all too common, then and now, of the strong crushing the weak and glorying in their selfishness What follows is the evidence of God's response to man's repentance. the parallel to which has nowhere else been found in the ancient world. The glory of it is that David heard and heeded God's messenger. The whole sordid story with its resultant action on David's part brings us many priceless lessons. (1) That man who had

the big educational rally. Organizing Cream Routes. Carolina Experiment Station, at West Raleigh, has gone to Asheville to work terest of the establishment of cream ferentially. God's great goodness to routes which will be served by local David, which made the offense one of

creameries and to advise the dairymen of the western counties of the state of the best methods of conducting their operations.

## Another Severe Storm.

Wadesboro .- Another severe storm visited this county and did considerable damage. An angry-looking cloud gathered in the northwest and passed over the town leaving its trail of destruction.

"12,000 Acres Clover, in 1916." Hendersonville. - Farm Demonstra- lived a life of faith, and communion tor E. L. Perkins has adopted as his fell most miserably when he neglected tant enough to recommend them to helpless the Mexican people generally the state to spend some time investi- to take place in the state's prison new slegan, "12,000 acres of clover his duty and took his eyes off God. the attentive examination of the have become in the hands of the mili- gating the progress of the effort to here. The first is for Charles Trull for Henderson County in 1916." There is a grave danger ahead of the interest the colored people through the of Mecklenburg county, who is to die 'Inrough Mr. Perkins' efforts last year man who begins to trifle with sin (I

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heave-to, but the and summoned help by rocket stanals, did the Germanet. Bare dress to enter upon a discus- mement has already expressed to the metral Government. "The undersigned takes occasion. "On this occasion the Imperial Gov. "On this occasion the Imperial Gov. "On this occasion the Imperial Gov." "On this occasion the Imperial Gov." "Gigned) "JAGOW."
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