

war, in asking the French senate to information to United States ambasapprove the action of the chamber of sadors in Europe.

deputies in giving him the 1917 class of recruits for January 5, said: "Eigh- ister to Belgium, who has been vis- the number of persons who escaped teen months ago France wanted iting his family at Toledo, Ohio, in in the four boats which were put off peace. Today she wants war most the hope of regaining his health, has was larger than was hoped when the energetically, and to that end will set sail for Belgium from New York first news was received. City. use all her resources."

A London cablegram states that the British cabinet has virtually decided upon a modified form of a conscrip- man, a former congressman and a fortion bill to be introduced in the house mer attorney general of Ohio, have of commons, giving the government been indicted by a federal grand jury the necessary power to bring in sin- on a charge of conspiring to foment gle men and preserve Premier As- strikes in American munition factoquith's pledge to married men.

#### Washington

The state department says that the mere statement by Austria that the submarine commander which sank the Ancona has been punished will be accepted without question and without any further inquiry into the nature of his punishment.

Count von Berstorff and Secretary Lansing held a conference over the armored cruiser Natal sank as the Lusitania matter which has been pend- result of an internal explosion. Four ing for several months, and it is now hundred survivors are reported. indicated that the final settlement is at hand.

not only meets the cardinal points assing attacks made by the Albanian of the United States' demands, but forces. gives assurances for the future which are more satisfactory in their extent made in Albania it is predicted that than those which were given by Germany in the Lusitania affair.

It is stated authoritatively that the danger of a rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria has passed, because Austria leader there. has subscribed to the principle that no ships will be sunk, unless they offer resistance or flee, without the persons aboard first being taken to safet**y**.

Plans for two types of motorboat submarine destroyers, designed to have a speed of at least 41 miles an hour, have been submitted to the navy department. Models will be constructed at once at the navy yard in Washington and tested to determine whether the engines will develop the power for the required high speed. the American request for withdrawal poleon, any big offensive is foredoom- was given out. of the German navy and military attaches and the demands upon Austria-

Hungary as a result of the sinking of the Ancona. President Wilson spent his 59th

a long automobile drive over snow- aters. covered mountain roads and in the evening had a quiet dinner with his wife in ther suite.

In the annual report of the federal bureau of immigration particular at- troops of the dual monarchy to the tention is directed to difficulties en- east of Purkanov. countered in enforcing the deporta- Dr. Helen Nolen, an American wom- old and had been on the Supreme

Details of the sinking of the Persia came in slowly, but such information Brand Whitlock, United States min- as was received made it appear that

> The survivors include the chief officer, second officer, seven engineers, 27 seamen, 63 lascars and 59 passengers. A Lloyd's dispatch gives the

number as 153, made up of 59 passengers of whom 17 are women and 94 members of the crew including 59 lascars. The survivors include 10 military

officers and eight persons who are not British subjects.

Warden Thomas Mott Osborne of AUSTRIA FEARS NO BREAK. Sing Sing, N. Y., has been indicted as being implicated in the conspiracy to foment strikes in munition factories.

Act Will Be Disavowed.

of the sinking of the British steamship Persia increased in official circles here when a consular dispatch brought the information that the ship had been torpedoed without warning and that at least one American citizen, Robert N. McNeely, new consul at Aden, Arabia, was missing. At the same time officials were much gratified at the indication, emanating from Baron Erich Zwiedines, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy here, that the Vienna government would be quick to "satisfactorily adjust" the matter should it develop that an Austrian submarine commander had disobeyed instructions in regard to torpedoing passenger-carrying ships without warning. Complete confidence prevails in

Teutonic diplomatic circles that if an Austrian submarine sunk the Persia without warning, the act would be disavowed, prompt preparation made

# No Comment By Wilson.

Hot Springs, Va .-- Dispatches receiv-

Dr. Joseph J. O'Connell Dead. New York -Dr. Joseph J. O'Connell, health officer of the port of New Dr. O'Connell was appointed by

states and it was not due to this government that it was, a short time ago, not in harmony with the Wash- ciprocated by the Austro-Hungarian ington Cabinet precisely on a question which it (the Austro-Hungarian fore is anxious to render these rella-Government) in harmony with the entire public opinion in Austria-

Hungary, regarded as principally a question of humanity.

cona, which was recently concluded. "The Imperial and Royal Government can also substantially concur mander of the submarine from a in the principle expressed in the very esteemed note, that private ships, insofar as they do not flee or offer reat the same time giving a signal for sistance may not be destroyed with-

out the persons aboard being bright failed to stop, and tried to escape the into safety. submarine gave chase and fired 16 "The Imperial and Royal Governshells, of which three were observed ment is very responsive to the assurto hit. The steamer only stopped af-

ance that the Federal Government ter the third hit whereupon the comlays value upon seeing that the good mander ceased firing." relations which happily exist between Austria-Hungary and the United

States of America are maintained. It

reciprocates this assurance most Entire Southeast Line Engaged warmly, and is now as heretofore concerned to render these relations more hearty, so far as lies in its power.

"Guided by the same spirit of frankness as the government of the Union, the Imperial and Royal Government, although it does not find in the note frequently referred to, the answer to all the legitimate questions submitted by it, is willing to communicate to the Federal Government the result of the investigation, which, in accordance with existing departmental regulations, was begun immediately after the receipt of the fleet report on the sinking of the Ancona, and which was just recently received."

Explosion.

Canada Has More Soldiers.

## Prohibition Party Leaders Plan. BIG BRITISH CRUISER SUNK.

critics as great.

Armored Cruiser Natal Sunk After an London. - The British armored cruiser Natal has sunk after an exof the party. The date of the National | the Yunnan leaders. Convention was tentatively set by the

and the United States is warmly re-

GREAT BATTLE IN EAST.

Important Struggle.

tions still more cordial."

20 at Minneapolis. dential nominee possibilities the names included J. Frank Henly, for | Kweichau, Kiangse and Hupeh. mer Governor of Inliana, William Sulzer, former Governor of New York. Richmond P. Hobson, former Congressman from Alabama and Eugene Foss, former Governor of Massachusetts.

At a preliminary meeting Frank G. Curtis of Jamestown, N. Y., said he hoped Colonel Roosevelt would be the candidate of the Republican party on a prohibition platform.

Lansing Would Preserve Peace. Washington .- In a new step for the preservation of peace on the American continents and the development of Pan-American unity, the United States Attenden of houndary die.

ington by United States deputy marshalls.

government which now as heretooffices of his counsel in which he de- stitutes, the care of the home, sanitanied ever having accepted or having tion, household economies; the kitchbeen offered any German money. He en garden, proper feeding and care of The Austro-Hungarian government said he never knew either Lamar or children and many other subjects of then communicates the results of the von Rintelen and that, as far as he vital interest to farm women will be inquiry into the sinking of the Anknew, neither had any connection discussed. The inquiry showed that the comwith the peace council. Monnett described the shipment of munitions to great distance in the first instance the Allies as criminal and illegal. He fired a warning shot on the steamer, declared President Wilson was being deceived and that he was anxious to the vessel to stop. As the steamer do everything in his power to undeceive him.

Taylor also made a statement denying categorically the charges brought against him and also claiming that both Lamar and von Rintelen were strangers to him. Lamar refused to make any comment.

The investigation into the activities of German agents in this country will In be resumed by a Federal grand jury which will convene here on Janu-Petrograd, via London .- The Ger-

man and Russian officials bulletins ary 6. regarding the operations south of the Pripet River laconically declare that Views of Chinese Situation. the battles are proceeding. The im-Washington. - American Minister portance of the engagements seems to Reinisch at Peking cabled the state be considered by the Russian military department that recent uprisings against Yuan Shi Kai and the return The general staff lays stress on the to monarchial government in China difference between these struggles and were not considered at the present the last notable collisions between the time as constituting a serious politi-

Russians and Teutons before the percal problem in that country. iod of calm. The battles of Czer-A paraphrase of the dispatch given toyrsk, Novo, Alexiniec and else where out by the department says the opposition movement is confined to the 174. In 1914 the aggregate was \$811,between the Pripet River and che Carpathian mountains were sporadic province of Yunnan. Other provinces 141. and designed only to correct positions in the south of China are entirely quiet. If the movement should spread

however, it is not anticipated that Chicago .-- Plans for extending pro- there will be any danger to foreign hibition territory were discussed at a life and property nor that business will conference of Prohibition party lead- be disturbed. On the contrary special ers summoned here by the executive protection is assured to foreigners committee of the National Committee | and their interests by declaration of

Press dispatches from Peking dur-National Committee for July 19 and ing the last few days have said that the revolutionary outbreak centering In informal discussions of presi- in Yunnan had spread to six other provinces, including Kwangtung,

## Earth Shocks In Salvador.

San Salvador.-Earthquake shocks which began early in the week are still being felt here. A wall collapsed during a shock, killing two persons and seriously injuring two others. Late advices from Honduras confirm the previous reports that Gracias, a town of 4,000 inhabitants was completely destroyed by the earthquake.

Compulsion Situation. London.-At a meeting of a joint labor recruiting committee here the calling of a national conference of trades unions to consider the compulhas formally invited the Latin-Ameri- sion situation was urgently demanded can Republics to join in a convention but it was decided to await an ex-

emphasis will be laid on soil improve ment, live stock, the growing of more

Following his arraignment Mr. grain and grasses and general crop Monnett issued a statement from the diversification. At the woman's in-

> "In our institute work, we have the co-operation of the state, district and county demonstration agents. In addition to these and the speakers sent out by the State Department of Agriculture, we ask for the co-operation of the people in the localities where the institutes are held and invite them to take part in the discussion so as to make them as practical and helpful as possible."

# No Decrease in Building.

Winston-Salem .- The summing up of building operations in Winston-Salem during the past 12 months shows that in spite of the general depression from which the entire country suffered during the summer months, this city has maintained her splendid record for the year, and this notwithstanding the fact that during April, May, June and July the operations represented only about half the aggregate values during those months last year. During the year 1915, the buildings erected in Winston-Salem exclusive of suburbs, represent an aggregate expenditure of nearly \$1,-000,000. The exact figures are \$942,-

Wilmington Exporting Pigiron. Wilmington .- The American steamer Bantu, 2,661 gross tons, sailed one day recently for Valpraiaso, Chile, South Atlantic, via New York, after loading 1,706,800 pounds of pigiron. The cargo will be finished in New York. The shipment of pigiron was handled at the Atlantic Coast Line warehouse and it is exported by the United States Steel Products of Bessemer, Ala. This is the third or fourth shipment of iron that has been exported through Wilmington.

## Lower Passenger Rates.

Charlotte .- Effective January 1 the Norfolk Southern Railway announced a reduction in the cash fare from Charlotte to Raleigh amounting to 50 cents and to intermediate stations in proportion. The old rate has been \$4.40 cents; the new rate is \$3.90 cents.

#### Offers Blood to Save Nephew.

Rocky Mount .-- When an infusion of blood from the veins of another was suggested by physicians in hopes of saving the life of Charles Daughtridge, aged 14, who died as the result of an accidental gunshot wound from a companion, Lieut. Gov. E. L. n of his position from Arthur Daughtridge ,an uncle of the boy, was

naval vessels of importance had been sunk since last May when the Triumph and Majestic were torpedoed at the Dardanelles. The Natal, although a powerful man of war, was laid down 11 years ago, and her displacement was only about one-half of the largest British sea fighters. The Natal's complement was 704 men. Her displacement was 13,660 tons. The Natal was sunk while in harbor as the result of an internal explo-

sion. There are about 400 survivors. Justice J. R. Lamar is Dead. Washington .-- Joseph Rucker La-Ottawa, Ont .-- Canada will celebrate mar, Associate Justice of the Suthe coming of the New Year by inpreme Court of the United States creasing the number of men authorizdied at his home here after an illness ed for overseas service from 250,000 of several months. He was 58 years to 500,000, Premier Robert L. Borden announced. "Yesterday," the premion's statement said "the authorized

If Teutonic Submarine Sunk Persia, Washington-Anxiety over the news

European War London announces that the British

Active operations in the Near East center in Albania, where the Serbian Austria's reply to the Ancona note army is said to be suffering from har-

A New York dispatch announces

that eight men, including a congress-

ries as part of a campaign financed

by the German government to check

the exportation of munitions to the

entente allies.

From the progress the Italians have the Italians will soon clash with the Bulgarians. Paris reports that the entente forces

operating in Albania will soon have the support of Essad Pasha, the Turk The allies continue to pour troops

into Saloniki. The British casualties during the month of December were over eighteen thousand men.

The winter weather during the month of January will likely prove the tions in both the eastern and west- for Americans lost and the submarine ern war zones. A correspondent to a London news

paper says the allies now have enough men in the western zone of fighting to break through the German lines, ed by President Wilson from the state Information received in Washington but observes that with the face of the department are understood to have inindicates that the Berlin foreign of earth in a porous and mushy condi- cluded a report of the torpedoing of tion it is impossible to effect the es- the British liner Persia on which an controversy in spite of adverse public sential quick movement of artillery American consul is believed to have opinion said to have been aroused by without which, in the language of Na- been lost. No comment on the news

> ed to fail. The fighting between the French and the Germans in the Hartmanns-Weilerkopf region of Vosges mountains and between the Russians and York, died from cancer of the stomach.

the Austro-Hungarians along the Besworked, several hours, read hundreds sarabia front continues the most san- former Governor Dix in February, of telegrams of congratulation, took guinary of any in the various war the- 1912. He was 49 years old. The Russians are still vigorously on

the offensive to the north of Bukowina frontier, and Vienna admits that the Russians compelled a retirement of

# has been working at the hos- bouch five years. Judge Lamar was

# The Natal's sinking is the severest loss which the British navy has sustained in several months. No British

plosion. Official announcement to this effect has been made here.

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