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IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

Happenings of This and Other Nations For Saven Days Are

NEWS OF THE SOUTH What Is Taking Place in the Southland Will Be Found in Brief Paragraphs.

Foreign

Nels de Rode, the son of a Belgian army officer, who betrayed Miss Edith Cavell, the English nurse who assist- ker, with whom he later quarreled, ed English prisoners to escape in Bel- the outcome of which he was deposed, gium, was assassinated in a street at is dead at his New York City home. Schaarbeek, a suburb of Brussels. He was at once identified.

that merchant ships armed for defensive purposes, are really armed for resistance, and that merchant ships have no right to resist.

Canada is still excited over rumors of dynamite plots. A rumor in Monand soldiers were thrown around the building and all valuable papers removed, but the execution of the plot failed to materialize, to the relief of

Three sharp earth shocks occurred canal zone were shaken. No damage to the canal locks or dams is reported. The recording instruments showed that the earthquake had its center ing camp committee. in the vicinity of Los Santos prov-

ic by a hurried call to arms of the home guards. Buglers rushed through the streets of many towns, sounding the alarm and unfounded rumors that one of the bridges at Niagara Falls had been blown up, added to the excitement.

European War

The French and the Germans have been engaged in furious combat between Lens and Arras, where recent- American Leagues. ly there has been great activity. Ber-

Paris reports that a French grenade attack drove the Germans from a Rheims, and that the French batteries have badly damaged German organi- Labor circles. zations in the forest of Apremont, to the southeast of St. Mihiel.

advantage yet to be determined.

Two women and one child were injured when two German seaplanes raided the Kentish coast (England), dropping bombs. No property damage

of moment is reported. The Giornale d'Italia states that Monsignor Tacci Porceli, the papal nuncio to Belgium, presented to Belgium Germany proposals for a separate peace. Germany offered Belgium a big indemnity, but wanted to keep Antwerp. Belgium refused to give ear to the proposals.

ed against the Italians are practical- enemy merchantmen are well founded. ly idle, and the situation remains un- This is what the German government changed.

The German authorities are making it is asserted in diplomatic circles. preparations for an English air raid

Prince Oscar of Prussia, fifth son member of the committee. of Emperor William, has been wounded. This is the second time he has been wounded.

Interesting additions to the von Papen correspondence are contained in a parliamentary paper issued in London. The only important feature of the revelation is that the German minister to Mexico favored international intervention in the spring of 1914.

Belgium little fighting is reported from any of the war zones.

The German positions near Het Sas and Steenstrate, in Belgium, the destruction of a German block house between the Oise and the Aisne and effective work by the French batteries ties, while the Germans have been an appendage in the form of a memoexceedingly busy with their artillery

a German battery to the east of Boe- ion is pledged to some scheme of di- bring congress and the president

The British are pressing the Gerthat 900 Germans and 14,000 of their colonial troops soutng asylum in Spaned and interned.

Artillery and infantry engagements are reported in Mesopotamia, with partment of justice agents have reneither the British nor the Turks sulted in the voting of indictments by which was attended by Major West of gaining a decisive victory.

gion continue to push the Turks back- general; Baron A. H. von Shcack, vice ward with heavy losses for the Otto- consul of Germany, and Maurice Hall

The steamer Cretic has arrived in Boston from Mediterranean ports painted a battleship gray and with a four-inch gun mounted on her taffrail. The gun was placed on the Cretic at Gibraltar.

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Colonel Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt have left their New York home for a cruise in the West Indies. They will return on March 15.

The lower house of the Kentucky general assembly defeated a proposition to submit to the voters of Kentucky a state-wide prohibition consti tutional amendment.

Nathan Straus, the New York Jewish philanthropist, has contributed \$350,000 for the relief of the suffering Jews in Poland.

John C. Sheehan, one time leader of Tammy Hall, succeeding Richard Cro-

An ex-priest of the Coptic church who has been lecturing in Georgia The German government contends and Alabama, states that he has the pledges of one thousand Georgia negroes and one thousand Alabama negroes to return to their native heaths in Abyssinia.

Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, Cuban minister to the United States, treal that the city hall would be blown who is representing President Moneup at midday caused the building to cal of Cuba in Tampa, Fla., assures be put in a state of siege. Police the people of this country of Cuba's support in preserving the peace with honor of the western hemisphere.

The object of citizens' military training camps was explained in Chat tanooga, Tenn., by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commander of the department at Panama. The whole city and the of the east, United States Army, who spoke before a mass meeting of 2,000, held under the auspices of the Chickamauga Park summer military train-

It is stated in El Paso, Texas, that Francisco Villa has threatened to Several towns in western Ontario, force intervention by the United Canada, have been thrown into a pan- States within six weeks, going so far as to state, it is alleged, that if it comes to the last resort he will hold up an El Paso and Southwestern rail-

The suit of the Federal League against Organized Baseball, which has hung over the baseball world for more than a year, has been dismissed in Chicago, This was one of the stipulations when the Federal League was merged into the National and

A water tank is a barrel. Such is lin reports having captured French the decision reached by carpenters positions over eight hundred yards in and coopers in a conference at Kansas City, Mo., and therefore coopers and not carpenters will hereafter erect water tanks and not carpenters. small post between Soissons and This is a problem that has long been a bone of contention in Organized

Memphis, Tenn., lawyers held a meeting in which resolutions were On the Russian front Berlin records adopted asking the governor to conthe repulse of Russian infantry at- vene a special session of the legislatacks at several points in the Riga ture for the impeachment of Jesse Eddington, judge of the first criminal Petrograd reports great artillery court of Shelby county. Judge Edduels in the Riga region, with the dington was asked to recluse himself pending a hearing.

Washington

Diplomatic negotiations of various characters soon will confront the United States as the result of the expressed intention of the German and Austrian governments to treat armed merchant ships of the entente allies as war vessels after February 29.

United States officials seem inclined to the view that the contentions of the German and Austrian governments The Austro-Hungarian troops engag- that submarines have the right to stop has been aiming to achieve all along,

A new note of harmony and co-operon Kiel, having notified the populace ation on national defense was struck that a steam siren will give warning in the house military committee as a of the approach of the dread over- result of the resignation of Secretary Garrison, which found expression in It is stated now that Germany has the adoption of a resolution of apprenearly a million and a half prisoners ciation and confidence in President of war. This number does not in- Wilson and in the senate committee. clude prisoners held in Austria-Hun- The strong point of this resolution is that it was offered by a Republican

All of the eighty-two midshipmen at Annapolis who failed in their mid-season examinations and who were automatically dismissed from the navar academy, have been allowed to resign by order of Secretary Daniels, who congress. It was said Mr. Ford inbelieves in dismissal only for miscon-

In substance the tentative commun-Except on the front in France and scation from Germany, designed to settle the Lusitania case, is acceptable clared to be the first step toward to the United States. Secretary Lansing insists that it shall be stated specifically that it is in answer to the United States note regarding the are reported by the French authori-

The national legislative committee have shelled with destructive effect of the Farmers' Union appointed a two important issues. National de-German trenches at Boesinghe, and committee to frame a bill for rural fense and Philippine independence, the French heavy guns have silenced credits legislation. The Farmers' Un- and had served almost magically to rect aid.

State department dispatches anmans hard in the Kamerun region nounce that the entire consignment of of German West Equatorial Africa. A fifteen thousand bags of sugar beet Spanish official communication says seed recently released by Germany for shipment to the United States soon would be delivered at New York City. ish Guinea, where they were disarm. Negotiations are in progress for the

release of 4,000 more bags. Weeks of investigation by the dea San Francisco federal grand jury The Russians in the Caucasus re- against Franz Bopp, German consul the Turkish consul general

FIERCE ATTACKS

GAIN FOOTHOLD IN SOME FRENCH TRENCHES IN THE ARTOIS SECTION.

Germans do Considerable Damage in Argonne Forest.-Russian Heavy Guns Are Active.

London.-The German are fiercely attacking the French positions in the Artois section as well as in Champagne. In the latter district Berlin continental army plan, and because he reports the capture of a front of about 700 yards, while the French admit that the Germans have gained a foothold in some of their advanced trenches near the Tahure-Somme-Py

attacks followed one another in quick in Congress. succession, there being four during and bullets, the Germans, on their being almost immediately driven out retary of war ad interim. with considerable losses in dead and wounded, according to Paris.

bombardments by both sides. All around Soissons the German artillery was busy, preparatory to infan- tion of war.

try attacks; but the attacks did not eventuate owing to the French use of their guns in curtain of fire volleys. to German positions in the Argonne tion on the other, that no one plan sonnel at both Annapolis and West Considerable damage has been done are in progress in Lorraine and in the

The heavy guns are being actively employed on both sides in the northern section of the Russian front, but no important changes in position have

In the Isonze regions the Austrians have taken entrenchments from the Italians in the Rombon zone, while the Italian artillery has bombarded Austrian positions at various points, especially in the Gorizia sector.

LANSING STUDIES NOTE.

Berlin Note on Armed Merchantmen Reaches Department.

Washington. - Secretary Lansing studied at his home the text of the memorandum from Berlin announcing the intention of the German Government to regard armed merchant ships of the Entente Allies as war vessels after February 29. He will discuss the subject with President Wilson at

The text of the memorandum from Austria, similar to that issued by Germany was momentarily expected.

It is considered doubtful that an announcement of the position the United States will take in the matter will be defined until both documents have carefully been digested and considered. Between now and that time the attitude of the government is made known, the state department may notify the representatives of the Entente Allies here of the receipts of the documents from the Central Powers: so that their government may be completely informed on the subject.

Ford to Fight Preparedness. Detroit, Mich .- It has been announced that Henry Ford is preparing to launch a countrywide campaign of newspaper and magazine advertising against the program for huge naval and military expenditures now before tends soon to carry out his announced intention to devote millions of dollars to an educational campaign against

war and preparedness which he de-

actual war. Wilson Close to Congress. Washington .- Secretary Garrison's Lusitania. Ambasasdor yon Bern- resignation last week has had three storff decided not to change even the far-reaching results upon Congress, in punctuation of the document without the opinion of administration leaders. legislative atmosphere with regard to

for many months.

Help Is Needed. Little Rock, Ark.-Bitter feeling against United States army engineers because of published statements attributed to them that reports of dis tress in the flood districts of Arkansas had been exaggerated, was manifested at a mass meeting in Lake Village, Lieutenant Finch of the United States army. Lieutenant Finch offered employment to the male refugees at 50 ents a day, their wives and children to be housed on government boats.

QUITS CABINET

PITTSBORO, CHATHAM COUNTY, N. C., FEBRUARY 16, 1916.

FAILURE OF CONGRESS TO ADOPT THE CONTINENTAL SCHEME IS CAUSE.

President Wilson Accepted Resignation and Will Probably Take Personal Charge of Affairs.

Washington.-Secretary Garrison esigned because President Wilson would not "irrevocably" support the opposes the administration's program of setting a definite time for Philippine independence.

President Wilson accepted the resignation but has not selected a successor. The president himself prob-In Artois near Hill 140 which lies the will take personal charge of the and it is understood the main fea-

Assistant Secretary Breckenridge the course of the afternoon. Pushing also resigned as a mark of loyalty to forward in the face of a hall of shells his chief, whose views he shares. The president accepted his resignation. fourth attempt, succeeded in entering Both take effect immediately. Maone of the French first line trenches, jor General Scott, chief of Staff of ing its proposals for the senate. which, however, they failed to hold, the army, automatically becomes sec-

Garrison's principal reasons for his Northeast of Soissons, a German at- conviction that only a Federal contitack, preceded by a bombardment, re- nental army instead of a reorganized expected will differ radically and the pointed vice chairman. sulted in the capture of a French National Guard should be the main final legislation will be worked out trench near the Crony road, but here military dependence of the nation was as a compromise in conference. also they were thrown out, leaving his belief that some day the United Progress also was made on navy would be re-nominated and that no States may be called upon to defend On the British end of the line there | the Monroe doctrine and in that event | way for construction of battleships 43 have been sapping operations and the foresaw that the National Guard and 44 at navy yards and providing of the United States before a declara- July class at Annapolis, being passed

hand, that the continental army or ultimately universal service was the forest by the French. Artillery duels | could be upon Congress, President Wil- | Point be doubled, introduced a bill to son and his secretary of war parted official company.

Mr. Garrison's resignation was a complete surprise to official Washingon generally. He made no personal explanation.

The acute differences of opinion which led to the break began early in the year when opposition to the continental army plan began developing in congress. There had been indefinite rumors of the possibility of the secretary of war leaving the cabinet, but they never were countenanced in official quarters. The secretary everywhere was regarded as one of the strong men of the administration upon whom the president leaned in the difficult situations, both domestic and international, which have marked his

administration. The circumstances which led up to the resignation are detailed in the secretary's correspondence with the president which was made public by the White House. The president, the of the United States. letters disclose, believed that the training, organization and control of a military reserve should be under immediate Federal direction, but is not "irrevocably or dogmatically commited to any one plan." He wrote Mr. Garrison that he could not force any specific plan on Congress and added: "I must welcome a frank interchange of views and a patient and thorough comparison of all the methods proposed for obtaining the object we all have in view."

LINULET W. GANKISUN



Ar. Garrison, who resigned as Secre tary of War in President Wilson's Cabinet on account of disagreement

on army plans. Yeep Teapot Dry. When putting away a teapot which will not be used for some time wash and dry it as thoroughly is possible. and then drop into it a lump of sugar This will absorb any dampness that may be left and so prevent the musty taste which is often noticed in tea made in a pot which has been left unused for some time.

Mashed Potatoes. Mashed potatoes will be fluffy if onehalf teaspoonful of baking powder is added to the milk put into them.

PREPAREDNESS BILLS TAKE SHAPE

MAIN FEATURES OF THE BILLS ARE NOW READY FOR APPROVAL.

ARTILLERY IS KEPT BUSY BRECKENRIDGE ALSO QUITS OTHER BILLS ARE PASSED ARE MAKING PREPARATIONS MANY SPEECHES ARE MADE

Leaders Discuss Plans With President.-Expect Unanimous Support of the Committees.

Washington.-With President Wilscheme, indications were that the the Democratic National Convention. measures might be ready for the house

within two weeks or less. Hearings have been virtually ended to the scuthwest of Vimy, the German administration's national defense plans tures of the bills already have been up until May. Senator James A. concluded its hearings on Army bills and are taking up the work of draft- temporary presiding officers.

the plan to be recommended has

The bills of the two houses it is

legislation, the measures paving the opposition to him had developed in might not be available for use outside for 300 additional midshipmen in the by the senate. They have passed the Upon that contention, on the one house and lack only the President's signature to become law. Speaker Clark, in line with his recent speech nation's only reliance, and the posi- in the house advocating that the permake such an increase in the number of cadets at the military academy.

Chairman Hay of the House Military committee and several of his Democratic colleagues discussed Army plans with President Wilson during the day at the President's suggestion.

THORNE OBJECTS TO BRANDEIS.

lowa Man Thinks Boston Lawyer Too Friendly With Corporations. Washington.-Charging that Louis recommend confirmation of Mr. Bran- nomic questions.

deis' nomination to the supreme court Mr. Thorne argued that it would be very costly to the American people to put on the supreme court bench a man with preconceived notions as to would have to be determined by that ernment spend \$50,000,000 as inadetribunal.

Question of Armed Merchantmen. Washington-Baron Zwiedinek, Austrian charge d'affaires, called on Seccretary Lansing and discussed the question of armed merchantmen. He presented no formal memorandum from his government but it is understood Austria-Hungary objects to the United States permitting vessels entering and clearing from its ports carrying mounted guns.

German Forces Sent to France London.-Reiterating the report that large numbers of German troops have been transferred recently to Northern France, the Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News telegraphs that it is reported from the Belgian frontier that 600,000 men have been sent to that front.

Attack on English Coast. London.-Two women and one child were injured when two German seaplanes raided the Kentish coast, dropping bombs. Three missiles fell on the outskirts of Ramsgate and four near a school at Broadstairs. The Office to have been confined to the tions in the form of the agreement, at San Francisco. This plant contemshattering of glass. The attack was which will require its reference to plates making the national guard the made in sbroad daylight. At 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon two seaplanes were reported approaching the Kent coast and a few minutes later they flew over Ramsgate.

Col. House in London. London.-Col. E. M. House, President Wilson's presonal representative, arrived here from Paris. He conferred with Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador and had a conference with Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary. It is understood here that Colonel House's principal business during his trip was on the Continent. He saw most of the leading British statesmen when he was here before and it is not likely he will hold many more conferences before sailing for New York.

DEMOCRATS KNOW OF NO OPPOSITION

McCOMBS SAYS NO OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT WILSON HAS DEVELOPED.

Sub-Committee Making Ready for Convention.-Senator Reed Suggested for Chairman.

St. Louis, Mo .- That President Wilson personally urging both Democratic son would be renominated without and Republican members of the House opposition was the concensus of opin-Military Committee to hasten prepar- ion of members of the subcommittee ations of bills to carry out the Army's of the Democratic National Commitpart in the national preparedness tee, who met to arrange details for

The committeemen agreed in advance of the meeting not to select a temporary chairman at present, and that task probably will not be taken whipped into shape in which it is ex- Reed of Missouri, however, is being pected they will receive virtually the discussed as a possible choice, the unanimous approval of the committee. committeemen thinking it would be The senate committee already has fitting that the state in which the convention is held should furnish the

Robert Ewing, publisher of The There also the general outline of New Orleans States, was appointed chairman of the press committee for It is known that one of Secretary crystalized in the minds of the mem- the convention and James Preston, sergeant-at-arms of the press gallery of the United States senate, was ap-

Chairman McCombs said to newspaper men that President Wilson

MORE WORK THAN MEN.

Says Eight-Hour Day is Serious Check Upon Development.

Washington.-Demands of railroad employes for higher wages and the general tendency toward the eighthour work day were depresated as checks upon the development of industry by Howard Elliott, chairman of the board of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, in a speech before the chamber of commerce of the United States. He said such demands as those recently made by the four great organizations of railroad men were but steps in a process which is continued would raise the cost of living to new heights and finally result in conditions much more to the disadvantage of labor than of capital. Mr. Eliott's speech came at the close of D. Brandeis as counsel for interstate the first day of the national chamber's commerce commission in the five per fourth annual convention which is becent advance rate case, conceded to ing attended by by more than 500 delethe cause of the railroads to the fatal gates from every state in the Union. injury of the public interest, Clifford John H. Fahey of Boston, the presi-Thorne, railroad commissioner of dent, addressed the opening session, Iowa and an associate counsel in the appealing to business men to do some rate case, appealed to the judiciary constructive thinking and to become sub-committee of the senate not to less partisan in dealing with great eco-

A report from the merchant marine committee condemning certain features of the ship purchase bill, pending in congress started a lenghty discussion. William H. Douglas, chairman, asserted the committe's belief returns on railroad investments in that it would be unwise to place two view of the fact that questions involv- cabinet officers, as contemplated on ed in the national appraisement of the proposed shipping board and charrailroads now going on ultimately acterized the proposal to have the gov-

> Heavy Fighting in Galicia. London.-Heavy fighting has broken out again in East Galicia. All along the front the artillery has been very active. The Russians succeeded north of Tarnopol after repeated attacks in penetrating the Austro-Hungarian advanced infantry posts, but were ejected from them later on, according to the contemplated road from Southern

In the Austro-Italian theater the marle. He is anxious to see the road contending forcers are still involved built; he is also planning a connecin artillery duels.

Cargo on Fire.

London.-With her cargo on fire the Swedish steamship Texas is making for the port of Kirkwall, Scotland. The vessel left New Orleans January 22 and Newport News January 27 guest who is stopping at the hotel at bound for Gothenburg and Christiana.

German Communication Acceptable. Washington.-President Wilson and has cabinet have gone over the latest proposal of Germany for a set- meeting, unanimously endorsed the tlement of the American government's national defense plans submitted to demands concerning the sinking of Congress by the national guard assothe Lusitania. While some altera- ciation, following its annual meeting Berlin again, must be made, they are real reserve army of the United States, regarded as minor ones, and optim- second only to the regular army, and ism still prevails that the controversy also provides for the expenditure of will soon be settled. "Everything is sufficient funds to bring it up to date substantially all right, but it is not in every particular, and make it worth

Washington.-The charge that the greatest lobby ever known to the American people," in seeking to prevent the substitution of the space Postoffice Committee in presenting cels post service in the interest of express companies, whose profits are shared by companies and railroads.

Moon Charges Great Lobby.

GREENSBORO HOST TO BIG CONVENTION

NORTH CAROLINA LAYMEN GATH-ER TO PROMOTE GREAT MOVEMENT.

Hearts Are Stirred as Missionaries Tell of World-Wide Interest .-Over 1,500 Registered.

Greensboro.-Stirring addresses by eturned missionaries and missionary experts moved the men of the North Carolina Convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and at the denominational conference plans were put on foot to carry into the church boards and local organizations the

enthusiasm aroused by the meting. The temperature of interest, enthusiasm and ernestness of the great convention of the laymen's missionary movement ascended rapidly in the history of the movement. Men by the score and hundred crowded the main floor and gallery of the convention church, and women were compelled to assemble in another nearby church where an overflow meeting was held.

The first speaker of the meeting was Rev. George Green, M. D., who spoke upon "Healing the Sick in Africa." Rev. Mr. Green is a missionary of the Southern Baptist Convention in West Africa. His address moved the convention mightly as he told 'of his experiences with the black men of that great continent.

Among the most prominent of the convention campaign speakers who addressed the men who crowded the convention church were Rev. Robert W. Patton of Atlanta, missionary secretary for the Southern Province of the Protestant Episcopal church; Rev. Worth M. Tippy of New York, and Dr. E. M. Poteat, president of Furman University, Greenville, S. C. Bishop Edward Rondthaler of Winston-Salem conducted the devotional service with which the session this evening began. When presenting Bishop Rondthaler to the convention, Rev D. Clay Lilly paid high tribute to the honored bishop and the great Moravian church

which he represents. The registration of delegates numbers almost 1,600 which was increas-

ed before the convention closed.

Shelby Wants Interurban. Shelby .- A mass meeting of citizens has appointed a committee to arrange some date with the Piedmont & Northern officials at which time Cleveland county will present her arguments why the Piedmont & Northern should build its line by way of Shelby when the link between Gastonia and Spartanburg is connected. The Travelers Protective Association, Post O, has become active in the matter and the first of the year petitions were sent out all over the county asking for signers asking for the line

and pledging their support. Sell Road Bonds.

Washington, N. C .- The county commissioners have sold \$50,000 Washington township road bonds. The bid was \$51,000 with accrued interest from February 1, and all expenses for preparation of the bonds to be paid by the purchasers. This is reported to be the highest price ever paid for township bonds, under the present act in the sate of North Carolina, and both the county commissioners and the people generally are highly pleased at the prices obtained.

Anxious About Road. Southern Pines .- W. L. Spoon United States road enginer, talks of Pines to Charlotte by way of Albe-

tion that will make the road run to Raleigh as well as to Charlotte. Shot For Wild Turkey. Newbern.-Mistaken for a wild turkey, Hiram McDaniel of Maysville. was shot and seriously injured by a

that place. Endorse Guard's Plans. Asheville.-Directors of the Asheville Board of Trade, at their regular

finished," was von Bernstoff's remark. while as the second line of the army.

County Agent For Cumberland. Fayetteville. - The Cumberland County commissioners have made it possible for the county to have a whole-time farm demonstration agent for the weight payment system in the and also for the activities by the canrailway postal service was made in ning club girls to be extended, by apthe house by Chairman Moon of the propriating \$300 for the farm agent and \$100 to the clubs. This county the annual postoffice appropriation already receives \$600 from the govbill. He declared the real object of ernment and will raise \$300 by private the opposition was to throttle the par- subscription, thus guaranteeing to pay a first-class demonstration agent. The county had one prior to the first of the year.