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ASHEVILLE, N. C., TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 20, 1917.

GENERAL FUNSTON DIES SUDDENLY AT SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

Commander of Southern De partment of U.S. Army Succumbs to Indigestion.

HAD BEEN WORKING AT UNUSUAL PACE

News Comes as Shock at Washington—Pershing Takes Command.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 19 .-Major General Frederick Funston, commander of the southern department of the United States army since February, 1915, died suddenly at a hotel here tonight a few minutes after he had finished dinner. He collapsed while seated in the lobby of the hotel talking with friends, and was playing with little Inez Silverberg, of Des Moines, Iowa, a guest with her parents at the hotel, when he fell unconscious.

Death was almost instantaneous General Funston was fifty-one years

Had Worked Hard.

Ever since March 1916, when he was placed in command of all United States forces on the Mexican border, General Funston had worked at an unusual pace. At critical times in border developments he frequently remained on duty twenty hours of the twenty-four. The handling of regulars disposed of at various stations on the border, the Pershing expedition, and of late, rearrangement of regular troops while providing for the return of national guardsmen have entailed an enormous amount of detail work, probably exceeding that which fell to any commanding general of the United States army since the civil war.

Only today General Funston con pleted orders for the return of the last of the guardsmen. Because of the amount of work which has fallen to him, General Funston's only recrea-tion or relaxation for nearly a year has been an occasional dinner party with a few friends.

Few Recreations,
Only recently General Function returned from an inspection trip which
took him as far as Nogales, Ariz. That with one trip to Brownsville, Texas, and a brief visit to Austin, Texas, last year, were the only occasions when he has been absent from his deak since the border trouble developed.

Two weeks ago General Funston suf-

fered at attack of indigestion. To use his own expression, "I fought it out alone." Later he placed himself under the care of Lieutenant Colonel M. W. Ireland, of the medical corps, department, and regained ormal health and spirits. General Funston had been entirely

Nevertheless, at dinner tonight General Funston was particularly ab-stemious and ate only sparingly of the

Colonel Malvern-Hill Barnum, General Funston's chief of staff, immediately notified the war department of General Funston's death. News also was dispatched to Mrs. Funston, who

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DELAY IN BERNSTORFF'S HOMEWARD VOYAGE WILL LAST ONLY ABOUT WEEK

Expected That Steamer Will Be Ready to Proceed by Saturday.

GERMANS SATISFIED.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 19.—The in-terruption to the homeward voyage of Count von Bernstorff and other German diplomatic and consular of-ficials formerly accredited to the United States, which was caused by the British government's inspection here of the Scandinavian-American liner Frederik VIII. probably will not be more than one week, it was indicated tonight. The examination of passen-gers which began on Saturday was said to be half finished tonight, and

veloped to warrant any suspicion of contraband. A lighter which has said tonight that Wunnenburg has been alongside the ship for three days as a repository for any articles that might be of a doubtful nature, was still empty tonight.

For some of the officials who have been aboard the Frederik VIII, it was understood tonight that the German who obtained information of military importance which was transmitted to

passengers, from Count Bernstorff to passengers, from Count Bernstorff to importance which was transmitted to the minor consular attaches, have ex-pressed themselves as satisfied with written in invisible ink. This inforthe manner in which the inspection is being conducted. It was stated that the Germans have been surprised at the consideration shown them.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S NEXT STEP WILL PROBABLY BE **DELAYED FOR THE PRESENT**

Believed He Will Wait Until Near Close of Session Before Asking Congress to Give Him Additional Authority to Protect American Lives and Interests.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—There were strong indications tonight that unless some sensational development precipitates immediate action, President Wilson's next step in the crisis with Germany will be postponed until a few days before congress adjourns for the session a week from next Sunday.

The belief still is prevalent in official quarters and at the capitol that the president intends to ask congress for authority to protect Americans and their ships from illegal submarine attacks, and as he is known to want no extra session if it can be avoided, it is regarded as certain that he will address a joint meeting of the senate and house before March 4. It was stated authoritatively again done since the president visited the capitol and discussed the subject with senators Saturday evening.

Minority Opposition.

Although recognizing the existence of minority op-position in both houses to a resolution which would give the president authority to deal with any emergency that might arise after adjournment, administration leaders are minority contention is that the executive now has power to use the nation's armed forces short of war, and that if necessary the new congress could be called into session

Demands that some way be found for relieving the congestion at Atlantic ports resulting from the holding of American and other neutral ships in port are pouring in American and other neutral ships in port are pouring in at the white house and the executive departments. The disposition of the administration, however, seems to be to await further development of Germany's policy. It is forcely admitted that American rights are being violated and the government defied, and that at what the president deems the proper time the United States must assert itself.

Release Americans "Shortly."

(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—According to statements made to the correspondent of the called central bureau for foreign service, which flooded neutral countries with photographs and with literature written from the German standpoint, merely translated into both of whom a staff correspondent of the called central bureau.

The Centra

Word came from the Spanish minister at Berlin today that the American prisoners of the prize ship Yarrow-dale would be released "shortly." The United States will insist that, having been carried into Germany against

neutral country from which they may make their way home.

Those in charge of the work of preparing the nation for possible hostilities, which has gone steadily forward day and night since the severance of diplomatic relations, believe it now has reached the stage where the country's make their way in attempting to report facts in an unbiased constant difficulty was so occupied with other things that he relegated this work to a subordinate.

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TWO MEN CHARGED WITH VIOLATING NEUTRALITY OF THE UNITED STATES

Secret Service Men Make House Tables Bill to Pro-Important Arrests at New York.

HAD MANY AGENTS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Agents of the department of justice arrested here tonight two men charged with rying on a military enterprise against a foreign country. They are ac-cused of conspiracy to obtain military information in England to be sent to this country and then forwarded to Germany.

The men gave their names as At bert A. Sander and Chas. W. Wunnenburg. The complaint against them was signed by Judge Learned Hand, of the United States District court. It charged them with conspiring to employ agents to obtain maps, photo-graphs and other military information in England and Ireland for the bene-fit of Germany.

ready to proceed by next Saturday.

To date, so far as could be learned through the wall of secrecy surrounding the inspection, nothing has developed to warrant any suspicion of warrant any suspicion of contral assistant. Counsel for the accused assistant.

written in invisible ink. This infor-mation, it is alleged, was disseminated in the United States to agents of the central powers, but chiefly to those

of Germany. Secret service agents had been Although the Frederik VIII and its passengers are still held by the regulations imposed to prevent unannetioned communications with the shore, telegrams to Count von Bernstorff and members of his party from various parts of the United States were delivered aboard ship today, after passing through the hands of a censor.

CROP LIEN BILL GIVEN FAVORABLE REPORT BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE

hibit Sunday Golf in North Carolina.

DOG TAX IS PASSED.

Citizen Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., Feb.ruary 19. (By W. J. Martin.)

The crop lien bill received favorable report this afternoon at the hands of the joint committee to which it was referred after a hearing that continued through most of the after-

Speakers in advocacy included President H. Q. Alexander and Organizer Green, of the Farmers' union; Editor Clarence Poe, of The Pro. gressive Farmer, and others.

pposition

The bill limits profit of merchants on supplies under crop liens to ten per cent. above the cash price. Banks and individuals can charge a commission of ten per cent. on money supplied under crop liens in lieu of six per cent interest per cent, interest

Dull Days for Dan



tonight, however, that nothing toward that end had been done since the president visited the capital and discussed GERMANY SPENDS THOUSANDS OF MARKS KEEPING GERMAN SIDE OF WAR BEFORE THE PEOPLE OF NEUTRAL COUNTRIES

satisfied that if such power is sought it will be given. The Did Not Awake to Desirability of Having Her Side Represented in Neutral Press Until Long After War Had Started—Correspondents From Neutral Countries Have Experienced Constant Difficulty in Getting Real News of Conditions.

> BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 19 .- itional channels of news which the consequence there followed a rement of inconsiderable staffs of of-ficers and men and with constantly changing systems, in the effort to achieve the desired ends, Experience Difficulties.

> Correspondents from neutral coun-tries have experienced constant diffimain source of trouble, largely be-apparent quickly that the bureau was cause 4t has been working at cross at odds with the foreign office. It cause it has been working at cross purposes with the very officials who had it in their power to adjust the difficulties. These officials usually have recognized faults which have had it in their power to adjust the difficulties. These officials usually have recognized faults which have been pointed out and have made the most earnest efforts to facilitate the gathering of news but never have altered materially the censorship system which set at naught all they and the correspondents did, effectually damming up the streams of news with the seen opened. Shortly after the outbreak of the war, the foreign office mobilized consuls who sup-did write was consored, in each in-most the correspondents were to be shown the bureau was to send them to points on the front where they saw after the outbreak of the war, the foreign office mobilized consuls who sup-did write was consored, in each in-most impossible to write of the interesting things they that all possible courtesies were to be the correspondents were to be shown the bureau was to send them to points on the front where they saw did write was consored, in each in-most impossible to write of the interesting things they that all possible courtesies were to be the shown to send them to points on the front where they saw did write was consored, in each in-most impossible to write of the interesting things they that all possible courtesies were to be the shown that all possible courtesies were to be the strength of the censors and them to prove the points of the censors and the world of the mainther would be held up.
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> The military department successed in having an order issued on all fronts the correspondents were to be shown to correspondents were to be shown the correspondents were to eign office mobilized consuls who supposedly were familiar with foreign languages and installed them as censors. In reality, few of them are well versed in any language except of whatever nationality were not dis-German, None of them has any con-ception of newspaper work or any military or political knowledge which gives especial qualification for the task. The correspondents speedily came into conflict with these censors and the government, discovering something was amiss, attempted to remedy the trouble. However, its ef-

censors stopped,
The Central Bureau.

of correspondents in Germany, all seeking an opportunity to see something of the war and to obtain news, led to the establishment of what was known as the Neutral War Press bureau. Theoretically, this bureau was headed by Major Deutelmoser, a man well qualified for the position, but he was so occupied with other things that he relegated this work to a

patch was referred. Correspondents of whatever nationality were not dis-posed to protest at suppression of posed to protest at suppression of military information, but they did insist that some degree of fairness be applied to their dispatches.

Stole.

Their reports of the battle seen from the air were suppresses. The air plane staff was brought up on the carpet and all but cashiered. The in-

The government eventually dis-covered that the bureau was not a The government eventually dis-covered that the bureau was not a success under Major Deutelmoser's the other's was held up and is still subordinate and also that its own press bureau for German newspapers was not operating as it should. In

organization of the entire system.

The men from the foreign office

well as the military news insistently asked for, and was able to send correspondents to active points of front. Nevertheless, he or those him retained the same censors, who up to the present have acted in an ar-bitrary manner inexplicable to neu-

apparently innocent news items pub- with opposition, the Buncombe se lished in the German press which ator readily agreed to an amendme were picked up and telegraphed from Holland, Denmark or Switzerland. In some cases one correspondent's dis-patch on a given subject would be passed while an identical article from

American newspaper men flew over the entire Somme sector in an air-plane, in accordance with the order to show correspondents everything pos

also that its own among the archives at great head-

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MBS. DEWEY THANKS THE CHEERING CROWD GREETS NATIONAL GUARD UNITS ARE THANKED BY BAKER U. S. ARMOR PLANT BOARD

His Appreciation of Work Done on Border.

forts consisted of opening up addi-

guard units which saw service on the Mexican border.

plied under crop liens in lieu of six per cent. Interest

In the house tonight the bill to prohibit Sunday golf was tabled.

A number of leading members, including Grier, of Iredell, were supporting the bill, and it looked like Sunday golf was doomed so far as the house was concerned, but Representative Page got in an amendment to exempt Moore county for the sake of the Pinehurst tourists and that disgusted Mr. Grier and others with the legislation when the very place where there was more Sunday playing than any other was exempted. So Grier moved to table and the measure was buried with an every helming vote.

The house spent two hours Jebating the Ray bill for a statewide dog tax and passed a substitute providing that any county can vote on the question of taxing dogs on petition of tone. fifth of the qualified voters, the lax to be \$1.

Secretary of War Expresses Johnson City Decorated and Is Grateful For Resolutions Board is Given Banquet

Senator Gough, of Robeson, and former Congresman Patterson led the opposition.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Secretary A cheering crowd of over 1,000 peoperation. ple, waving flags, met the armor plate plant board inspecting proposed Mexican border.

"I wish to thank you and the officers and men of your organization who went to the border in response to the call of the president," wrote the secretary, "for the valuable service which you have rendered to the country. When the national guard was called into the service of the federal government, the lives of men, women and children along the frontier were in grave danger, owing to the formidable bandit raids from the Mexican side of the boundary. It is not too much to say that had these raids

elaborately decorated and the streets were crowded with people.

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Kingsport tomorrow and will go to Knoxville in the afternoon. From Knoxville they will go to Uhattanooga and thence into Alabama, where they will apend the remainder of the week at Gadsden, Birmingham, Tus-

N. C. GENERAL ASSEMBL'

Passed on Death of Admiral Dewey.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19-Mrs. Geo. WASHINGTON, Feb. 19—Mrs. Geo. Dewey today sent to Senator Overman, of North Carolina, a letter expressing her gratitude for resolutions adopted by the North Carolina general assembly voicing appreciation of Admiral Dewey's services to the nation. She also enclosed a letter written by Admiral Dewey, which showed that a North Carolinian, James C. Dobbin, once scoretary of the navy, appointed Admiral Dewey an acting

Bristoi this afternoon. The party was taken in automobiles and driven over the city until 8 o'clock, when they were given a banquet at a local hotel. The entertainment committee was headed by Congressman Samuel R. Selis and J. W. Ring. The town was elaborately decorated and the streets were crowded with people.

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THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 .- Forecast for North Carolina: Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday; colder Wedand in west and central portions Tuesday.

AUSTRALIAN BILL PASSES WITHOUT DISSENTING VOTE

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Senate Unanimously Passes Australian Ballot Bill For Western Counties.

INDICATIONS THAT IT WILL PASS HOUSE

Will Mean Secret Ballot For the Tenth District and Madison County.

Raleigh, N. C. Pebruary 19.

(By W. J. Martin.) a dissenting vote, the Aus ralian ballot bill, introduced by Sen the Tenth congressional district and Madison county, passed the sens this afternoon, and went to the hou every prospect of passing that body without serious opposition. The bill as passed today was the emended the statewide bill first intro

uced by Senator Jones.

Senator Jones Takes Floor.

When the bill came up for discussion this afternoon, Senator Jones ook the floor in its behalf. He did took the floor in its behalf. He was not question the right of the senate to oppose a statewide bill, if it more sired, but explained that the people sired, but explained that the people sired. of the Tenth congressional district were in deadly earnest about wanting this measure, with its consec tection of the ballot box, and declared they should not be granted this

of election law, Senator Jones went on to an Australian ballot law. He de clared that his people believed it to be the only absolutely fair and hones way of conducting an election, and th only method which no politician ha yet found a way to corrupt. His plea for the western countles was eloquent and effective, and when the vote was called, not a voice was raised against

The bill now goes to the ho thout engrossment, and it is exp

limiting the application of the law to Western North Carolina counties. Interest of the people in the west in the measure was manifested when

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PROGRESS AGAINST THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES IS REPORTED BY MENOCAL

Washington Believes Peace Will Be Re-Established Without Intervention.

SUPPORTS MENOCAL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Reports of progress by President Memocal's forces against insurgent bands in Cuba, increased the hopes of administration officials today that peace may be re-established in the island without American intervention. It has been made plain that the full moral support of the United States government will be given the Menocal administration, and it was said late today that no additional steps were in contemplation for the present.

Orestes Ferrera and Ralmundo Ca. brers, spokesmen for the liberal party, are here to represent the rebels before the state department, but it was said at Secretary Lansing's office that no effort had been made by them so far to see any one connected what the government. It was intimated that they would not be received as representatives of the rebels, and that 4n the present situation little consideration would be given any representations they might make.

An agreement between the American naval commander at Santiago and the rebel governor to keep out of the harbor all but foreign vessels was ex-

the rebel governor to keep out of the harbor all but foreign vessels was ex-plained as an expedient designed to prevent the closing of the port. The rebel governor agreed not to mine the channel in return for the naval com-mander's promise to see that Cuban government boats do not enter. The rebels appeared to have made

no marked progress, according to to-day's officials reports, which added that some of the regular army which had gone over to the revolutionary party in the earlier days of the revolt, had rejoined the government force. The suggestion that a state depart-ment commission be sent to Cube to

review the election returns still is un-der consideration, but it appears probable that a decision on the propo-sition will not be hastened. President Menocal's decree postponing the spe-cial election to have been held in Oriente province tomorrow, is regard-ed as a step towards clearing the sit-