

"SINK ALL SURRENDERED GERMAN SHIPS" DEMAND OF U. S. PEACE DELEGATION

American Delegates Want Captured Vessels Destroyed Rather Than Distributed to Allied Nations, and England, Through Sir Eric Geddes, Has Acquiesced in this plan, it Is Declared.

LESSER COUNTRIES MAY DEMAND DISTRIBUTION

Believed, However, That American Plan Will Be Followed and that the Pride of the Hun High Seas Fleet Will Be Sent to the Bottom—Other Plans Made By the Delegates.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The American delegates to the peace congress have resolved to advocate the sinking of the surrendered enemy warships and resist any proposition to distribute them on the basis of naval losses.

England, through Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, had previously acquiesced in the American plan to destroy the captured or surrendered warships, and it is expected that some of the lesser naval powers will demand that the prizes be distributed.

American naval stations will be maintained for at least a year at Brest, Gibraltar and in the Azores to render aid to American merchant ships. The consent of France, England and Portugal has already been secured.

ACTIVE SERVICE OFFICERS WILL NOT BE PROMOTED, SAYS SECRETARY BAKER

With Demobilization Men of Higher Ranks Will Be Left Unassigned MAY ENTER RESERVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Baker said today that the war department is pursuing a fixed policy in denying all promotion to officers who are on active service.

RUSSIA THANKS ALLIES FOR HER DELIVERANCE FROM GERMAN POWER

Expresses Regret That Russia Was Unable to Continue the War NOTE RECEIVED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Formal thanks of the all-Russian government are being tendered to the victorious allied nations for their action in requiring Germany to evacuate Russian territory.

ALL PRODUCTS OF CHILD LABOR MUST PAY AN EXTRA TAX

This Is Decision of Senate in Adopting Committee Report

SOUTHERN LEADERS FIGHT AMENDMENT

Provides For Tax of Ten Per Cent on All Such Profits

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Adoption of a committee amendment imposing a ten per cent tax on profits from child labor products entering interstate commerce, was the only action by the senate on the war revenue bill today.

ARMY AVIATORS MAY CARRY MAIL INSTEAD OF USUAL MACHINE GUNS

House Provides For Mail Aeroplanes Rather Than Separate Postal Corps SALARIES RAISED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The annual postoffice appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$25,350,000 was passed today by the house with an amendment requiring the postmaster-general to use army aviators for mail aeroplanes instead of organizing a separate postal flying corps.

Watch Your Step!



FOUNDATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS INSEPARABLE FROM ACTUAL TREATY OF PEACE ITSELF, PRESIDENT THINKS

After Consulting With Various Leaders, President Has Seen No Reason to Change His Views Regarding Such a League, Is Declared—Believes That No Nation Should Be Master In Such a League.

PLAN NOT ENDORSED... PARIS, Dec. 18.—President Wilson this afternoon gave out the following statement: "The Paris edition of the Chicago Tribune this morning in a dispatch accredited to its correspondent at Washington declared that before leaving for France I gave assurance that I approved a plan formulated by the League to Enforce Peace."

CONFERS WITH FOCH... PARIS, Dec. 18.—President Wilson and Marshal Foch talked for half an hour last night. The subjects under discussion mainly were in reference to the armistice between the allies and Germany.

Some undercurrents are interpreted as showing indications of regret because the acceptance of President Wilson's points in a general way prevented some nations from achieving their own objects which might have been gained if Germany's collapse had been made even more complete.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS WORK FOR ROAD AID

Have Asked Mr. Weaver to Support Federal Highway Law... (By S. R. Winters) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The Buncombe county commission, the Board of Trade and Rotary club of Asheville and other organizations have written Representative Zebulon Weaver soliciting his support for the Rankhead-Shackelford road bill.

MOTION TO DISCHARGE BERGER IS OVERRULED

Government Closes Case Against Congressman Elect and Other Socialists... CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The government today closed its case in the trial of congressman-elect Victor J. Berger of Milwaukee and four other socialists charged with violation of the espionage act.

W. S. WILSON SUCCEUMS TO ATTACK OF INFLUENZA

State Legislative Librarian Passes Away After Complicated Attack... (Special to The Citizen.) RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 18.—A distinct shock came to the people of Raleigh today as the news spread that W. S. Wilson, state legislative librarian had succumbed to influenza.

U-BOAT WARFARE ON HOLLAND AND OTHER NEUTRAL LANDS PLANNED

Papers Belonging to Von Papen Disclosed Intentions of Huns

DERNBURG LETTER STATED OPINIONS

Papers Found By British Authorities After Capture of Palestine

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Papers of Captain von Papen, the former military attaché of the German embassy here, taken from his quarters when the British captured Palestine and which indicated that Germany planned U-boat warfare against Holland and the Scandinavian countries, in October 1916, were placed in the record today in connection with the senate judiciary committee's hearing on German propaganda.

A letter from Dr. Bernard Dernburg the former German agent in the United States dated Berlin October 18, 1916, disclosed the apparent plans of Germany for submarine activities against European neutrals.

The Von Papen papers were taken among the personal belongings of the officer who then was a major on the staff of General Liman von Sanders, commander of the Turkish forces in Palestine. The communication from the British officers stated that Von Papen hurriedly left only a few hours ahead of the British army when it captured Palestine.

WAR GOVERNORS INSPECT NEW SUPER-DREADNOUGHT MISSISSIPPI AT ANCHOR

Daniels and Lane Discuss President's Trip to Europe

PRAISE WILSON

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 18.—War governors of the states before a night inspected the new super-dreadnought Mississippi, anchored in Chesapeake bay. Earlier in the day the governors were given a luncheon by Mr. Daniels and Secretary Lane who praised President Wilson for going to Europe.