BERLIN POSITIVELY REFUSES TO YIELD ON LUSITANIA TISH LINER APPAM FORMALLY CONCEDED TO GERMANY

Great Britain Makes Demand on United States for Captured Ship

ORGANIZATION PLAN IS PUT IN OPERATION IN FAVOR OF

Wholesalers and Contractors

Professional Men

Merchants

NECK BROKEN IN COLLISION

Fayetteville, Feb. 4.-A belated

fornia went wrong a phonograph re-

tained material damages.

in the Philippines.

Made Destitute by War

Directors-J. C. DeRhodes, H. P.

Chamber of Commerce Reorganized With Increase of Forty Members and More in Sight .-- Seven Different Classes Compose Organization.

> attended audience of L. Cilley, J. F. Abernethy. of Commerce last night, inization was put into election of two direc- Williams. members of an advisory Advisory board-H. Cline, B. L. Hine, T. M. Johnson, A. O. Mitchell, hamber. The directors J. H. Patrick. whily and the advisory Officers of the Cloninger. be elected later.

> was harmonious in and the business was P. Williams, R.M. Yount, H. L. Yofore 9 o'clock and ad- der, Frank Moose. inken. President West amber to order at 7:45 y Joy again explained P. Whitener. who were not advised. J. J. Willard, J. A. Martin, J. O. the financial report, Berkley, W. F. Bruns. nat the canvass for dy had resulted in an the canvassers hope L. Hunsucker. umber up to at least

members were welcomed West, D. B. Hannah, man-Advisory board-N. W. Clark, S. Chero-Cola Bowling L. Whitener, L. F. Abernethy, J. B. Ir. D. B. Hannah, mannd Mr. J. O. Berkley, ed- Gibbs, J. A. Bowles. wher of the Times-Mer-

first time in the life of

r room has been made for married men, and several we evinced a lively inter- report received here told of the death

live men on the advis- driven by Dr. Roscoe McMillan. Dehah class selected its tails of the accident are lacking. and these were approventire body. The various fact that neither of the cars sustheir representatives

Manufacturers G. N. Hutton, Geo. F.

and W. I. Caldwell, Jan. Cilley, J. W. Warlick, cord of the sounds were made and Immeial Interests

French Nation and People

Will Provide for Serbians

J. D. Elliott, W. X. sent to its makers in New York, who G. R. Wootten, J. to correct it.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 4.-Secretary Lansing indicated today that the United States had decided to hold that the Prussian-American treaty governs the case of the Japtured liner Appam and that all that remains to be decided is the interpretation of the treaty's terms.

The secretary disclosed further that the sole question to be decid-Young Men
Disectors—O M. Sigmon, C. W. ed by the negotiations was how long the Appam should remain in Ameri-Advisory board-R. E. Martin, H. can waters. The treaty grants the right of ships to use the ports of

Men at Large each country freely.

Directors—J. W. Blackwelder, A. If the Appam were forced to de-If the Appam were forced to depart, she doubtless would become the prey of British cruisers outside the capes. If forced to depart German officials say the ship would be sunk Directors-W. A. Self, Dr. W. B. to prevent her capture by the Brit-Advisory board-Dr. P. W. Trout- ish. German officials say the ship last year. The cam- man, Bascomb Blackwelder, S. C. should be allowed to remain in Amercontinued and, with Cornwell, Dr. J. H. Shuford, Dr. C. ican waters until the question of her liner Daijin Maru was sunk Wedownership is passed on by a prize Directors-G. E. Bisanar, A. M.

Technically the ship does not become a prize until a court passes on her ownership.

Officials are said to realize that their construction of the Prussian-American treaty in this case undoubtedly will come up as a precedent at some other time during the war and even might have a bearing on the case of the American sailing of Luther Owen, who had his neck ship William P. Frve, sunk a year inter is divided into seven broken near Red Springs when his ago by the German commerce raider car collided with another car being Prinz Eitel Friedrick. The Frye case is on the event of settlement, practically on the terms for which the United States contends.

One phase of the accident was the Mr. Owen was formerly a United FOUR COTTON MILLS States soldier and had seen service When a big steam pump in Cali-

Rocky Mount, N. C., Feb. 4 .- The sale of four cotton mills owndiagnosed the trouble and told how Rocky Mount interests. The amount interests. The amount involved is \$1,000,000. Twelve hundred persons were employed, and a reorganization will take place. Mr. 1-2 and July at 1.25 1-3 to 1.25 3-4, people especially are invited to hear prices were followed by substantial Mr. Stanford Sunday night. He further gains the project.

NEWTON NEWS NOTES

Miss Alice Summerow, who has been quite sick since Sunday is im-

Mr. Walter Feimster, Jr., who has

the war with respect to tors, and nurses who remained in County Physician Geo. E. Shipp nation, the future gennish and when the Serbs them received a technical received recei solians is assured. Not selves were forced to flee the victor- morning from Maiden stating that a case of smallpox had appeared there.

The children, and adults as well, will be held on Saturday. All teach- perature, moderate east winds.

Mr. T. A. McDougald of States-Mrs. A. G. Connelly has returned from Charlotte and Gastonia, where

ANOTHER FINE DAY

themselves even to the certain element of guilty consicence that have accompanied this in the readiness of the Athenians that have accompanied this in the readiness of the Serbs. One day in an those who have had to help the Serbs. One day in an and lost it will be with particles and at 7 clock in St. Paul's its will be with and at 7 clock in St. Paul's its will be with a degree during the night and at 7 clock in St. Paul's its will be with a degree during the night and at 7 clock in St. Paul's its will be with a degree during the night and at 7 clock in St. Paul's its will be with a degree during the night and at 7 clock in St. Paul's its will be with a degree during the night and at 7 clock in St. Paul's its will be with a degree during the night and at 7 clock in St. Paul's its will be with a degree during the night and at 7 clock in St. Paul's its will be with a degree during the night and at 7 clock in St. Paul's its will be with a degree during the who have had to help the Serbs. One day in an it all that are Athenian drawing room a Greek of much evidence of thawing out, as it ralysis which attacked him several thusiastic for the measure. and lost it all that are lost to make their way fallen her country.

Abania afoot, and they arbitrary for more troops to the street french did not send more troops to the rescue of Serbia! They might the rescue of Serbia! They might the rescue of Serbia! They might cury registered 11 degrees.

details later.

last report.

(By Associated Press.)

National Bank of Fayetteville, N. C.

was closed by its board of directors

this morning. National Bank Ex-

aminer Doughton is in charge at the

directors' request and will report

The bank is capitalized at \$200,-

000. It had a surplus of \$2,000 at

SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES

(By the Associated Press)
Fayetteville, Feb. 4.—The Fourth

National Bank of Fayetteville, which

failed to open for business today,

never recovered from the heavy loss-

es several years ago, according to a

statement by Dr. Lilly, president of

the institution. It was declared that

on its securities promptly, the direc-

to continue in operation. Directors

There was no undue excitement

bank failed to open for business this

morning and the depositors viewed

the occurence calmly. They believ-

ed they would receive their deposits.

MR. WALSER ILL

for many years postmaster in Lexington, and brother of Zeb. V. Wal-

Durham, Feb. 4.-J. G. Walser,

BY MR. STANFORD

Special services will be held at the

Methodist church Sunday, the pas-

THREE DEATHS

ed by her husband and several chil-

father in West Hickory yesterday,

The young man was 36 years old and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. DaKin, and one sis-

TARIFF COMMISSION

Washington, Feb. 4 .- The Fourth

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 4.-The British ambassador today presented a formal demand on behalf of his government for the return of the Appam, taken into Norfolk by a German prize crew.

A new diplomatic controversy with Great Britain is foreshadowed, as the United States had practically accepted the German contention that the Appam was a prize of war under the Prussian-American treaty.

Shanghai, Feb. 4.—The Japanese tors felt it unfair to their depositors nesday night in a collision with another steamship and 164 lives were said every dollar probably would be

MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCKS.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 4.-War shares, higher in today's early dealings, ill with paralysis. while rails and other representative shares suffered neglect. Crucibie Steel was an active feature, soon advancing on a revival of rumors of a change in control. Lacawanna Steel was the only issue of its class to fall behind. United States Steel rose WERE SOLD TODAY a fraction above yesterdays final quotation and South Porto Rica Sugar

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Unexpectedly tor, Rev. A. L. Stanford, promises ed by the Hope Manufaccuring Com- higher cable quotations, together to speak plainly at both morning pany at Hope Mills, was made to with fear of domestic crop damage, and evening. "A Broken Vow" will Rocky Mount interests. The amount led to decided gains in the wheat be the subject at the 11 o'clock hour,

COTTON FUTURES

New York, Feb. 4 .- Cotton futures New York, Feb. 4.—Cotton
opened steady and closed steady.
Open Close Pneumonia Claims Victims in This HICKORY MARKETS

THE WEATHER

The February teachers' meeting and Saturday, slowly rising tem-

COMPARATIVE WEATHER Minimum - - - - - 41 Mean - - - - - - 24 50 father in West Hickory yesterday, 37 was held from Wesley chapel today.

DEAD IN RICHMOND ter.

KITCHIN MAY SUPPORT (By Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Feb. 4.-Alexander Hamilton, general manager and vice-president of the Atlantic Coast Leader Kitchin said he may possibly Line, died here today. The funeral services will be held

tomorrow at 4 o'clock in St. Paul's question of principle or party promit thought."

FLOODS IN CABARRUS

LANSING HOLDS FORMAL DEMAND DEPOSITORS WILL GERMANY WON'T ADMIT SINKING WAS "ILLEGAL"

Under no Circumstances will That Government Disclaim Destruction of Lusitania---New Instructions Short and Definite, Associated Press Learns.

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, Feb. 4.- Information reaching the Associated Press today indicates that under no circumstances will Germany admit that the sinking of the Lusitania was an illegal act.

The new instructions, forwarded to Ambassador Bernstorff, according to this information, contain one phrase on the formulation of the proposed note of regret to the United States on the sinking of this ship. The suggested sentence is short, consisting of only eight words, and does not contain the word "il-

It represents the extreme limit of Germany's concessions in this

one of the most serious crises of on the Berlin dispatches regarding here with the announcement that the war has arisen in connection with the Lusitania affair. the Lusitania case, and that it is It appeared at the state departimpossible to forsee the outcome ment, however, that if officials regardfrom any indications here. The re- ed the situation as seriously as result of the negotiations appears to flected in Berlin dispatches, it was hinge solely on the single word "il- not indicated in the attitude of state legal." In the way of an agreement department officials. between the United States and Germany stands these seven letters. ser, chairman of the Progressive which President Wilson insists must President Wilson returned from his

by any submarine. Virtually no other difficulty in the settlement of the controversy remains and the new instructions sent to Ambassador Bernstorff Tuesday yield to the American view in all

other respests. Although the suggested sentence, according to a reliable version, consists of only eight words, and does not contain the word "illegal," it goes as far as the Berlin foreign office believes possible without humiliating the nation.

WASHINGTON HEARS IT.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 4 .- In the absence of official information Secretary The view is entertained here that Lansing today refused to comment

WILSON APPRISED

coppers, motor issues and a few misstate committee, was this morning cellaneous stocks were materially carried to a local hospital seriously links in today's early dealings. He read the dispatches on his train The Associated Press is informed from Baltimore to Washington, He positively and authoritatively that made no comment, but officials said he Germany cannot and will not desig- regarded the situation as unfavornate as illegal the sinking of a liner able.

ASSEMBLY BUILDING

(By Associated Press.) ruins today, swept by a fire attributed will speak plainly and frankly. Good by some to a bomb or infernal mamusic will be provided at both serchine. At least six lives were lost and many persons injured. The fire included: "Education," by Charles L. raged for six hours. The financial Coon, superintendent of Wason loss is difficult to estimate. Schools; "Social Service," by Mrs. T. loss is difficult to estimate.

Three deaths from pneumonia were JOINT MEETING HERE 12.18 reported today Mrs. Adelaide 12.21 Whitener, aged 80 years, died at the OF MEDICAL SOCIETIES The Catawba County Medical Sohome of her daughter, Mrs. J. D. ciety is making plans for the joint Pope, on Tenth avenue this morning at 3 o'clock, and the funeral will be sociation and the Lincoln County held from the residence tomorrow Medical Society. Dinner will be servat 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. ed the visitors at Hotel Huffry at E. Murray, pastor of Holv Trinity Lutheran church, of which the descriptions will repair to the Chamber olina & North-Western train left the ceased was a member. Interment will of Commerce where papers will be rails yesterday morning on the heavy follow at Zion church, five miles read by Dr. F. S. Steele of Hickory grade approaching Maiden, seven south of Hickory. Mrs. Whitener is and Dr. H. E. Rowe of Newton. It seven miles south of Newton, and survived by her daughter and one is not known how many Lincoln doc- while none were injured, the damage son, Mr. Wesley Hawn of Asheville. tors will come to Hickory for the to the track was such as to block Mrs. Calvin Abee, whose death oc- meeting. The local committee on ar- traffic and the northbound passenger For North Carolina: Fair tonight nd Saturday, slowly rising temerature, moderate east winds.

Saturday to structure and the northbound passenger rangements is composed of Drs. J. H. train transferred its passengers to Shuford, F. S. Steele and T. C. a train sent down to the wreck from Hickory.

Blackburn.

Hickory.

FIRE BURNS CANADA'S TODAY'S SESSION OF CIVIC CONFERENCE

> (By Associated Press.) Asheville, Feb. 4 .- Community life, industry and social standards were the principal topics discussed here today by the National Child Labor Commission. Addresses on the day's program

W. Lingle, president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, and "Rural Life" by Professor E. C. Branson, University of North Carolina.

W. YESTERDAY

The funeral of Ray DaKin, whose death occurred at the home of his Air Raids Feature War News as Reported From Various Fronts Today

Indications that under no circum- ed bombarded on February 2. support the proposed tariff commis- stances will Germany admit that the The eastern front, like the Balkan.

Concord, Feb. 4.—The recent rains board as expedient and necessary.

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Senator Simmons favors a tariff raids on the Albanian port of Dura- teries, according to advices from

hands of the invaders, still shelters suffered from a severe attack of ton-1.—Whatever the its tiny charges, who are under the solitis at the University, where he watchful eyes of the American doc- is a student, is much better.

ambers of andividuals ious Bulgars. emselves in the fate of A great many Serbian babies, Also there is an epidemic of whoopof the war-devasted however, were brought out of the ing cough at Maiden. Dr. Shipp government of the country by their mothers and rela-would be glad if the people would the has constituted it- tives, and not a few have been born bear in mind that this disease, comardian of every Serbian since the exodus. For these Queen monly supposed to be a minor ill, is and offered to provide Sophie of Greece has made provis- really the most dangerous disease ing up and education ion by setting aside a ward in her known to childhood, partly, no doubt of fifteen of every off- Babies' Hospital in Athens for the from the carelessness of those unarace that has so vali- exclusive care of Serbian babies. ware of that fact. The smallpox its national heritage The ward will accommodate a hun- case at Maidn made its appearance r end. Already several dred babies and it is in charge of a at Providence Cotton Mill,

orphan Serbian children competent Dutch woman, ent from Saloniki to they have been placed who arrive in Athens temporarily ers are urged to be present if pos-Limilies that have vol- destitute until they can secure funds sible, says Superintendent Long, as or work or get into touch with re-important matters will be discussed.

Growitch, latives or friends, are also provided Mr. B. B. Blackwelder of Highof the for. The former municipal hospital ory was in Newton Wednesday, for of Athens has been turned into an Mr. J. W. Nolen of Spartanburg for for- of Athens has been turned into an has established a fund emergency looking house for ref- is in town on business. Constantine Mela uges from Serbia of this class, and which a franc a day Madame Grouitch has given five ville is greeting his many friends ALEGANDER HAMILTON the support of the needy thousand francs to start a fund for here.

Serbian officers and func- the feeding land imm late succor the Serbian government, of these unfortunates. she explained to the Generally speaking, the Athenians she spent several days. Press representative, "the are moved to do what they can to d especiall" the orpnan help the Serbian refugees. One respeople of this class suf- taurant keeper, for example, gives than those of the poor, all Serbs a twenty per cent discount

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