

## FURTHER CONCESSIONS MUST COME FROM GERMANY BEFORE U. S. CONSIDERS THE LUSITANIA INCIDENT SETTLED, CERTAIN

**Optimists Have No Conception of Administration's Mind—Last Memorandum From Berlin to Go Before Cabinet Today—German Financiers Standing Behind Government in Its Refusal to Disavow Sinking, Although They Have Important Interests in This Country That Would Suffer in Event of Break—American Business Men Appealing to Gerard to Tell Teutons Wilson Is Determined**

(By the United Press)

WASHINGTON, FEB. 8.—The Germans' last memorandum on the Lusitania is to go before the Cabinet today, it is expected. Some optimism is pervading German official circles. In Congressional circles it has received a setback. Statesmen and high officials of the Germans who are optimistic have no conception of the mind of the Administration. It is believed the Administration is standing firm that Germany must make further concessions.

### Germany Money Interests Behind Kaiser.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—Leading German bankers and financiers with large interests in America are standing firm behind the foreign office in its refusal to disavow the sinking of the Lusitania. This was learned following the adjournment of a conference yesterday. American business men are appealing to Ambassador Gerard to tell them to leave off. Leading bankers hope there will be no break, but say the government cannot admit the sinking was illegal.

### Situation "Hopeful."

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary Lansing conferred with the President today at 10 o'clock; at 11 both went to the cabinet meeting. Mr. Lansing shook his head to all questions. From official sources came information that the situation is hopeful. It is likely that negotiations will be continued in any event.

Ambassador Von Bernstorff is to see Secretary Lansing this afternoon.

## SELECT DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN IN MARCH

No Attempt Being Made to Get Convention Business Out of Way Simply Because Wilson Will Have No Opposition—Likely to Be Race for Vice-Presidency of Free-for-All Kind

(By the United Press)

St. Louis, Feb. 8.—There has been no attempt to rush proceedings preliminary to the Democratic convention, despite the fact that Wilson will in all probability have no opposition. It is expected that selection will be made of a temporary chairman in New York next month. An open race for the vice-presidency is predicted. All Right to Use President's Name in Ohio.

Washington, Feb. 8.—President Wilson will write a letter to the Ohio Secretary of State giving his consent to the use of his name on the primary ballot in that State. It is understood.

## BAPTIST MINISTER SHOT BY ANGRY WOMAN

(By the United Press)

Sherman, Tex., Feb. 8.—Rev. H. M. Cadle is dying and Mrs. Annie Faust, wife of a farmer, faces trial for shooting him as the result of a religious feud in the Sherman Baptist church. Each headed a faction. They had words in the public square before the woman shot the minister. Woman Claimed Slander.

The woman pulled a revolver from her handbag and fired five shots into the minister's chest. When arrested Mrs. Faust, according to deputy sheriff...

## KITCHENER MAY BE SENT TO A COMMAND IN EASTERN FIELD

**Rumored He Will Resign to Oppose Von Der Goltz in Asia**

### SEIZING GERMAN PRINTS

British Holding Up Lot of War Literature—London Government May Send a Special Representative to This Country, Said

(By the United Press)

London, Feb. 8.—David Lloyd George and Lord Derby are being mentioned as successors to Lord Kitchener, if the latter steps out of office. There is no confirmation of the rumors of Kitchener's resignation obtainable from any authoritative source. It is reported that he may be sent to the East to oppose Von Der Goltz.

England is slaughtering tons of books, pamphlets and newspapers printed in Germany and shipped to Germans in neutral countries for use in a great propaganda. Among them are several thousand copies of Bryan's speech on British rule in India, printed in Germany and addressed to persons in the United States and South America.

England May Have a "Col. House." London, Feb. 8.—Wilson's plan of sending a confidential diplomatic delegate abroad has been so successful that England is considering sending a "Col. House" of her own to America to clear up the difficulties of the Blockade regulations.

## BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Craven county will build an improved road from the Maple Cypress road to the Pitt county line. Planters will pay a part of the expense. Amos Stroud, 60, of Seven Springs, and Miss Ella Hardy, 42, of Dover, a couple well-known throughout this section, are to be married, according to the Register of Deeds at New Bern.

Twenty-five carloads per diem are now being hauled from the Neverson quarries to the Capt Lookout breakwater construction site. Claude Suggs, who killed his father-in-law at Jacksonville Christmas night, is to be tried before Judge Allen in Onslow County Court next month.

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

GERMANS TAKE RUSSIAN PRISONERS. Berlin, Feb. 8.—In Pursuing defeated Russians at Muendzil the Germans took six hundred prisoners.

the South has over four and a half million bales to come forward, as shown by the Census figures of cotton ginned during the seasons of 1914 and 1915, and six months of the cotton year have already passed. As the season advances toward the preparations for another crop, the question of supply on hand will, of course, be a more important item, unless the new crop gets a poor start. The market itself seems to be an irregular affair, with good support on declines, but with the South willing to feed the market on any advance in prices. Cotton seed oil continues its steady although slow advance. Ten cents is freely predicted by the bulls. Conditions seem to favor a further advance. Coffee has had a good advance on the rise in freight rates from Brazil. This will probably be the dominating factor in fixing values in the future.

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## WILL BEAT ROBBERS, SAYS SEN. TILLMAN IN ARMOR DISCUSSION

**Penrose Warns Naval Committee That Government Will Find Manufacture of Plate More Expensive Because Private Patents**

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 8.—The United States and armor plate manufacturers are lined up for the biggest fight yet. The Senate naval affairs committee, which had before recommended for passage a bill for the government manufacture of armor, was warned by Senator Penrose that private patents would add \$200 per ton to armor plate, or \$24,000,000 to the total of the present plans which then would go out of business when the government plant had finished. The committee recommended the bill. "We will beat an aggregation of robbers," said Senator Tillman.

## GERMAN FLEET MAY BE PREPARING FOR DASH TO NORTH SEA

**Dutch Reports Say There Are Indications of Such a Move—Big Air Fleet to Accompany Men-of-War on the Expedition.**

(By the United Press)

London, Feb. 8.—Rumors that the German fleet is preparing for its long expected dash into the North Sea have reached here from Dutch sources. All marines have been sent to Kiel and leaves of absence to officers cancelled. A great air flotilla will aid the ships, it is expected.

## WRESTLING MATCH WAS FOLLOWED BY KILLING

(By the Eastern Press) Washington, N. C., Feb. 8.—After a wrestling match between the two in the lower part of Beaufort county, Virgil Smith shot and killed Melton Jones. Both men, negroes, seemed to be in good humor until Smith suddenly produced the gun and shot the other down.

## INVESTIGATION FIRE AT OTTAWA STARTED

(By the United Press) Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 8.—Investigation of the destruction of the Parliament buildings by fire was begun today. Precautions against the entrance of German agents from the United States have been redoubled. The entire border is being guarded.

## DAVE WRIGHT, SEABOARD AIR LINE ENGINEER, KILLED IN WRECK NEAR SOUTHERN PINES EARLY THIS A. M.

The Seaboard Air Line's Florida Special, a fast train from New York to Florida, which left New York Monday afternoon, was wrecked this morning, probably after 3:30 o'clock, near Southern Pines, and Dave Wright, a S. A. L. engineer of Raleigh, was killed, according to news that came to the Kinston-Carolina Railroad office here today. The details were meager. It was presumed that the flyer went through an open switch and crashed into a freight. The damage to the trains could not be estimated, and so far as was known Wright was the only victim. Mr. Wright was a brother-in-law of Mrs. W. B. Douglass, wife of Mayor Pro Tem. Douglass of Raleigh. Mr. Douglass left today for Raleigh.

## A SINGLE OMNIBUS BILL INCLUDES ALL MATTERS OF MONEY

**Attempt to Pass All Revenue Legislation in One Measure**

### NOW BEING CONSIDERED

Rural Credits Bill Practically Completed—Work of Moss More Than Any—Chamber Commerce of U. S. Is Meeting

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 8.—One omnibus bill to include all revenue legislation in a single bill is the strategy under consideration by administration leaders. The plan is to force it through with a single vote. It will be considered by the ways and means committee Thursday. The bill would include revision of the income tax and a new inheritance tax, repeal the war stamp tax, increase the duties on whisky and cigars, tax war munitions and create a tariff commission, contain an anti-dumping clause, retain the sugar tax and repeal the tax on mixed flour.

### Rural Credits Bill.

The rural credits bill has been practically completed by the banking committee, and is to be brought before the House soon. It is chiefly the work of Representative Moss of Indiana.

### National Chamber Commerce Meets.

Secretaries Redfield, Garrison and Daniels and a dozen Representatives and Senators addressed the opening meeting here today of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

### Clark and Mann Side by Side.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Speaker Clark and Republican Leader Mann fought side by side in the House today for adequate national defense, with party lines obliterated, most of the members followed their leaders and two navy measures passed without a dissenting vote. One, to provide for adding 300 midshipmen to the entering class at Annapolis next July, passed 173 to 0, and the other to equip navy yards for construction of battleships numbers 43 and 44, passed without a roll call.

## CHICAGO MAN, MIND BLANK, TO ASHEVILLE

Asheville, Feb. 7.—Leaving Chicago a week ago Saturday, his mind in a daze as the result of the recent death of his five-year-old son, and his nerves shaken by reason of incessant application to business for the past two years, John F. Avery, a prominent lace manufacturer of Chicago, landed in Asheville last Tuesday without any very definite idea of the route taken in getting here, and has recovered fully through long tramps taken over the mountains. Mr. Avery says that the mountain tramps must have cleared his mind, and restored his nerves to normal.

## LENOIR TAXPAYERS MUST VOTE ON PITT CO. GRADED SCHOOL

**Which Their Children Are to Attend—Small Minority Living in Lenoir Part of District Protested the Bond Issue**

Lenoir county citizens' objection to being taxed for a new school in Grifton, a Pitt county town, was overcome Monday when the Board of County Commissioners here ordered a bond issue election for \$20,000 for the purpose, the election to be held in the portions of the district in both counties simultaneously, of course. The commissioners had no alternative, the Lenoir County Board of Education having passed favorably upon the matter and its word being law in such cases. There are probably six or seven times as many people in the district residing on the Pitt county side as on the Lenoir side. If the issue carries the \$20,000 will be expended for a handsome brick graded school building for the town of Grifton and the rest of the Grifton district. Lenoir citizens voiced strong disapproval of the project before the commissioners.

Another claim for damages from a road being built through private property was presented to the Board Monday, by John D. Walters of La-Grange, who asked more than \$600. A claim for a smaller sum from a landowner in the same section was refused by a commission a few days ago. The same road, the Jason-La-Grange highway, is now involved. A committee of commissioners will investigate Walters' claim.

The Board kicked out of harness when it came to paying a water bill presented by the city for the fiscal quarter. It held that the West Construction Company, doing the street paving in the city, had used water from the Courthouse or jail to fill the boiler of a steamshovel, and asked the City Clerk to render another bill for the amount minus what the construction people had used. The City Clerk would not agree to that, and suggested that the Board present a bill to the West Company for the excess. That was done. An easy compromise was had this morning, the West people paying about \$18, estimating the amount the county had used as being the same that was consumed in the corresponding quarter a year ago.

## NEWS OF THE DAY TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS

Chicago, Feb. 8.—No more fine food for civilian rookies at training camps in the Middle West this summer, according to Col. D. A. Frederick, in charge of the central department today. The citizen soldiers will have to prepare their own meals.

London—Among latest treasures added to Princess Mary's collection of war souvenirs is an Austrian officer's beauty case with mirror, brilliantine, rouge and manicure powder. Harrisburgh, Pa.—One of every ten Pennsylvania farmers has an automobile. The total, 22,608, is more than 14 per cent. of the total number of licensed cars in the State last year.

London—A Sussex magistrate is reported to be making a practice of allowing all game poachers brought before him, four days to decide as to whether they would like to become "snipers" at the front or go to jail. Chicago—W. A. Holbert, Pullman porter on a train running out of here edits the Pullman Porters' Review between runs. He has a staff composed of Pullman porters who do much of their writing while speeding around the country.

## UP TO COURTS TO CORRECT LYNCHING EVIL, HE SAYS

Wilson, Feb. 7.—Judge H. P. Lane, who is holding criminal court here, during his charge to the grand jury this morning in referring to lynchings, stated as his opinion that lynchings are a contagious disease that are spreading.

## IMPROPER NUMBERS ON HOUSES IN CITY CAUSES CONFUSION

**To Letter Carriers, Delivery Boys and Others, Council Told**

### MATTER TO BE REMEDIED

Names of Streets May Be Changed—Ex-Richmond Policeman Made Plumbing Inspector for Kinston—Sanitation

Mr. H. D. Spence addressed City Council at its regular monthly meeting Monday night, in behalf of the city letter carriers and delivery boys of Kinston. He took for his text Numbers—going all the way up the multiplication table nearly—and disapproved entirely the popular belief that a letter carrier won't talk when there is occasion. Mr. Spence would make an excellent after-dinner speaker. The Councilmen were very much amused, as well as edified, by his little speech. In some residential sections of the city, he declared, houses are numbered so that if a United States postoffice inspector were to get wind of it delivery would be suspended on certain blocks. He didn't understand how delivery boys ever got through with their work. Certainly it was a job for the letter carriers. It happened this way, he understood: Some houses were improperly numbered. At the last municipal census the census-taker, who was Mr. Chas. Bagby, undertook to correct what mistakes he noticed. He was efficient, and tore off a lot of numbers, substituting, according to his notion, the proper numbers with a crayon or lead pencil. Chalk and chaos! There was bound to be confusion for a little while, and when the city did not follow up Bagby's work and place permanent numbers where they should be put, as Mr. Bagby had expected, a lot of darkies got the idea that they were not getting their mail regularly and tacked up the old numbers: Result: Three hundreds, five hundreds, eight hundreds—possibly all of these and some more—on the same block. Mr. Spence was informed that the city intended correcting the situation, and that the numbers had been ordered and were expected to arrive soon.

Following discussion of house numbering, Alderman Webb suggested that the name of Hazzard street in Northwest Kinston be changed to Washington street extended, as it really should be, because the hazard of the present name was a perilous risk indeed to the residents. Mr. Webb also gave it as his opinion that Washington and Lenoir streets should be made avenues. They are oases, he said, in a whole desert of avenues, as Peyton, Grainger, Capitola, and numerous others. Mr. Henry French, too, he stated, had asked that La-Roque's alley's name be altered to Glenwood avenue. Mr. French had read in a paper about a man being killed on a Glenwood avenue in another city, Mr. Webb said, although he did not indicate that that was Mr. French's reason for desiring the change. The Council has the matter of changing the names under consideration.

T. A. Conway, a plumber recently from Louisburg, N. C., was named plumbing and sanitary officer at a salary of \$75. He would have the work of inspecting all plumbing connections, electric light wiring, visiting premises to see if the sanitary ordinances were being observed, etc. Mr. Conway, the Council had been informed, is a capable man. He has served as plumbing inspector in cities where there is no other duty attached to the office, has been on the Richmond police force, etc.

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