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### **Germany Anxious to Avoid** Hostilities With America Among Emergency Measures Await-

Steps Taken to Open Discussion to Prevent War.

NO MODIFICATION OF SUB WAR Germany Intimates That She V'" Safe-guard Ships.

DISCUSSION IS NOT POSSIBLE strained international situation. Attitude of U. S. Stands Unless There Is a Modification.

Washington, Feb. 10.-Germany has taken steps to open a discussion with the United States of means of preventing war between the two countries.

In seeking an exchange of views the subject, however, it is not understood that the Berlin Government has proposed any modification of its ruthless submarine campaign, and officials here feel that they cannot enter upon such a discussion while vessels continue to be destroyed in violation of international law.

The new move is understood to be predicted upon a willingness on Germany's part to discuss especially the safe guarding of American ships and American lives on the seas, and backed by a German renewed expression of the desire of the German government to prevent the diplomatic breach from leading to actual hos-tilities. Just how American interests are to be safeguarded if the German war zone proclamation is to stand, however, and whether any specific means of preserving peace between the two nations is included in the suggestion has not bee revealed.

Because of the delicacy of the stiuation, all officials refuse to discuss it in detail or even to indicate through what channels the communication was addressed to the American Government.

What may be the ulterior motive against England either has succeeded or failed. Elsewhere, there are suggestions that there may be behind it a sincere desire to make sacrifices to preserve peace between the United States and Germany, and may come as a response to the appeals understood to have been sent abroad by pacifists in this country.

ing any other course than vigorous preparation of the Nation for the eventuality which he warned against in his address to congress if Amerians the postoffice appropriation bill is the postoffice appropriation bill is can rights are violated.

Up to tonight, no official evidence had been received to show that the feared overt act had been committed. Aside from the new German communication interest in official circles centered chiefly in the course of Berlin officials in placing obstacles in the way of the departure of Ambassador Gerard. Great resentment has been aroused here over this incident, but officials have indicated that as soon as the Ambassador is safely out of Germany they will be disposed to consider the matter closed.

#### BRITISH PAID DEARLY FOR SUCCESS ATTAINED

Military Critic of Overseas News Agency Says Saccess on Aucre Was of Small Consequence. Berlin, Feb. 12.-Via Sayville.

The military critic of the Overseas News Agency says that the British attack on the northern bank of the Ancre yesterday in which the British 'penetrated a small sector of German positions on the road from Puisieux to Beaucourt," was started on a broad front at 10 o'clock at night after strong artillery preparations. "The British success," he adds, "in

men employed or the use of war ma- gate. terial. The attack of the British battalion north of LaBassee canal was absolutely without success. preparation for this attack there were six hours of artillery firing which commenced at 11 a. m. and increased to drum fire at 4 p. m.

"Under protection of heavy clouds vanced upon a German trench on a narrow salient. The German artillery, however- covered this trench tives. with such a heavy and well-directed dead, and were compelled to seek his parents, Esq. and Mrs. C. J. Brasprotection in their own positions. The well. losses were exceedingly

No U-Boat Ever Fired at Lifeboats,

Nor Will They. Berlin, Feb. 12 .- Via Sayville Reports from British sources that the life boats of the British steamer Eavestone were fired upon by a German submarine are mentioned in an Overseas News agency announcement today which adds:

"As soon as the submarine reports, all the details regarding the question of the Eavestone will be given out. Meanwhile it is reiterated that no German submarine ever fired at lifeboats nor will one do so in future."

Frost at Queenstown received in or any other foreign power. Let's Washington on February 6 state keep out of this awful conflict. that Richard Wallace, an American negro, was killed during the shelling of the Eaverstone's boats by the German submarine which sank her.]

week .- Union Drug Company.

CONGRESS NOW TURNS TO GENERAL BUSINESS

ing Action Are Conspirancy and Espionage Bills—To Report On

Washington, Feb. 11 .- The diplomatic breach with Germany having been endorsed by the Senate, Congress is devoting itself to important that a master anti-submarine weapon general business, together with emergency measures necessitated by the

Daniels providing authority to com-mandeer ship yards and munitions mandeer ship yards and munitions plants and appropriating \$1,000,000 conference committee on National yesterday, to commence operations by March 1. Mr. Houston, therefore, ers until she had bed definite asset. for the purchase of basic patents of can Society of Aeronautical Engineers, vice-president of the Aero Ciub state capitol in a few weeks. His harbors would not be held or impriscarrying quickly as possible.

Emergency measures awaiting action in the Senate include espionage and conspirancy bills recommended by the attorney general and amend-ments to the shipping laws. Tomorrow the Senate expects to pass the Porto Rican citizenship bill, after cists which a fight again will be instituted for legislation in the pending postoffice appropriation bill increasing the rate on newspapers and periodicals and providing for one cent drop letter postage. Revenue legislation also will be pressed in the Senate county information coverage all had a hand in securing the interval of the very great surprises I am cerminal Robert N. Page, Senator F. M. Simmons, and Senator Lee Overman also will be pressed in the Senate county information coverage all had a hand in securing the interval. within a few days.

Democratic senators today at their these inventions. third revenue caucus finally approved, with amendments, the bill passed by the house to provide approximately \$350,000 additional revenue to 000,000 through auditional taxes on for a bond issue of \$100,000,000 to go abroad to find an opportunity to pay for the Danish West Indies. pay for the Danish West Indies. Alaska railroad and other expenses were modified only slightly.

The "excess profits" tax on corpor ations and partnerships was limited all other American modern inventors back of the step also is a matter of by the caucus to expire automaticalspeculation. In some quarters, there ly in four years. Also an amendis evident a feeling that it merely is ment was inserted providing that the ment was inserted providing that the machinery alone, any further action by the United States until the starvation blockade against England of the starvation blockade in six inserted providing that the present tax of 12 1-2 per cent on munitions makers' profits shall end munitions makers' profits shall end in six, instead of 12 months after any other department, and within the peace is declared.

> to add the Webb exporters' co-operative bill as a "rider" to the revenue lor, Admiral Fiske and others. bill, which may prevent passage of the Webb bill at the present session.

The caucus pledged all Democratic senators to support the entire velous gyroscopic compass and that revenue bill as amended, except that that President Wilson is contemplating any other course than vigorous that vigorous that vigorous that vigorous that vigorous the vigorous out of the way.

Other matters being pressed in the Senate are the railroad labor legislation bill, the bill giving the President authority to take over the railroads in time of war or threatened war, the flood control, rivers and harbors and oil land leasing bills.

The House rules committee probably will make a report on its "leak" investigation during the last of the Hearings will be resumed in week. New York Wednesday, and, it is expected, on Thursday or Friday the committee will return here to frame its report. Present indications are that there will be a majority and a minority report.

Wednesday Congress will meet in vote of the November election for peace-makers today. With an identic President and vice-President of the note to all neutrals, it proposed a United States.

#### From East Goose Creek.

Correspondence of The Journal. Unionville Rt. 2 .- There is an epidemic of grippe and colds in this section.

Miss Maud Crowell, one of teachers at Pleasant Hill school, spent

no way corresponds to the number of the week-end with friends at Win-Mr. I. A. Crowell has moved to the

Geo. W. Williams place, recently pur-In chased by Mr. C. J. Braswell. Mr. W. M. Sell and son, Mr. Hoyle Sell, are talking of going into the

dairy business. Mr. Arthur Williams, son of Mr. J. Cull Williams, returned home last of smoke, several attacking waves ad- week from Delark, Ark., where he has spent the winter with his uncle, Mr. J. L. Williams, and other rela-

Mr. Solon Braswell, who is princifire that the British were compelled pal of the York school near Marshto vacate it, leaving behind numerous ville, spent Saturday and Sunday with

Miss Ila Williams, daughter of Mr. J. C. Williams, has gone to Charlotte where she has secured employment in

a sewing establishment. Mr. J. M. Tarlton, who lives just over the line in New Salem township, had the misfortune to lose a very val-

uable young mule last week. It is feared that the recent cold weather has greatly injured if not entirely ruined the small grain crops in this section. Cabbage plants which had been set out during the winter

War with Germany is all the talk Your correspondent has just now. talked with several people and to a man they are all opposed to this [A report from American Consul country going to war with Germany

were nearly all killed.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. T. F. James has been right sick for some days .- O. L. D. Timer.

-The Union Drug Company will -Make an appontment with our have a Boston beauty special with Boston Beauty specialist for next them all next week. Free facial massages in your home.—(Adv.)

NEW INVENTIONS FOR WAR

Nation's Inventive Genius to Reveal Master Submarine Foe.

New York, Feb. 11 .- American in-

for Germany in case of war. Cable dispatches from London say will be revealed by Thomas A. Edison's "invention board."

I talked today with Henry A. Wise-Tuesday the house will pass the naval appropriation bill, together with amendments urged by Secretary wood, an original member of the relative to see and fixtures.

United States naval consulting board, and fixtures.

It is the in inventors. Wood is chairman of the Engineers.

co-operation of our creative physi- cashier will be.

"Fortunately, in view of the pres-

"With few exceptions American inventors have heretofore devoted themselves exclusively to matters which do not concern warfare. Usualmeet the anticipated treasury deficit. ly when an American inventor touch-The House provisions to raise \$248,-000,000 through auditional taxes on inheritances and "excess profits" and improvements he has been forced to

"Thus Sir Hiram Maxim was driven out of this country, as was Lefis, of the Lewis gun, and as have nearly of war material. It became the fashion of American inventors to let war

"The Navy Department, however, last ten years has shown commend-The caucus rejected an amendment able enterprise in adoption of the far-

> Thus, with the help of the Navy Department, Elmer A. Sperry has been enabled to develop his mar-

navigation. Sperry is so modest few know of his historic achievements.

"Among Sperry's inventions are the gyroscopic compass; the automatie stabilizer or 'auto pilot' for aviators; the auto anti-rolling device for battleships; the aerial drift indicator, his enormously powerful searchlight and innumerable other important devices which are to be found on American battleships."

MEXICO WOULD BE PEACE DOVE

Carranza, Shocked at Horrors Across the Ocean, Sends Note.

Washington, Feb. 12.-Revolution swept Mexico's de facto Government joint session to count the electoral entered the lists of international to be followed, in the event of failof munitions and supplies to belli-

The communication was handed . the State Department by R. P. de Negri, Charge of the Carrange Embassy here. It was received with expressions of mingled amusement and gravity in official quarters. There had been no decision tonight as to the American Government's response. but the prevailing opinion was that Secretary Lansing would reply promptly and briefly, referring to the futile effort of President Wilson to bring about peace, and pointing out that under existing conditions an embargo on exports would be a breach

of neutrality. Among Entente Diplomats, Carranza's action was denounced as another evidence of German influence becloud the issue and embarrass the United States in the situation resulting from Germany's new submarine campaign. Officials of the Government were not so outspoken in voicing their opinions, but those who commented informally frankly ex-

pressed the same view. It became known tonight that a proposal similar to the one now brought forward officially was made at one of the closing sessions of the Mexican-American joint commission which recently attempted to solve border difficulties. Luis Cabrera, Cabinet, and head of the Mexican commissioners, suggested to the Americans that he had hoped the comnot only would settle disputes between the United States and Mexico, but might bring peace to the world. An embargo on exports was his plan.

Mexico's exports to Europe are considerable and of vast importance quantities of oil for the British fleet are drawn from the English-owned amined then. oil fields on the Mexican east coast.

ist all next week .- Union Drug Co.

He Will Be Located in Columbia After March First.

Mr. D. A. Houston stated to The ventive genius will have some tre-mendous surprises in war machinery had accepted the treasurership Columbia Federal Farm Loan Bank. His decision was made after several

It is the intention of the Columbia bound ships in American harbors. bank officials, The Journal learned ying approximately \$300,000, of America, and member of the Sowill be put through next, as Engineers of Naval Architects and Marine tional Bank has not yet been secured. but the directors, it was learned, will the Government for the first time have already been made, but the pubhas invited, rather than repelled, the lie is in the air as to who the new

The President of the Columbia plete details, bank gets a salary of \$6,500, and as Mr. Houston will draw down the war. I have information concerning all had a hand in securing the juicy plum for Mr. Houston, but The Journal has learned that the job was not given to the First National Bank's cashier on political pull oltogether. Civil service authorities, it is said, have had a line on Mr. Houston for some time. They knew he was a bank cashier; also that he had been around the court house for some years; had a license to practice law, and would be a handy man to have around a Federal Reserve bank.

The Columbia bank has a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and tation prevails in Berlin that war five Directors. South Carolina gets with the United States is avoidable, one Director, North Carolina one, or that a modus vivendi reconciling Florida one, and Georgia one. It is the policies of the two Governments said that applications for loans ag- can be found. gregating \$300,000 have already been iled at the Columbia bank. It will have a capitalization of \$750,000.

one of their number has been signnally honored by the Government, yet policy, but only in such a way. Aczen. Mr. Houston is a naitve of this the Associated Press has been relicounty, and for many years he has ably informed, to submarine combeen closely identified with the social manders before they started on their and solitical life of the community. February mission, to take the safe last Tuesday night.

go to Columbia with him. Mrs. Hous- when such action, in their judgment. many friends regret that she can no campaign and the safety of their en thereby longer be a member of their circle.

#### MUST SAVE CANNING CLUBS

County Board of Agriculture is De-

termined to See No Backsliding. tives from the board have appeared sundred to two hundred dollars. Agriculture is now determined to seek toward neutrals was joint effort to end the European war, the Chamber of Commerce, will make warning, if they found this advisable, an effort to secure a hundred dollars from the Board of Education, and Department of Agriculture, w

who had charge of the work last year, now started. can be induced to take charge again

amount of funds. The work last year was hampered en account of lack of funds, and Mrs. been applied in Germany. Griffin had decided that she would be mable to do any effective work without the assistance of some helpers. to provide for these helpers.

was in session Monday, also discussed plans for the Union County Soin Mexico, and as a further effort to cial Conference, which will be held Those in attendance here March 17. at the meeting were: T. J. W. Broom, J. W. Rallings, J. E. Broom, Sikes, J. Z. Green, M. P. McNeely, H. M. McManus, H. Y. Scott, A. R. Edwards, and John Beasley.

> Investigation Discloses There Was "Genuine Leak."

New York, Feb. 11 .- "I am perfectly atisfied that the leak investigation has shown a genuine leak existed at Washington," Sherman L. Whipple Minister of Interior in Carranza's the leak committee's attorney, said "The committee's progress has been highly satisfactory and the existence of such a leak, through the medium of the two newspaper men mentioned. Price and Essary, has been proven.

Mr. Wipple planned to leave soon for Boston, where he will remain three days, returning here probably Wednesday for another session of the to the Entente Allies. Enormous committee. Records of two Wall Street brokerage firms will be ex-

The committee's findings, it was said, were regarded as complete cerne, Colo, to Chicago. An armed believed. Bakeries can find ready -Free facial massages in your exhoneration of Secretary of the guard road in each car to see that use for all the fresh eggs that come home by our Boston Beauty Special- Treasury McAdoo and R. W. Bolling, no one stele any of them and to keep the President's brother-in-law.

HOUSTON ACCEPTS BANK JOB U. S. SAILORS HELD IN GERMANY

Will Hold Men as Prisoners Until Sure Germans in America Won't Discuss Its Differences Be Imprisoned-Amazes This Government.

Washington, Feb. 12. -- Formal notification of the retention in Germany of the 72 American sailors BLUNT NOTE SENT TO BERLIN Britons are predicting, for instance, days' conference with friends and brought in as prisoners on the prize business associates, Mr. Houston will ship Yarrowdale was given to the probably leave for Columbia the lat- state department today by Dr. Paul ter part of this week, where he will Ritter, Swiss minister here, acting confer with other officials of the bank for the German government, togethwood, an original member of the relative to securing suitable quarters er with an inquiry as to the status of the crews of the German war-

Germany, Dr. Ritter said, had deers until she had had definite assur-

This development, wholly unex-"With the appointment recently of the naval consulting board," said termine who it will be. It is said to the conclusion that the early repected, was amazing to the American Wood, "a new era has begun in which that several applications for the job ports which misled the German government as to the treatment of German crews here had been effectively dispelled by the farwarding of com-

A query was at once cabled to the ent circumstances, this copartnership has been working long enough to have laid a substantial foundation for have laid a substantial foundation for for the very great surprises I am cergovernor of Hawaii the only section any variation will be found there in the Secretary's reply, together with a the uniformly courteous treatment memorandum which at Mr. Lancounty finds itself in a protracted Simmons, and Senator Lee Overman the uniformly courteous treatment accorded German vessels.

Eventual release of the Yarrowdale prisoners is regarded as assured night, but an urgent protest against their suggestion originally transmitted orre-imprisonment will be

#### Will Be No Modification of Submarine Warfare,

Copenhagen, Feb. 10 .- Via London, Feb. 11 .- Little hope or expec-

the people to avoid actual hostilities ment is willing to negotiate with the Union county folks are pleased that in any way consistent with the gen-ne of their number has been signnal-eral lines of the present submarine mercial blockade against England His elevation to the high government side when neutral versels, particularjob came as a complete surprise to ly American, were in question, when-Mr. Houston. He had no knowledge ever possible. Enemy merchantmen, of why he was called to Washington when recognized as such, were ordered to be sunk at sight, but neutral own shins.

It is realized, however, that after the prompt and resolute stand taken by President Wilson, these orders could only be palliative and only defer, not avoid, an ultimate break. Also, that if President Wilson stood by The County Board of Agriculture is his announcement that the destrucnaking a desperate effort to save the tion of American lives or ships would Home Demonstration Work, or the be regarded as an act of hostility, a Girls' Canning Club. Representa- casus belli must come sooner or later twice before the County Commission- number of Americans on enemy ships, rs in an effort to get them to in- Moreover, there was the discretionacrease their appropriation from one ry nature of the instructions to submarine commanders, who were in-These efforts failed, and the Board of formed that while the careful course recommended the money from other sources. It has and desired, they would no longer be pledged itself for one hundred dol- subjected to nunishment for departlars, while H. Y. Scott, Secretary of ing from their former procedure of

ure, by the cutting off of all exports from the Chamber of Commerce. This sibility of the avoidance of hostilities It is considered that the only poswith the hundred dollar appropria- would result from a modification of tion from the county, one hundred its standpoint by one or the other side, and before the Associated Press two hundred dollars from the State correspondent's departure from Berlin, there seemed no probability that vide a total of six hundred dollars. Germany would give way this time It is believed that Mrs. B. H. Griffin, or abandon the ruthless campaign

From a neutral cable office, it now this year if she is assured of this is possible to tell the story of the development of the present crisis, on which the most rigid censorship has To the observer in Berlin, the ap-

proach of the crisis has been plainly and definitely evident since the re-The increased appropriation is sought jection of Germany's peace overtures. Information as to Germany's definite The Board of Agriculture, which decision to start a sharpened submarine war and even the form it would take, namely, a blockade of specified regions, (though the idea of a "prohibited zone" was later substituted for that of a "blockade" at the request of the naval authorities, who C. J. Braswell, Sanford Smith, Vann anticipated possible formal objections under the blockade regulations) was received by the Associated Press almost on the morrow of Ambassador Gerard's speech on German-American good relations, delivered at the banquet of the American Association of Commerce and Trade early in January.

A week later, it was stated that a full decision on the attnation had not been reached, and that the campaign would not be launched until after further consultations with Germany's Allies and the receipt of certain information from Count von Bernstorff and Count Tarnowski von Tarnow, respectively German and Austurian Ambassadors to the United States. their concept of armed merchantmen an dtheir ability to attack as war ships.

#### Potatoes Guarded.

toes was recently shipped from Lu- ments of eggs from the Orient, it is the stoves giong properly.

## United States Will Not

That Is If Germany Refuses to Aban-don her Ruthless Sub Campaign.

Renewal of German Sussex Pledge is Required to Any Discussion.

BLOCKADE WON'T BE BROKEN German Note Is Regarded as Utterly Insincere by Officials.

Washington, Feb. 12.-The United States has flatly rejected Germany's offer to discuss differences between the two nations while the ruthless

submarine campaign is in progress.

In a note today to the Swiss Minister, who on Saturday presented orally the German proposal, Secretary Lansing said the United States "does not feel that it can enter into any discussion with the German Government concerning the policy of submarine warfare against neutrals which it is now pursuing, unless and until the German Government renews its assurances of the 4th of May (the Sussex note) and acts upon the as-

The State Department made public sing's suggestion Doctor Ritter, the Swiss Minister, had prepared last setting down in writing the - at ally. Previously officials had declined to confirm the announcement by the Associated Press Saturday after-HOPE TO DEFER HOSTILITIES noon that such a proposal had been delivered by Decter Ritter.

"In view of the appearance in the newspapers of February 11 of a report that Germany was initiating negotiations with the United States in regard to submarine warfare, the Department of State makes the following statement:

"A suggestion was made orally to the Department of State late Satur-There now is a desire on the part day afternoon by the Minister of of the authorities and a vast bulk of Switzerland that the German Governsuggestion was made in writing and presented to him by the Swiss Minister Sunday night.

'The communication is as follows: 'Memorandum:

"The Swiss Government has been requested by the German Government to say that the latter is now, as before, willing to negotiate, formally or Mr. Houston's family will of course merchantmen were to be wearned informally, with the United States, o to Columbia with him. Mrs. Hous- when such action, in their indigment, provided that the commercial blockton is prominent in society, and her was consistent with the object of the ade against England will not be brok

> "This memorandum was given immediate consideration, and the following reply was dispatched today:

'My Dear Mr. Minister "'I am requested by the President to say to you, in acknowledging the memorandum which you were kind enough to read me on the 11th instant, that the Covernment of the United States would gladly discuss -probably sooner on account of the With the German Government any questions it might propose for discussion were it to whildraw its preclamation of the 31st of January, in which, suddenly and without previous intimation of any kind, it cancelled the assurances which it had given this Government on the 4th of May last; but that it does not feel that it can enter into any discussion with the German Government concerning the policy of submarine warfare against neutrals which it is now pursuing unless and until the Gorman Government renews its assurances of the 4th

of May and acts upon the assurances. "No other interchange on this subject has taken place between this Government and any other Govern-

ment or person. In view of the fact that the United States has taken the most vigorous course possible short of war to denounce the ruthless submarine warfare, officials of the Government regard the German proposal to negotiate while the campaign is in progress as utterly insincere. From the first the move has been looked upon resented as a piece of propaganda, designed to becloud the issue and put the United States into a

false position of belligerency. The question of whether navy guns shall be provided for Amer owners desiring to arm their vessels for defense against submarines has been submitted to President Wilson. The State Department has

mended that the guns be provided. There is said to be no authority under which the Navy Department can actually supply the guns, though there are precedents for the loaning of weapons under bonturn. Under existing law, only condemned guns and stores can be sold by the Navy.

### Egg Shipment Released.

Over two years ago a shipment of 5,000 cases of eggs was sent out from Shanghal, China, bound for Seattle, Wash. When the eggs reached San Francisco health officers placed them under quarantine and they were held until a few days ago when the Callfornia courts holding that health authorities have no jurisdiction over eggs passing through the state to some port in another state, ordered them released. This decision will A special train loaded with pota- open a market here for large shipover and the stale one are good for tanning leather.