

IMPOSSIBLE FOR GERMANY DISAVOW THE SINKING OF LUSITANIA IS THOUGHT TO BE BERLIN STATEMENT; CRISIS IS AT HAND

Unless United States Waives Demand or Agrees to Arbitration "Amicable Adjustment" Cannot Be Had—Imperial Government Cannot Admit Sinking Was Violation International Law—Pessimism in Washington. Lansing Gets a Line on Message in Advance and Informs President—Wilson Expected Not to Recede a Particle From His Position—German Officials and the Press Standing Together

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BERLIN, Feb. 4.—Unless America waives the demand for disavowal of the sinking of the Lusitania or agrees to submit to arbitration at The Hague, amicable adjustment of the matter is impossible, is the unanimous view taken by officials and newspapers here. The press says Germany cannot admit the sinking was a violation of international law. It is hoped that Colonel House may be able to present the German view to President Wilson.

Wilson Will Not Back Down, Washington Assumes.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Deep pessimism prevails in official circles over the latest communication from Berlin on the Lusitania question. It is understood Secretary Lansing has received a forecast of the note from Ambassador Gerard, and has forwarded it to the President. It is believed President Wilson, as indicated in his addresses on his recent trip, will not yield in any particular in the crisis.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Ambassador Von Bernstorff did not conceal his surprise and concern when he was shown a United Press dispatch from Berlin today. He refused to make a comment. He hoped, he said, that the Germans' report sent by Colonel House will straighten out the difficulties. He believed the worst of the present difficulty will be the delay.

APPAM IS PREPARED TO MAKE LONG STAY AT VIRGINIA PORT

Securely Anchored In Newport News Harbor—Most of Passengers Go to Norfolk at Expense of British Government

(By the United Press)

Newport News, Feb. 4.—The Appam is prepared to remain indefinitely in this harbor if she secures a berth. The ship is now securely anchored. Most of the passengers have left for Norfolk. The British government is paying their expenses. Legal proceedings in the prize court will now begin. England is expected to file a claim with the State Department.

GOING ON IN OTHER TOWNS AND COUNTIES OF EAST CAROLINA

Dare county citizens have pledged support to a new steamer line between Baltimore and North Carolina sound ports.

Passenger traffic on the Norfolk Southern Railroad is "very gratifying," and "freight shipments are growing larger everywhere along the lines," General Passenger Agent Leard said in an interview at New Bern Thursday.

Grave fears are entertained for the recovery of Burl Reeves, formerly employed on this division of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, who was assaulted with a knife by a negro at Allshook, S. C. Reeves' throat was cut from ear to ear, presumably for the purpose of robbery.

The hog cholera epidemic in Craven county is decreasing.

Few shad are being caught anywhere in this section. They should be "running" well by February 15, however. Prices now are skyhigh.

LUMBER RATES CASE IN WASHINGTON IN MARCH

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Washington, Feb. 4.—The Whiteville Lumber Co. et al. vs. A. C. L. freight rate case, will be heard by the Interstate Commerce Commission here on March 7, it was announced late yesterday. A representative of the Commission started the case in Goldsboro, N. C., this week, but postponed it at the plaintiff's request.

NEGRO ARRESTED FOR CAMP PERRY MURDER

A report from Onslow county says that Sheriff Henderson of that county has under arrest Richard Winfield, colored, charged with the murder of Arthur Bryant, another negro, at Camp Perry two or three days ago. Bryant had been sent to arrest Winfield for the superintendent of the camp, who was determined to punish the latter for disorderliness, it is said, and was shot as he approached the other man. Winfield was at large until Thursday. He is said to have stated that Bryant came upon him with a gun, that he expected to be shot, and fired in self-defense.

Winfield was to be taken to jail at New Bern.

REPORT OF TODAY'S COTTON QUOTATIONS

Not more than eight bales of cotton had been sold here today by 3 o'clock. The best price paid was 11.20 for two bales of extra quality, but prices ruled from 10 1/2 to 11 1/8. New York futures quotations were:

	Open	Close
March	11.95	11.85
May	12.14	12.07
July	11.95	12.18
October	12.20	12.21
December	12.42	12.32

PRESIDENT'S PLANS TO BE ADOPTED HERE END OF NEXT MONTH

Wilson Thinks People Are Rapidly Taking His Defense Views

ON WAY TO WASHINGTON
Chief Executive Gets Important Messages From Lansing Which Cause a Mystery on Train—Notes on German Situation?

(By the United Press)

On Board the President's Special, Feb. 4.—That the President's preparedness program will be adopted by Congress before the end of March is predicted by those close to President Wilson. This is based on the enthusiasm he met with on the western trip.

Possibly the development of an international situation was conveyed in important messages received from Secretary Lansing today. Mr. Wilson did not mention Mexico.

The President believes the people are rapidly taking to his view. He reaches Washington this afternoon. He may soon go south, as well as further west.

DANIELS SPEAKS TO JONES ASSOC'N ON PRESERVING HOUSE

In Which Naval Hero Spent Youth—To Lay Wreath On Tomb Saturday—Collection of Relics to Be Placed in Grove Place

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 4.—Secretary Daniels today addressed the John Paul Jones Association, planning to preserve the Grove house at Halifax, N. C., where Jones spent his early years. The association is to lay a wreath on the grave at Annapolis tomorrow. It is reported that a fine collection of mementoes of Jones will be established at the Grove.

BULLETINS

U-BOAT CARRIED NO COLORS.

London, Feb. 4.—The captain of the steamer Commodore, torpedoed in the Mediterranean on Wednesday, declared today that the submarine was flagless.

THOMAS MAKES BROAD ASSERTION.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The destruction of the Ottawa Houses of Parliament was denounced as a wanton crime of incendiarism in a resolution introduced today by Senator Thomas of Colorado. He refused to say what proof he had that the fire was set by an incendiary.

DEATH GENERAL COUNSEL HAMILTON OF THE A. C. L.

The law firm of Rouse & Land are in receipt of a telegram from Geo. C. Elliott, general solicitor for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, stating that Alexander Hamilton, general counsel for the system, died at his home in Petersburg, Va., Thursday night. None of the details of his demise was given.

Mr. Hamilton was a very capable lawyer, was widely known in the profession, and was of advanced age. His position in railroad legal circles was one of the most important in the South.

GERMANS HAVE LOST MORE THAN A SCORE ZEPPELINS SO FAR

One Sunk In North Sea on Thursday—Not Certain How Dirigible Met End—Ship Sunk By Aircraft—First Incident of Kind

(By the United Press)

London, Feb. 4.—One zeppelin and eight other German dirigibles have been lost since the beginning of the war, aeronautic writers estimated today after the report that the L-29 was sunk in the North Sea yesterday. It is believed it was hit by English coast batteries or Dutch guns when it approached the Holland Coast.

The collier Franze Fischer, sunk by one of the air raiders, is believed to be the first vessel ever sunk from the air.

WEEK'S TRADING HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY

Bradstreet's Reports Large Tobacco Sales, Better Demand for Lumber, Activity in Dry Goods, Notions and Shoes, Etc.—Unfavorable Weather But Retail Trade Has Been Fair

(Special to The Free Press)

Richmond, Va., Feb. 4.—Bradstreet's today said for Richmond and vicinity:

"Except for the deleterious effect of unseasonable weather the week's trading has been satisfactory. The largest sales of leaf tobacco for this season have been held this week and prices have been good, the average for the week being in excess of 8 cents a pound. Wholesalers of dry goods and notions and shoes report good sales. Lumber is in better demand, particularly the lower grades, and most manufacturers in this line are now operating full time. Local building permits for the month of January amounted to \$300,592, an increase of \$140,752 over January of last year. Collections are generally good. Retail trade is fair, though somewhat depressed because of unfavorable weather."

DELANEY LEAVES WIFE; SHE HOPES FOR KEEPS

Frank Delaney, Schenectady, N. Y., youth, who passed bad checks in Kinston and other places in North Carolina several months ago, was convicted in Superior Court at New Bern and permitted to return North after his mother had appeared before the court and pled for another chance for him, now has abandoned Doris Sheridan, the chorus girl to whom he was married here shortly before his arrest, in Philadelphia. The girl had been working in New York until Delaney went there and effected a reconciliation.

A letter from Mrs. Delaney to North Carolina friends stated that she had just enough money to get back to New York with, and that she was going there immediately. She never wanted to see the young man again, she declared. Delaney was given ten days in which to leave North Carolina when his sentence was suspended, but he was gone inside of 24 hours.

M'ADOO AND ROOSEVELT CANNOT COME TO SOUTH

Washington, Feb. 3.—Secretary McAdoo today announced that he has indefinitely postponed his trip South, which was to begin Saturday and would have taken him to Dallas, Texas; Birmingham and several other cities. Pressing departmental business was said to be responsible. When the trip will be taken is not known. Roosevelt Sick.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin Roosevelt has cancelled his proposed speaking tour in the South on account of illness. He was to have spoken on national preparedness at a number of Southern cities.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS WERE RUINED BY FLAMES; PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH IN FIRES IN THREE BIG CITIES

Five Millions Damage In Ottawa—Six Known Dead—Parliament Members Had Narrow Escapes—Many of Them Leaped From Windows—At Least Six Victims of Flames Which Destroyed Overbrook Hotel at Atlantic City—Persons On Top Floors Could Not Be Approached by Rescuers—Caroline Tag, Member Brooklyn Society, Who Was Soon to Be Married, Gave Up Life to Save Others—Six Dead There

(By the United Press)

OTTAWA, Canada, Feb. 4.—Six are known to be dead from the fire which last night ruined the five-million dollar Canadian Parliament buildings. The buildings are filled with smoke. The fire swept through them in three minutes. Many officials were injured.

The origin is a mystery. It is declared guards made it impossible for the blaze to be of incendiary origin.

Fifty members of the House of Commons narrowly escaped. They received the alarm while listening to discussion of a bill. Many were forced to jump from the windows.

Several Dead In Atlantic City Fire.

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 4.—Six are dead and at least two persons are missing as result of a fire which destroyed the Hotel Overbrook today. A dozen were injured. The building was at once a sheet of flame. Efforts to reach the doomed persons on the top floors were impossible. Several missing are believed to be cared for nearby.

Fashionable Home Burned; Six Victims

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Six are dead, one missing and two injured from a fire which destroyed the fifty-thousand dollar home of Mrs. Casimer Tag in Brooklyn. Society folk in nightgowns attempted to help in the rescue of persons on the top floors. Carolina Tag, a daughter, ready to be married on February 16, spread the alarm, went upstairs to help get out the others, and died herself. Von Bernstorff Surprised.

Camden Has Big Fire.

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 4.—The business section of Camden was swept today by a \$200,000 fire.

NORTH CAROLINA IS ANXIOUS TO LEARN

All About Subject of Preparedness, and Is Now One of Best-Informed States in Union On Matter, Says Navy League of the United States. Many Letters Received From the State

(Special to The Free Press)

Washington, Feb. 4.—North Carolina has become one of the best informed States in the Union on the subject of preparedness as the result of a letter sent to the Navy League of the United States early last October by E. R. Rankin, assistant director of the Bureau of Extension, University of North Carolina, for material to be used by debating societies. Mr. Rankin notified the League at that time that more than 300 high schools in the State would debate "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the policy of greatly enlarging its navy."

At his request the League sent to the Bureau of Extension a large amount of information as to the present status of the United States navy and reasons why it should be increased and improved to the point where it would be strong enough to defend our shores and commerce against possible attack. This material was distributed by the University, and within a short time requests started to come in to the national headquarters of the league from the high schools, Y. M. C. A.s, individuals and various social organizations for additional information. More than 220 such letters have been received to date.

INAUGURATION OF NEW MEREDITH PRESIDENT

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—Dr. Charles Edward Brewer, the new president of Meredith College, was inaugurated Thursday with elaborate ceremony. Many colleges were represented, and a number of presidents of other educational institutions were on hand, including F. W. of Trinity, Rutherford of Salem, Wright of the E. C. T. T. school, and others.

CORRELL IS BASEBALL COACH AT THE A. & M.

Member Senior Class—Has Played On A. & M. and Wake Forest Nine—Member Columbia S. A. L. Club Past Two Years—Selected From Number of Applicants by the Athletic Council

(Special to The Free Press)

West Raleigh, Feb. 4.—M. L. Correll, a member of the senior class of A. & M. College, has been selected to coach the baseball team this season, succeeding Dr. Fred A. Anderson, who resigned in order to report to his club at an early date. The election took place this week by the athletic council of the college, after a number of applicants had been considered. Correll is one among the best baseball players that have donned the red and white uniform, having been a member of the A. & M. team for two years, and of the Wake Forest team one year. During the past two summers he has played with the Columbia club in the South Atlantic League, and was among the leading batters in that circuit.

SUBSTANTIALLY NEW BRIDGE IS APPARENT

The new county bridge over Neuse river at the foot of Caswell street will withstand more of a flood than the stream so far has been capable of. The sub-structure, now being put in place, is of the most modern construction, and the process of putting it down is attracting a lot of interest, although similar foundations have been placed under scores of bridges in the eastern part of the State. Seven "caissons" will bear the superstructure. These big steel "barrels," the largest of which is 12 or 14 feet in diameter, will be filled with concrete and sunk. For a hundred years the action of the water, if it gets to the stuff in the caissons, will serve to make the concrete all the harder. The superstructure will be bolted down upon these steel and masonry tubes to stay, it can easily be believed, many generations.

MOHR JURY WILL BE CHARGED ON SATURDAY

Wife of Murdered Physician Soon to Know Her Fate—Closing Argument by Defense Today and Attorney General to Speak for State—Final Effort to Save the Woman

Providence, Feb. 4.—The final effort to save Mrs. Mohr is on today. The closing argument is being made by John J. Fitzgerald for the defense, after which Attorney General Rice for the State will start. The judge is expected to charge the jury tomorrow.

HUNDREDS OF CONVICTS-RESCUED FROM FLOODS

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 3.—The rescuetoday of the 300 negro convicts marooned at the State convict farm at Cummins and the hundred or more citizens of Gould, Ark., who were in peril throughout the night, together with continued clear, cold weather, put a brighter aspect on flood conditions in this State. The flood crest in the Arkansas river now has passed Pine Bluff.

HEAVY RAINS CAUSE RISE IN THE NEUSE

Trouble is looked for on the upper Neuse within the coming few hours. It is expected that the river will overflow at some places above here. It will rise to a stage of about sixteen feet near Smithfield, it is predicted. Farmers have been advised to get their stock out of the low grounds.

CHILD LABOR COMMITTEE MEETING AT ASHEVILLE

Asheville, Feb. 3.—Inspired to an unusual degree of enthusiasm by the triumphant passage of the Keating-Owen child labor bill through the lower house of Congress yesterday, the National Child Labor Committee began a 3 days' session here this afternoon with Samuel McCune Lindsay, professor of social legislation at Columbia University, and vice chancellor of the National Child Labor Committee, presiding.

GOETHALS WANTS BIG SUMS FOR THE CANAL

More Than Nineteen Millions Needed for Completion of Work and Eight and Quarter Millions for Improving Defenses, General Who Dug Panama Ditch Tells Congressional Committees

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 4.—General Goethals today asked for appropriations of \$19,300,000 for the completion of the Panama canal and \$8,230,000 for further fortifications before congressional committees.

CELEBRITIES TAKE PART IN RECEPTION TO CAP'N GASPARILLA

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 4.—Thomas A. Edison, James Whitecomb Riley, Andrew Carnegie, George Ade, William J. Bryan, Henry Watterson, Mrs. Potter Palmer and about 100,000 other Florida residents and visitors will celebrate the festival of Don Jose Gasparilla, that ferocious cut-throat who sailed the Spanish Main with a dirk in his teeth and a red rag on his head a century ago.

With festival dancing in streets, allegorical and historical pageants, and a sub-tropical fair, the carnival is to last until February 12. Harness and running races are to be featured daily. Most of the floats and pageants feature the vain attempts of treasure-seekers to recover the vast quantities of gold which Gasparilla and his crew are said to have buried on Gasparilla Island, near Boca Grande.

TRUCK PLANTING NOW IS WELL UNDER WAY

County Farm Demonstration Agent McCrary is optimistic over the prospects for the coming spring in Lenoir. It is a fact, he declares, that with anything like a favorable year 15 per cent more farmstuffs than was grown last year should be produced. Truck planting is now well under way in Wayne, Duplin and Pender counties, and in the Tidewater counties.