

U-BOAT SITUATION IS AT STANDSTILL

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PRESIDENT WILSON WILL AGAIN GO TO CONGRESS

Austria's Real Attitude is perplexing the American Officials, No Answer Being Received.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 19.—The submarine situation seemed at a standstill today with the government apparently closely watching developments for eventualities and furthering plans to the taking of action to protect American rights when the moment arrives. The slackening of the ruthless campaign in the last three or four days is regarded as reducing the chances of attack on American ships or lives, but with the coming of warmer weather it is believed it will increase in intensity.

The President plans going before congress to ask for additional authority.

Through the Spanish minister the department has been notified that the sailors taken prisoners by Germany on the prize ship Yarrowdale would be released shortly.

The State Department through the Swiss minister forwarded to Berlin Saturday a request for their immediate release. Previous messages of inquiry had been sent asking for the reason of their detention as prisoners and insisting upon their release.

Because of the slow and uncertain communication between Washington and Berlin State Department officials were unable to decide whether today's dispatch was in answer to the last request or the previous one. State Department officials were watching the situation with some impatience.

Austria's real attitude perplexes officials here and there is hope that Ambassador Penfield will find some way to influence the Vienna government to not formally sanction the extreme position taken by Germany. No answer has been received to the direct inquiry as to whether Austria intends to follow Germany.

A was authoritatively stated at the State Department today that so far nothing had been heard from the Central powers as to what course would be taken in the event the United States authorized the arming of American merchant ships.

It was stated definitely that President Wilson had made no definite plans thus far for going before Congress but at present is considering the advisability of such step. In some quarters it is said it is possible he might conclude not to go before congress at present.

Officials generally said that some means must be found for getting American and other vessels to resume sailings. While consideration was given to various suggestions for arming and convoying merchantmen it is thought possible before long sailings will be resumed on their own accord.

Although officials maintain silence there has been unmistakable tension for the past few days.

ASSEMBLY MOVES SLOW HOUSE NOT IN SESSION

House Did Not Meet Until 2:30 This Afternoon and Senate Did Nothing of Great Interest This Morning.

(Special to the Post.)
Raleigh, Feb. 10.—With the House not in session until 2:30 this afternoon interest in the legislature today centered in the meeting of the Senate.

One bill of importance was that introduced by Brenizer of Mecklenburg designed to furnish legal machinery for towns and cities under the operation of the new constitutional amendment.

A number of local semi-public and public bills were passed.

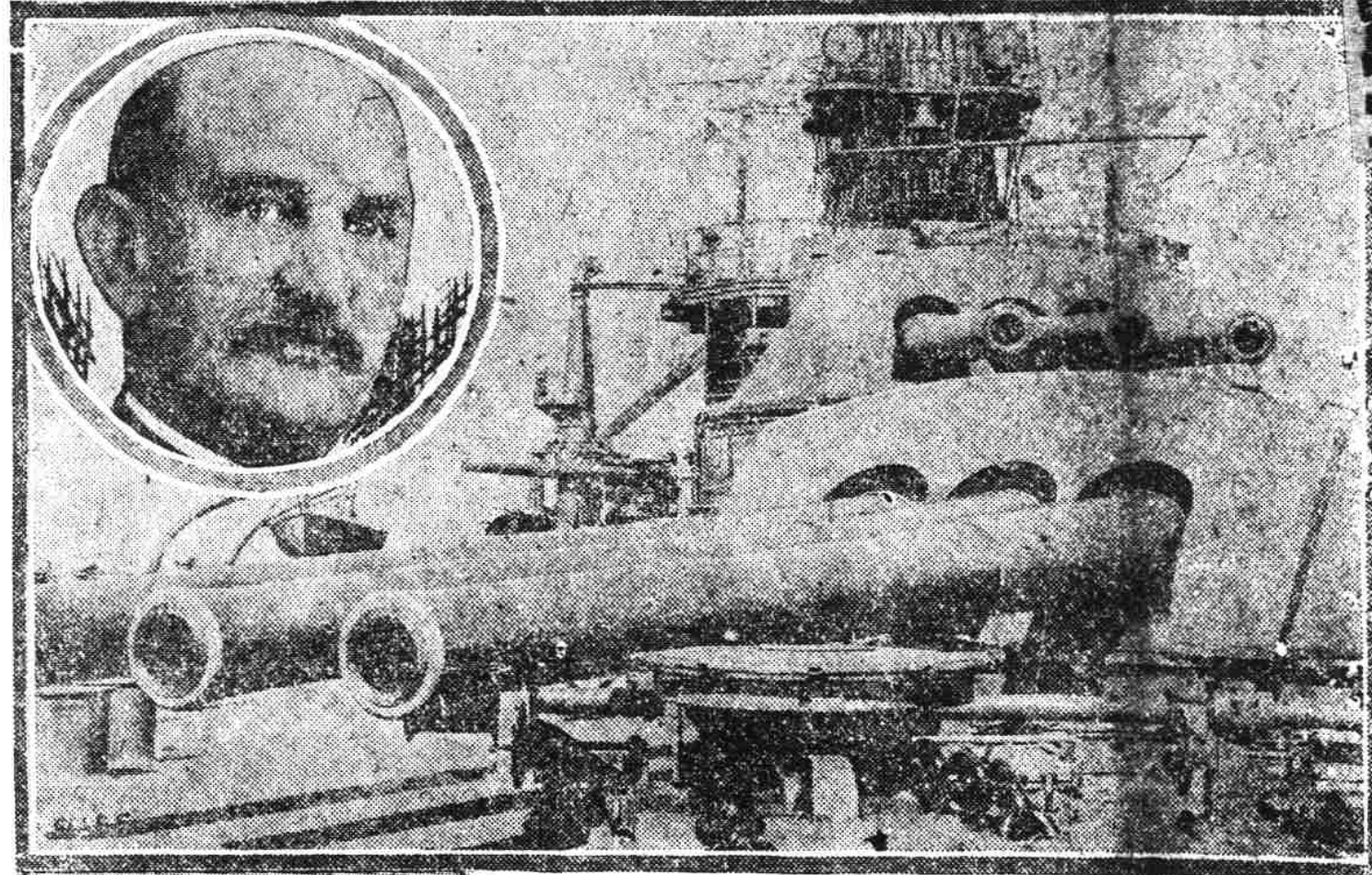
A bill to prohibit inter-marriage of races which the Senate passed last week was recalled for consideration, and there is now little real opposition to the measure.

NAVY CONTRACTS CHANGED.

Contracts for Making Projectiles Had Previously Been Awarded to An English Concern.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 19.—Contracts for navy projectiles which had been let to Hadfields Limited, an English concern, today were given to the Midville Steel Company, the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company and the Crucible Steel Company.

THESE GUNS ARE SUPERIOR TO ANYTHING IN THE GERMAN NA



ADMIRAL MAYO

These mighty 14-inch rifles of the battleship Pennsylvania, flagship of Admiral Mayo of the Atlantic fleet, are superior to anything in the German navy. No single battleship of the kaiser could cope with this vessel. In fact, only the five great warships of the type of the Queen Elizabeth, finished since the beginning of the war by Great Britain, are the equal of the Pennsylvania.

NATIONAL GUARDS TO START HOME

The Fifty Thousand Troops on Border Will Be Divided Into Two Divisions 25,000 Each.

WILL REQUIRE FOUR WEEKS TO RETURN MEN HOME

First Group to Move Will Take in the Second North Carolina Infantry and Others.

(By Associated Press.)
San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 19.—The general plan to be followed in sending all national guardsmen organizations home from the border for mustering was announced today.

The 50,000 troops will be moved in divisions containing approximately 25,000 each and the units in the first contingent have been arranged in four groups.

It is estimated that four weeks will be required for the movement of these four groups. It is said the idea is to move each group at intervals of one week, then the home coming of the troops in the second contingent will be commenced.

The first contingent will get away this week and the 4th Illinois infantry at Camp Wilson probably will inaugurate the movement by leaving February 22.

The first group will include the 2nd North Carolina infantry and brigades headquarters, the 2nd South Carolina infantry while the second group will include the 1st North Carolina infantry ambulance corps, field hospital No. 1, and troops A and B of cavalry.

S GERMAN OFFICERS ARE HELD FOR TRIAL

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 18.—Captain Klattenhoff, master of the German interned freighter Liebenfels, and his eight officers, are formally charged by the government with "voluntarily sinking or allowing to sink" the vessel while it lay in the harbor here, soon after President Wilson broke diplomatic relations with Germany.

The officers were taken before United States Commissioner Hager yesterday. A bond of \$5,000 each was filed for appearance for a hearing before the commissioner tomorrow. All pleaded not guilty.

Captain Klattenhoff is in a hospital, but was represented by an attorney.

The Liebenfels went down almost directly across the channel. When tugs rushing to the scene, offered assistance the master, it is charged, refused help.

ADULT DEATH FROM MEASLES

Mr. David Yates, Aged About 21 Years, Dies at Home of His Brother Near Kesler Mill.

Mr. David Yates, aged about 21 years and single, died at the home of his brother on Boundary street, near the Kesler mill, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock of measles followed by pneumonia. Deceased had been employed at a sawmill near Woodleaf but came to his brother's when stricken. The funeral was held from the residence this afternoon and the interment was in Chestnut Hill cemetery.

ACTIVITY ON FRONT HAS SUBSIDED

Official Statements Indicate No Real Severe Fighting in Past Twenty-four Hours.

RENEWED OPERATIONS BY ZEPPELINS FORECASTED

One Great Airship Flies Over French Coast as Far as Bologna Near Channel Entrance.

(By Associated Press.)
Activity in the various war theaters reflected in the bulletins of the war office during the last few days has subsided temporarily. None of the official statements today indicate any real fighting in the past 24 hours.

Operations along all of the fronts have been confined to reconnoitering artillery engagements and aviation activities.

The current Paris official statement contains an item possibly forecasting a renewal of operations by Zeppelins with the coming of more favorable weather. One of these big airships flew over the French coast Saturday night, proceeding as far as Bologna near the entrance of the English channel. The bombs dropped did no damage, the French report declares.

Great British War Loan.

London, Feb. 19.—The new money subscribed to the new British war loan is at least 700,000,000 pounds exclusive of contributions from banks, Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated in the House of Commons today.

ANOTHER BRITISH VESSEL SINKS

London, Feb. 19.—The British steamship Okement also has been sunk, Lloyd's announces today.

PHILADELPHIA NEARS HOME

New York, Feb. 19.—The American liner Philadelphia which left Liverpool on February 14th for New York with passengers reported her position by wireless as 1,235 miles east of New York at 10 a. m. today. She is expected to arrive Thursday.

EMBARGO MAY EXTEND TO PASSENGER TRAFFIC

Washington, Feb. 17.—Whether the east bound freight embargo on the west will be broadened so as to include passenger traffic, and so interfere with plans of hotels and boarding houses preparing for the big inaugural crowd was a question of concern here tonight.

Railroad officials are trying to overcome the middle-west car shortage and there is belief here they will not look kindly on the heavy traffic of pleasure seekers to Washington.

Inaugural heads are going right ahead with plans and until railroad officials announce curtailment of passenger traffic there will be no let-up.

AN ATTACK ON GERARD.

High German Official Devotes Editorial to Lambasting the Former American Ambassador.

(By Associated Press.)
Amsterdam via London, Feb. 19.—Count von Reventlow devotes a strong editorial in a Berlin newspaper to an attack on James W. Gerard, former American ambassador to Berlin.

RED CROSS IS MAKING APPEAL

American Branch is Asking for a Membership of a Million New Names at This Time.

IT CAN CARE FOR MANY WANTS LARGER SUPPORT

The Appeals So Far Has Brought Many New Members and Much Larger Support to the Order.

Washington, Feb. 19.—A million new members to aid in the nations present crisis are sought by the American Red Cross in an appeal made today from headquarters here. The appeal says the Red Cross is prepared to provide personnel for the sick and wounded of an army of a million and to bring aid to the families of distressed volunteers, but stresses the fact that the country should be prepared for the relief on a much larger scale.

Atlanta is in the midst of a very vigorous campaign for new members to the Red Cross and is setting her goal at 15,000 members. Many other cities are also doing their bit in extending the membership and the usefulness of the Red Cross and in Salisbury a membership campaign is on and volunteers are asked for.

Mrs. F. J. Murdoch is chairman of the membership committee of the Salisbury Red Cross and will be very glad indeed to have the names of those who will aid in this great work. The local dues are \$1 a year and may be paid to Miss Mary Henderson, the treasurer.

RUMORS OF ANOTHER GREAT COTTON MILL

Contracts Let by Three Mills for Houses for Employes in Addition to Those Given Out Last Week.

Albemarle, Feb. 17.—In addition to the forty residence, the contract for the erection of which was let several days ago, another contract has just been closed with Holdbrooks & Bradshaw, contractors, for the erection of twenty additional dwellings which will make in all sixty new residences which are now being commenced by the three cotton mill manufacturing concerns of this place, the Wisconsin Mills Co., Efrid Mfg. Co., and the Lillian Knitting Mills Co.

While nothing officially has been given out, it is rumored that within the next two or three months another contract will be let for the erection of one of the biggest cotton mills yet constructed in Albemarle, and many believe that the sixty new residences contracted to be built are for the purpose of housing employes of the big mill which is reported to be near the point of commencing to be erected.

TOURING THE SOUTH.

Board to Select Site for the Proposed Eleven Million Dollar Plant.

Bristol, Tenn., Feb. 19.—The navy army plant board made its first stop in the Southern tour of inspection of proposed sites here today. The board is touring the Southern states visiting the cities in the territory offered.

STRUCTURAL WORK BEGINS ON SHOPS

Force of Men Arrive in Spencer to Begin Steel Work for the New Big Car Shops.

A FIFTY BY ONE HUNDRED FOOT WING TO BE BUILT

Congregation of Calvary Lutheran Church Has Not Yet Called a Pastor—Other News.

(By A. W. Hicks.)
Spencer, Feb. 19.—In charge of R. J. Hudson a force of men employed by the Virginia Bridge and Iron Co., came to Spencer today to begin structural work on the large new steel car shop for the Southern Railway Company. While a large force of trained workmen was brought here a still larger force will be employed locally as it is the policy of the company to secure labor from local territory when possible. The foundation for the new shop 100 by 600 feet in size has been completed and structural work began this week. It will require several months to complete the job. In addition to the main building, which is the second of the same size to be erected in Spencer, a wing 50 by 100 feet will be erected adjacent.

A message received late Sunday afternoon stated that Miss Christine Tilling, of London, the national temperance lecturer who was to be in Spencer to day, was severely ill and could not possibly fill her engagement. A later date will be named for her appearance in Spencer.

The congregation of Calvary Lutheran church here has not yet made a call for a pastor, the church being without a minister since May of last year when Rev. Geo. H. Cox resigned. Rev. C. A. Brown, president of the North Carolina Synod, will visit Spencer Sunday and will preach at night.

After spending two months here with his mother and other relatives H. T. Hackett and family left to go for St. Anothly, Iowa, where they have made their home for two years.

Engineer C. H. Chandler returned Sunday from a stay of a week at St. Myers, Fla. That town was in gay attire in anticipation of a visit from Thos. A. Edison and Henry Ford who arrived there Friday. They own winter homes side by side and something like 100 Ford automobiles, geographically decorated, were lined up at the station to greet the distinguished visitors.

ANOTHER CHAPTER IN BRITT-WEAVER CONTEST

Asheville, Feb. 18.—Another chapter will be written into the Weaver-Britt contest Wednesday when Thomas J. Rickman, designated as notary public to conduct this phase of the hearing, starts taking evidence at the Federal building here. Mr. Rickman has already issued subpoenas for a number of election officials and other citizens of the Tenth District, and these will appear at the hearing at the Federal building this week. Mr. Britt filed notice of contest about a month ago, and Mr. Weaver answered the charges with counter charges. Each is allowed the sum of \$2,000 to conduct the contest. Marked and unmarked ballots and "amended and supplementary returns" are expected to figure in the hearing.

Governor Dead.

(By Associated Press.)
Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 19.—William Lindsey, lieutenant governor of New Mexico has assumed the office owing to the death of Governor E. B. Dehaco, a democrat elected last November. Mr. Dehaco was ill when nominated, and took no part in the campaign.

TWO STEAMSHIPS OUT OF NEW YORK SUNK.

New York, Feb. 19.—Two steamships out of New York and under charter to the Kerr Steamship Company, one a Norwegian and the other Spanish, were sunk in the submarine zone, according to advices received by the company today.

They were the Dalmata, Norwegian, sailing on January 24 for Havre, and the Mar Adriatico, Spanish, sailing on January 16 for Bordeaux.

The Dalmata was sunk February 9 and the Mar Adriatico on February 11. The latter arrived at Lisbon on February 2, and was probably proceeding to Bordeaux when sunk.

Officials of the Kerr Steamship Company said they did not believe either vessel had Americans on board.

THE NEW MINISTER TO MEXICO



HENRY P. FLETCHER

Henry P. Fletcher, the new minister to Mexico, has received his final instructions from President Wilson, and is now in Mexico City.

ANOTHER BIG DAM ON YADKIN RIVER

Tallassee Power Company Begins Active Operations on Big Job Four Miles Below Badin.

RAILROAD BEING BUILT TO THE NEW SITE

Reported That a Big Reservoir is to be Built Several Miles Up the River.

(Special to the Post.)
Albemarle, Feb. 17.—That there is to be another big dam on the Yadkin river constructed by the Tallassee Power Co., no longer is any matter of doubt as more than three hundred men are already engaged in active work down the river about four miles below Badin and a railroad is being built from Badin down the river so as to convey materials and supplies for the work which has already been commenced. It is also reported upon good authority that a big reservoir is to be several miles up the river at the head of the big lake which will be made when the water is stopped by the big Badin dam which is now well on towards completion.

It is said that this big reservoir will be about four miles above the old Whitney dam site, and this is to be used only as a reservoir for any drought that might cause a shortage of water on the dams lower down.

THREE FIREMEN KILLED.

Falling Walls in Quebec Fire Brings Death to Firemen.

(By Associated Press.)
Quebec, Can., Feb. 19.—Falling walls of a building wrecked by flames crushed three firemen to death and badly injured five others today. Six business houses were destroyed by the flames.

CELEBRATE PYTHIAN KNIGHTHOOD.

Salisbury Followers of Damon and Pythias to Hold Big Meeting in Castle Hall Tomorrow Evening.

Salisbury Pythians are looking forward with a great deal of interest to the meeting to be held in Castle Hall tomorrow, Tuesday, evening at 7:30 o'clock in celebration of the 53rd anniversary of the founding of the order by Rathbone.

The guest of honor will be Hon. Wm. A. Owen, of Covington, Tenn., a representative of the Supreme Chancellor, who will talk on Pythianism. Other talks will be made by prominent local Pythians and refreshments will be served and a smoker indulged in afterward. Every Pythian whether in good standing or not, is invited. No secret work and an open meeting. A big crowd is expected.

Cotton Opens Steady at Advance.

New York, Feb. 19.—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 3 to 16 points and active months sold 25 to 29 points net higher shortly after the call with May touching 16.27 or 48 points above the low level of Friday. The demand was limited, however, and prices reacted 5 or 6 points under realizing toward the end of the first hour.

SUBMARINE SUNK IN SEA FIGHT

French Freighter Stopped by a German Submarine and in Turn Sent to Bottom.

SUBMARINE MISSED FIRE 3 TIMES BEFORE SINKING

Captain of the French Freighter Guyane Reports the Fight on Arriving at New York.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 19.—In a forty minute battle between a German submarine and the French line steamship Guyane off the coast of France on January 22nd the submarine was sunk, according to the report made by officers of the freighter which arrived here today from Bordeaux.

The Guyane was one day out from port and at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon the captain cited the submarine some distance to port and apparently endeavoring to cross the freighter's bow in order to stop her. The submarine fired a shot which fell short and the Guyane turned star board side so that the gun on board could be turned on the undersea craft. The submarine fired a second shot which fell short, and a third hit the water a very short distance away.

Meanwhile the gunner on the Guyane had fired one shot and narrowly missed the submarine by a close margin. He fired then a second shot which hit the submarine squarely and the craft was seen to collapse.

During the next 30 minutes the craft was seen to be struggling for existence. No one appeared on deck of the submarine.

No one appeared on deck and no further attempt to shell the freighter was made and the Guyane refrained from firing any more shots and at the end of a half hour the submarine disappeared. The freighter's officers said there was no doubt but that the submarine was lost.

FLETCHER NOW IN MEXICO CITY.

Military Escort in Procession—El Paso Hears That Villa Has Gone to Japan.

Mexico City, Feb. 18.—The American Ambassador Henry P. Fletcher, arrived here late last night. He was met by officials from the Mexican Foreign office, members of General Carranza's staff and a big delegation of Government officials headed by a military escort.

Ambassador Fletcher expressed his appreciation of the courtesies shown him on his journey through Mexico. Report That Villa Has Gone to Japan.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 18.—Eduardo Soriano Bravo, Mexican Consul, tonight declared Carranza officials here and in Juarez had heard several days ago that Villa had embarked in disguise for Japan on a political mission.

"Villa has not been accounted for since he went to Parral about six weeks ago," said the Consul. "However, we are inclined to doubt the story that he has gone to Japan. That may have been invented to account for his absence. It is believed more likely that he is in hiding in the mountains, either to try to reorganize his bands there, or because he is sick or wounded."

Consul Bravo said he heard that the raid on the Corner Ranch was used by Salazar as a diversion in order to smuggle ammunition over the border.