

EXPLANATION OF ATTACK ON SHIP IS ASKED

UNITED STATES REQUESTS FACTS AS TO PETROLITE

Dispatch Is Sent to Austro-Hungarian Government on the Subject.

SHIP WAS ATTACKED IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Effort to Effect That Attacking Craft Was Austrian Submarine.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Secretary Lansing announced today that he had sent to the Austro-Hungarian government a dispatch for an investigation and explanation of the attack by an Austrian submarine on the American ship Petrolite.

Secretary said published reports that a demand was made upon the Vienna government "not true" but that within the range of possibility that demands of some kind might be made in the future investigation warrants

Secretary's dispatch called for affidavits of the crew of the Petrolite and to information from other sources to the effect that the ship was attacked in the Mediterranean near Alexandria by an Austrian submarine.

Submarine commander was killed for food which Capt. ... of the Petrolite, ... thereupon sent a boarding party on the American ship ... one American member of the crew who was held ... while the Austrians ... food they required from ... stores.

Questions are involved under certain stress of food from merchantmen ... proper receipts or ... it is realized that ... to be permitted to every neutral ship ... a base for opera-

F. C. ROBBINS FOR PREPAREDNESS

Washington, Feb. 10.—Danger to the States from across the seas ... is foreseen by Capt. ... of Lexington, who in ... Senator Lee S. Overman ... the necessity of proper pre-

paration of Mr. Robbins this ... in danger in less than ... at most when the Eu- ... ends, and his fear is that ... will be flying across the ... and threatening the larger ... demands on this nation ... losses in the present war. ... believes that Germany ... an opportunity to make ... suffer for furnishing ammu- ... arms to the allies.

Robbins finds most hope for ... in the Keating bill in the ...

RAILROADS AND MEN TO ARBITRATE

Department of Commerce of United States Adopts Resolution to That Effect.

Washington, Feb. 10.—A resolution upon the railroads and em- ... settle their wage controver- ... was adopted today by the ... of Commerce of the ...

Resolving that an interruption ... would be a national calam- ... brought about thru arbi- ... by either side would ... an act inimical to public ... and fraught with grave con- ... the resolution declared ... the sense of the chamber that ... and men "should and in ... of the public weal must ... their differences without re- ... measures that would impair ... service."

Supplementary resolution pro- ... a committee to investigate ... of the critical situa- ... the public to report from ... time as to the best means of ... the public service unim-

WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Signs that a military operation of importance may be impending in the Balkans are furnished by one of the Bulgarian newspapers at Sofia, which in a legal article asserts the right of Bulgaria to invade Greece for an attack on the French and British there. It declares that Bulgaria cannot permit these four to remain near her borders and that they must be driven out.

Recent reports from the Balkans regarding the intention of the Teutonic allies as to a move from southern Serbia and Bulgaria on the entente forces at Saloniki have been contradictory. Dispatches announcing important concentration of troops and heavy artillery along the great border have been frequent.

On both eastern and western war fronts the activity during the last few days has been more marked than for some time. Some movement may be developing at the northern end of the Russian line where the artillery play is reported as heavy and continuous. The Russians profess confidence in the security of their lines there despite the Germans' heavy guns. In Gallien they are on the aggressive and at one point are reported crossing the Dnieper river.

In the west the initiative at present is with the Germans who are hammering on the French lines from time to time and making an occasional gain, notably near Neuville, not far below the Belgian border and south of the river Somme.

The visit of the French premier to Italy is engaging marked attention in the various capitals. On the eve of his departure from Paris the premier is quoted as declaring his confidence that he would obtain from Italian statesmen assurance of the strongest support and carrying out the establishment of a closer co-operation among the allies.

Total Prussian losses in the war are estimated by an Amsterdam newspaper as 2,377,378.

Bombardment of Smyrna on the Asia Minor coast by a squadron of French aeroplanes is reported from Athens.

INTERVIEW TEXT WAS APPROVED

Dr. Zimmerman Used Words, "New Demands," Says A. P. Man in Berlin.

New York, Feb. 10.—On February 7 Secretary of State Lansing made the following statement in connection with the Lusitania case:

"All I wish to say is that this government has not increased its demands in the Lusitania case as set forth in the notes of May 13, June 9 and July 21. I doubt very much if Dr. Zimmerman ever made such a statement because he must know it was utterly false."

This was in reference to a statement attributed to Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, under secretary of foreign affairs, in an interview with the Associated Press published on February 4, in which he said: "I do not understand America's course. We thought the submarine issue settled in the Lusitania question on a way to settlement—an agreement on indemnity and all that—when the United States suddenly made its new demands."

When Secretary Lansing's statement was issued the Associated Press cabled its Berlin correspondent for confirmation of the Zimmerman statement. Today that correspondent cabled the following:

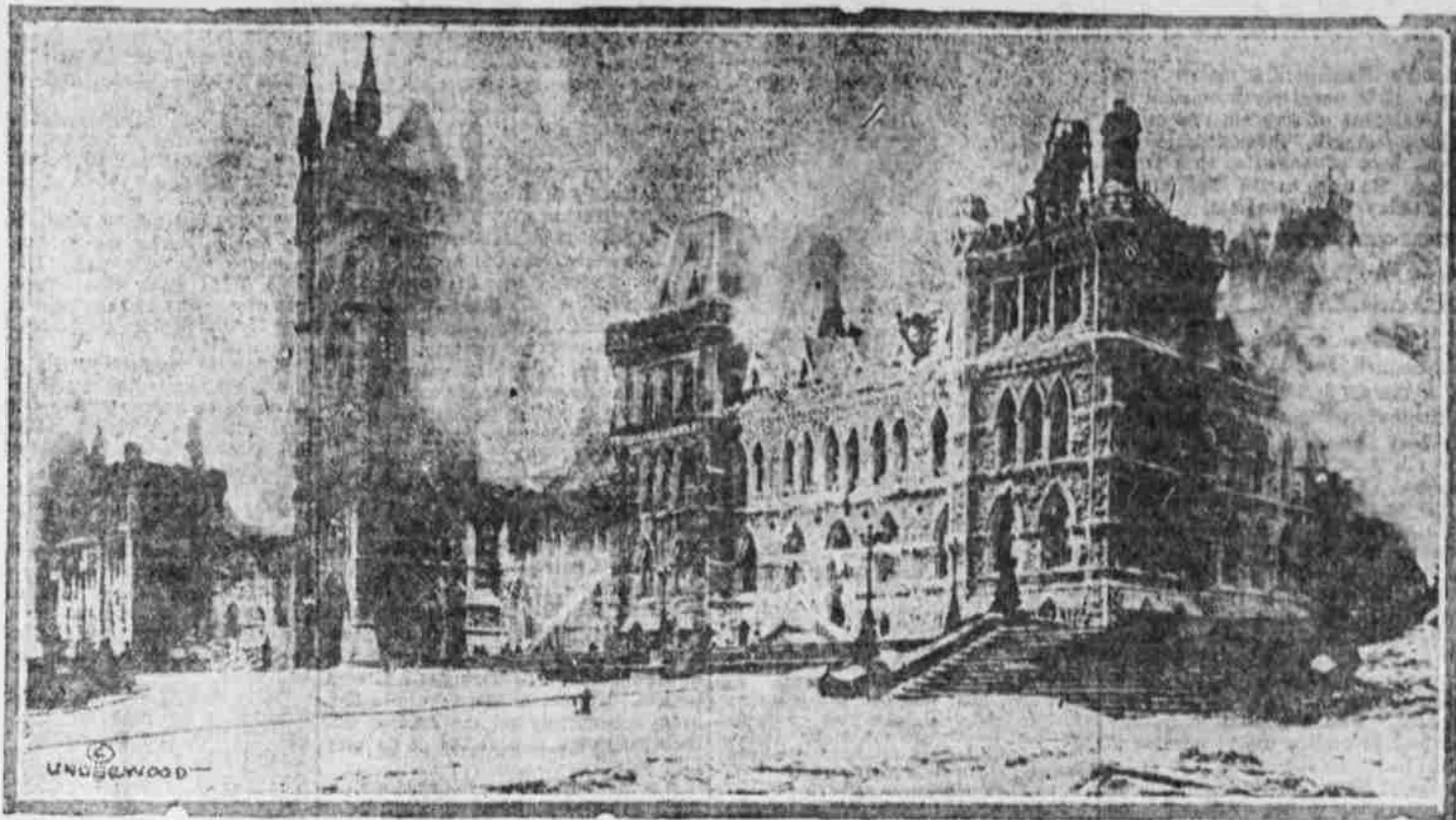
Berlin, Feb. 10.—The text of the interview with Dr. Zimmerman was approved by him before it was cabled. Regarding the phrase, "new demands," it is literally exact. The correspondent immediately countered with a question regarding the nature of these demands without eliciting any answer.

ARMED MERCHANTMEN TREATED AS WARSHIPS

Washington, Feb. 10.—Germany and Austria thru their embassies here today notified the United States of their intention to treat armed merchantmen as warships after March 1.

This date was fixed in order to give the entente allies time to signify their intentions towards the recent note of the United States supporting the disarmament of all merchantmen.

Magnificent Canadian Capitol Building While the Fire Burned Recently



This photograph of the Canadian capitol at Ottawa during the fire was taken while it was on fire last Thursday morning. It shows that the walls of the magnificent Gothic structure, said to be the best specimen of Gothic architecture in America, still stand.

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The petition was based upon the contention that the evidence upon which the State relied for conviction was admitted to the court in violation of federal constitution. Judge Clark refused the petition on the ground:

First: That at the time the confessions were offered in evidence the defendant did not object upon the ground that it was contrary to the Constitution. Judge Clark held that it was the practice for the defendant to have objected on that ground, and to have noted his exception to the introduction of the evidence. In this case the record shows that the admission of the confession of Christy was objected to on the ground that it was not voluntary, and after the evidence was in, a motion was made to strike from the record the confession on the ground before set forth on the further ground that it was unlawfully obtained.

This matter had been discussed with the counsel for Mrs. Warren and they were of the opinion that the objection as set forth in the record was sufficient.

The second ground upon which the writ of error was refused, was that the first ten amendments to the Federal Constitution are restrictions upon the Federal government only and in no way affect the States. Judge Clark cited State vs. Patterson, 134, in which the Supreme court of this State laid down their doctrine, but counsel for the defendants relied upon the case that went up from the Supreme court of New York, Adams vs. People of New York, reported in 172 United States. In the case, Adams was indicted for conducting a gambling game known as "policy," the officers of the law under a warrant went in the place conducted by him, and took with them the gambling paraphernalia and letters in the possession of Adams, and also some "policy" checks. Counsel for Adams objected to this on the ground that it was an unlawful search of the premises of Adams, and also forced him to give testimony against himself, which was in contravention of the fourth and fifth articles of the amendments to the Constitution, and that the fourteenth amendment forbids any State from passing any law depriving citizens of the States of any right, privilege or immunity granted to citizens of the United States, and that the fourteenth amendment made the fourth and fifth amendments prohibitions upon States as well as upon United States. The Supreme court, in discussing this matter, Justice Day writing the opinion, said that they did not feel that the Supreme court was called upon to discuss the relation that the fourteenth amendment bore to the fourth and fifth amendments, and added further that the search of which the defendant complained and evidence which he was forced to give against himself was not in violation of the fourth and fifth articles, and since it was not in violation of the fourth and fifth articles it did not become necessary to determine the relationship that the fourteenth amendment bore to the fourth and fifth amendments.

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IMPROVEMENTS ON THE LITTLE THEATER ARE NEARLY COMPLETED

Season Ticket Sale Assures Great Success—Visitors From Other Cities to Attend Little Theater Opening—Miss Clara Joel to Speak Before Dramatic Society Feb. 17.

To people familiar with the difficulties of remodeling, it would seem almost impossible to realize the complete metamorphosis that has occurred in the Little Theatre building during the last few days. The floor has been made to slant, the lobby partitioned off, box office constructed, the stage built, the scenery built and painted, the interior decorated and Our Tea Shop, on second floor, made ready for opening.

Hundreds of Details. There are hundreds of details which it has been possible to arrange only by the continued work of committees, and thru this division of labor the work has moved almost without a hitch.

That was necessary, considering the short time which intervened between the signing of the lease and the opening night of the season. Compliance With Fire Regulations. The compliance with fire regulations

DEFENSE CHIEF TOPIC TAKEN UP

Features the Last Session of Chamber of Commerce Convention.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Discussion of national defense featured the last session of the national convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Secretaries Daniels and Garrison were the principal speakers. The national defense committee of the chamber had prepared a report on the result of their investigation and a general discussion of the preparedness question was to follow.

The annual election of officers and consideration of resolutions were among other matters before the meeting today.

President Wilson will speak tonight.

NOTABLE INCREASE IN BOY SCOUT MEMBERSHIP

Washington, Feb. 10.—An increase of 45 per cent in membership during last year was announced today at the annual meeting of the national council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The increase to 182,622 boys and scout masters made the year the most prosperous in the six years' history of the movement. Among the significant items of the chief scout's report were that scout troops have been organized in almost every church denomination in the country.

TO RESUME INQUIRY INTO E-2 EXPLOSION

Washington, Feb. 10.—Investigation of the explosion which wrecked the submarine E-2 in the New York navy yard recently, killing four men, was today ordered resumed.

Secretary Daniels said the condition of Electrician Miles, one of the injured men, had improved so as to permit the investigation to continue. It had been postponed so that the court might secure Miles' testimony.

REGULAR MEETING OF MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION

The following program has been arranged for the bi-monthly meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association to be held on Monday evening in the association assembly rooms on West Fourth street. The session will include the informal smoker, which the association has decided to make a feature of their bi-monthly meetings. Much of the detail and routine business will in the future be worked out in division meetings, which will be organized and started at an early date.

At the meeting Monday night, however, quite a number of vital matters are to be briefly discussed, in addition to the address by Mr. Wills, a prominent merchant of Greensboro. Every merchant in the city is invited to attend this meeting, the invitation being extended to non-members as well as those already affiliated with the association.

The session will be called to order at 8 o'clock. Program. Meeting called to order by president. Report of secretary. Introduction of speaker. Address—The Business Death Rate Among Retailers—Some Causes and Remedies—Mr. J. Norman Wills, of Greensboro. Ten-Minute Talk—Mr. J. Frank Morris. General Discussion by Members. Smoker.

DISCUSS CHRISTIAN WORK IN LATIN AMERICA

Panama, Feb. 10.—The congress on Christian work in Latin-America was opened here today. Dr. Belisario Porras, president of the republic, delivered an address of welcome to the 300 delegates representing the principal Protestant churches of the United States and Great Britain.

The congress is the outgrowth of the meeting of the foreign mission congress held in New York in 1913, when it was decided to take an interdenominational evangelical campaign into Latin-America. The congress will remain in session here for two days. Later sectional conferences will be held in the various Latin-American countries.

SAY EXISTING RATES ARE NOT DISTURBED

Raleigh, Feb. 10.—Corporation commissioners say Secretary R. C. Beaman, of the Goldsboro chamber of commerce, is mistaken about any increases in freight rates from Boston and the northeast to Goldsboro, and other North Carolina points, as detailed in Washington special dispatches. The tariff in question does not have the effect, according to the commission, of disturbing any existing rates to any North Carolina destinations.

BRANDELS NOMINATION INQUIRY CONTINUES

Washington, Feb. 10.—The Senate judiciary sub-committee continued today its inquiry into the nomination of Louis Brandeis to the supreme court. Representatives of the United Shoe Machinery Company, with which Mr. Brandeis was once associated, were heard.

LOST AND FOUND.

If you lose something of value your first thought is to advertise. Then why not when you LOSE TRADE? Or, better yet, why wait until you have lost it? Advertising is business building—Profit making for the present and insurance for the future. No need to lose trade if you go after it. Do it now. Advertise. Advertise in this newspaper. Let us advise you if you are not just sure how to begin.

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VICE PRESIDENT WILLING TO MAKE THE RACE AGAIN

Mr. Marshall Will Gladly Accept Renomination If It Is Tendered.

HE WILL NOT SEEK THE PLACE, HOWEVER

Secretary Writes Letter in Response to Inquiry by Oregon Man.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 10.—Vice President Marshall is willing to run for a second term, according to a letter made public here today by Postmaster Frank S. Meyers, of Portland, from Mark Thistlewaite, secretary to the vice president.

Mr. Meyers wrote the vice president recently, asking if he would permit the use of his name on the Oregon primary ballots. He said: "Replying to your letter will say the vice president will gladly accept the renomination if the Democrats want to renominate him and he will gladly retire to private life if they do not; that the vice president is unwilling to seek renomination and that he does not think a man holding the office should be riding around requesting Democrats to vote for him again. "The vice president should not bring himself to ask any one to file petitions for him but if petitions are filed for him he certainly will not repudiate the action."

NEGRO WILL PAY THE DEATH PENALTY FRIDAY

Raleigh, Feb. 10.—James Cooper, colored, will be electrocuted here tomorrow for the murder of a negro woman in Rowan county in March of last year. Gov. Craig stated today he would not interfere in the case.

The execution will be the first under the administration of S. J. Barbee, the recently elected warden.

SUPPLIES TAKEN TO SUFFERERS

Relief Expeditions in Arkansas Penetrate Farther Into Flood-Swept Area.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 10.—Relief expeditions on the western edge of the flood lakes in eastern Arkansas today penetrated farther into the area with emergency supplies for the refugees marooned in isolated settlements, while means were being devised to provide for several thousand persons along the Mississippi river front.

A message from Lake Village said that 4,000 persons in that section were in need and others were in camp at Rudora, in Chicco county.

The water let in thru the crevasses along the Arkansas and White rivers continue to recede today. At Batesville factories have resumed operations and normal conditions have been restored.

1,476 REGISTERED FOR THE LAYMEN'S CONVENTION

Greensboro, Feb. 10.—The total registration for the Laymen's Convention, which opened here last night, at noon today, was 1,476. Of this number 271 were from Winston-Salem.

This morning a group photograph was taken of more than one thousand men attending the convention. The scene presented by the laymen and preachers was indeed impressive and inspiring.

Dr. Sylvester Newlin, of High Point, made a stirring address this morning on "The Pastor's Missionary Opportunity." He exchanged places on the program with Rev. J. G. Dale, of Chester, S. C., secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, who was prevented from being present by illness in his family. Mr. Dale hopes to be able to make his address later, his subject being "The Call of Latin-America."

"Healing the Sick in Africa," was the subject of another practical address. It was delivered by Rev. George Green, M. D., Ogbomoso, West Africa, missionary for the Southern Baptist convention.

This afternoon was devoted to denominational conferences on the subject of missions.