GERMAN BOMBS **SHOWER DUNKIRK**

Fleet of Kaiser's Aremianes Make Aerial Attack On French Seaport **Doing Much Damage**

BUILDINGS WERE WRECKED

Fifteen Citizens Killed In Siege-All Aerial Assallants Made Escape From French Guns

London.-Four German aeroplanes have florm several times over the city of Dunkirk recently, dropping bombs as they went. Soldiers in the streets fired on the machine and one Taube seemed to be hit, but alk got safely

The official returns of the casualties show that fifteen persons were killed and thirty-two wounded. The bombs were filled with shrapnel.

For half an hour the whole city crackled with rifle shots and bombs which threw up dense clouds of black smoke. No sooner did one aeroplane seem to depart than another arrived Buildings in all parts of the city were wrecked.

The first bomb fell on the fortifications, two more near the railway station and many others in different parts of the town and in the suburb of kerque and Furnes. One child had an arm blown off and an old woman was killed outright.

The fifth aeroplane remained as sentry outside the town ready to attack any of the allies' aeroplanes that imght seek to repel the air assailants.

BELGIANS FILE PROTEST Belgian Minister At Washington Files Protest With United States Against Germany

Washington.-The Belgian minister filed with the state department a produstry in Belgium."

this statement: "The German authori- er Belgian towns occupied by the Gerties have put into requisition against mans and German airmen to Polish a single receipt and without mention- cities. ing the value of the same, the follow- Assisted by light cruisers, destroy ing merchandise, to be awarded to ers and submarines, seven British na-Germany, and which belongs to pri- val airmen, piloting seaplanes, made a vate parties: In Antwerp, cotton for daring attack Christmas Day on the the value of 13,000,000 francs; rubber, German naval base at Cuxhaven, at 2.500,000; woolen, 6,000,000, and leath. the mouth of the Elbe. Six of the er 10,000,000 francs. In Ghent, cotton airmen returned safely, but the sevnets, flax and other raw materials, 8,- enth, Commander Hewlett, it is feared, 500,00 francs. In Charleroi, copper, has been lost. 1,500,000; tool machine, 12,000,000

"These measuers are in opposition not be claimed otherwise than for scaplanes and submarines. the needs of the army of occupation. These measures involve the ruin of were able to avoid the submarines, the industry in Belgium.

SHIPPING BILL REPORT

Secretary Redfield Recommends Merchant Shipping Bill Be Pushed Through

Washington.-Initiating the aggressive fight to be waged in congress for passage of the government ship purchase bill, to free American commerce from European war limitations. majority members of the senate commerce committee filed a report rec ommending the measure in vigorous terms and transmitting a commendatory letter from Secretary of Commerce Redfield

port submitted by Secretaries McAdoo only if supported by honest manifests. slowly, as cable commuand Redfield, showing enormous increases in ocean transportation rates discussion with his cabinet of the gen- cated by the storm and since the war began and attendent cral shipping situation and of the pro-between Holland at been wrecked in ma The committee predicted that enact-ment of the ship purchase bill would and other interference with American recruiting boo

France's New Aerial Fleet New York.—France is building two great fleets of aircraft, armed with ebrated his fifty-eighth bir hday Decannon, darts and bombs, with which cember 28. Congratulate to invade Germany in the spring, ac- poured in from all part cording to Pedro Chapa, a Mexican ed States and from aviator, who arrived here from Eu- No special observ rope on the Cunard liner Carpathia. sary was plann Hundreds of armored biplanes, each spent the day carrying a small cannon and bombs, President Wi and numerous monoplanes, equipped plans to mak with bombs and steel darts, will be return trip ready to sweep across the Germanfrontier when winter is past, Chapa

Grants Fifty-Five Pardons Columbia, S. C.—Governor Blease granted clemency to fifty-five state prisoners. Twenty-eight were serving terms for homicide, seventeen having been sentenced originally to life risonment. Sixteen fall p wenty-four paroles and fifte intations are included in the elease of the forty men pa

WARNS GREAT BRITAIN



WOODROW WILSON. President Wilson has warned Great Britain and the Allies in a vigorous note to the British nation that the rights of American shipping on the high seas must not be molested. The president's message has caused the greatest sensation in England since the receipt of President Cleveland's famous Venezuelan message twenty

Rosendaell and the districts of Coude-BRITISH RAID ON ZEPPELINS

SEVEN BRITISH NAVAL SEA-PLANES MAKE ATTACK ON GERMAN NAVAL BASE

Britons Lose One Man And Three Planes In An Attempt To Dig Out German Fleet

London.-Airmen of warring countries spent a busy Christmas holiday. While a solitary German flew over the Thames estuary and dropped a single bomb, which fell in a roadway test against the requisitioning by Ger- and did no damage, a convoy of seven man military authorities in Belgium British navy seaplanes visited the of merchandise worth about 57,000,- German naval base at Cuxhaven and 000 francs. He asserted that the Ger- dropped bombs on ships and the gas man policy means "the ruin of in- works. All but one of the British airmen returned safely to the ships cials have expressed a desire to expe-The protest set forth that the goods which convoyed them. Similar activwere not taken for use of Germany, ity was displayed along the battle and that consequently the seizure was front, German airmen paying a sur- trying conditions. prise visit to Nancy; French aviators vention. The Beigian minister issued to Metz; British to Brussels and oth-

The enterprise of the British navy francs. In Duffel, nickel, 1,000,000 in thus attempting to "dig out" the francs. In Malines, canned goods, \$2,- German fleet brought about a battle between the most modern of war machines. The British squadron, includwith, the articles 46 and 52 of the ing the light cruisers Arethusa and fourth convention of The Hague, in ac- Undaunted, which have been engaged cordance with which private property in previous exploits on the German must be respected and requisition can- coast, were attacked by Zeppelins,

> By raid maneuvering the ships while the Zeppelins found the fire of the cruisers too dangerous for them to keep up the fight. The German seaplanes dropped bombs, which, according to the British account, fell harmlessly into the sea. The Gerdestroyers and their convoy

WILSON MAKES APPEAL

President Urges Honest Shipments, So Contraband Problem Will Not Be Complicated

Washington.-President Wilson has appealed to American shippers of noncontraband not to permit contraband articles to be mixed with their cargoes. He said the United States could The French are investing The committee report, filed by Act deal confidently with the problem of in upper Alsace. ing Chairman Fletcher, quoted the re- British detention of American ships

The president's statement followed a tween England and Holl

President Wilson Celebrates Birthday Washington.-President Wilson cel-

AMERICAN NOTE **ALARMS BRITISH**

English People and Press Greatly Agitated Over Official Note Of United States.

THINK FRICTION MAY ENSUE

President Wilson's Message Of Warning Causes Greatest Sensation In England In Years

London.-The American note proesting against the British treatment of American commerce and insisting of an early improvement came as a complete suprise to the British public; as there had been virtually no intimation that any friction had arisen between the two governments. Placards posted by the evening papers were given over exclusively to the American note and the papers gave it e largest headlines they have given any news during the past month. Consequently the British peo-

British Public Alarmed The first impression of the public is that the note may create friction and perhaps some unfriendly feeling, although the newspapers point out that it specifically states that the representations were made in a friendly spirit. The situation is succeed William J. Bryan as secretary comparable to that which arose at the of state. time of the South African war, when neutral shippers began to send cargoes intended for the Transvaal republic t the neutral port of Delagoa

ple regard this as one of the most im-

portant occurrences of the whole war.

Even the war news was allotted a secondary place to the note in the news columns of the papers, although that coming from the Russian front was highly gratifying to the allies.

The Washington note could not have been dealt with had it arrived early. as Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs, who has been away for the Christmas holidays, was not yet home when it came, The foreign office, however, has con.

stantly reiterated its regret at the delay to American ships, and high offidite examination of American cargoes as much as possible under the existing Biggest Sensation In Years

Nothing of the kind since President Cleveland's Venezuelan message has probably will be held next spring. produced such a sensation.

SLAVS CHECK AUSTRIANS

Russians Again Win Victories In Austria-French And British Make Gains

sere has been a slackening of the diling in northern Poland er or not this is done the visitors will rivers, where the Russians have captured some German trenches, prison. contingent fund available for such a ers and guns-an indication, it is be. purpose. lieved here, that the German frontal attack on the army guarding Warsaw has been definitely checked.

In southern Poland the Russians Galicia they apparently have inflicted serious as that which Emperor Fran. of South America for financial indecis Joseph's troops suffered in Ser. pendence of Europe, and suggest the

Of the fighting in the west the German and French reports are in direct don for supremacy as a world's financonflict. The French claim to have cial center. occupied the village of St. Georges, which is on the main road between Nieuport and Bruges and two miles mans, however, claim to have hit two from the former town. On the other hand the German report says: "We have gained some ground near Nieu-

> the Argonne and on the heights of the from the denial of the writ of habeas agency Meuse. The French reports apparently corpus submitted to Judge Newman, to refers to later events than those re- which was certified by Justice Lama corded in Berlin, for Paris tells of the of the Supreme bench, a long and trecapture of a trench which the Ger-dious with all again be launched recapture of a trench which the Ger- diou man communication mentions ing been captured by the

News from Germany between Holland and With the close England. Lar

Washing

SENATOR J. W. STONE

CHARRIS & EWING

It is rumored in Washington that

Senator/Stone of Missouri is soon to

M'ADOO SUMMONS BANKERS

CONFERENCE OF PAN-AMER-

ICAN FINANCIERS

Backing The Plan Which Will

Bring Americas Closer

war. Several of the countries already

have accepted and the conference

Invitations were sent formally

through the embassies and legations

here. The plan originated with Secre-

tary McAdoo, but Secretary Bryan and

priation to defray expenses, but wheth-

toward bringing the two American con-

least a serious competitor with Lon-

FRANK GAINS POINT

Of Leo Frank Placing Case On

Atlanta.—If the Supreme court

Washington.-The United States has

BATTLESHIP SUN

ENGLAND MOURNS LOSS OF LIVES OF CREW MORE THAN SHIP, WHICH WAS 15 YEARS OLD.

WAS WORTH FIVE-MILLION

Part of Crew Picked Up and Broungt Ashore. -- Statement in Theatre of War.

London.-The destruction of the British battleship Formidable in the British Channel by a mine or a submarine boat, although one of those events Englishmen now realize must be expected so long as the British Navy is compelled to keep the seas, has caused widespread grief.

This is due not so much to the loss of the ship, which was 15 years old and cost about \$5,000,000, as it is for the men-about 600 in nnmber-who went down with her. So far as known only 141 of the Formidable's crew of 150 were rescued. The British admiralty has not given the locality where the disaster occurred and declares it is unable to say whether the ship struck a mine or was torpedoed but as the British fleet again has been active in shelling German positions on the Belgian coast and as German submarines have been more and more using Zeebrugge as a base, the inclination here is to believe that a submarine again has been successful in

SECRETARY OF TREASURY CALLS Fighting in Flanders and Northern France has been confined largely to thune, where the Germans claim they President Wilson And Secretary Bryan have taken a Britsh trench. They ad- no children. mit, however, the loss of St. Georges, near the Belgian coast, which the Berlin official report says it was decided not to attempt to retake owing to invited all Central and South Amerihigh water.

can nations to send their ministers of In the Argonne region where the finance and leading bankers to Washbattle has been almost continuous for ington for a conference with treasury weeks past, the Germans have made department officials and financiers of a little progress as an offset to which, this country on financial and commerhowever, the French declare they have continued their advance in Upper cial problems confronting the two Americas as a result of the European | Alsace.

Newspaper's View of Note. London.—The Saturday Review describes President Wilson's note proward American shipping as "a docu-President Wilson have taken an active interest in it. It has been suggested which between strangers would be rethat congress be asked for an approgarded as having too rough an edge. The Review does not think it should be impossible for two governments between the lower Vistula and Pilica come as the guests of the United who have no wish to find causes for 1. Winston-Salem has two paid fire have been given out from the health States. The state department has a taking the offensive, to reconcile their departments. This was the announce-Officials of the state, treasury and commerce departments expect the coneven when neutral governments are ference to prove an important step friends. But this position is determined absolutely by the fact that Engalso record some successes, while in tinents into closer commercial rela- land has that command of the sea version of this company into a paid tionship. They believe that in the and "cannot surrender her right to use department with full complement of terfat the public is not adised. The a defeat on the Austrians almost as Pan-American movement lies the hope it for defeat of the enemy by any men will make it possible to have a announcement has been received with law."

possibility of New York becoming at Works in Orders President Qutierrez. Washington,-General Villa, in a telegram dated in Mexico City to his agency here, denied he has questioned the amnesty, proclamations of General Gutierrez. "I obey and respect nate." Further details of fighting between troops of General Carranza and Villa near Tampice were received in Heavy fighting is taking place in grants the appeal of Leo M. Frank official dispatches to the Carranza "General Gonzales adminiscisive defeat to the Villais-

Packers, Will Erect Building for Work at Winston-Salem.

Winston-Salem .- Morris & Co., Chicago packers, are arranging to erect and equip an up-to-date branch house in this city. While the plans have not yet been perfected, it is stated that the building will be erected near the union station, will have a frontage of 51 feet on Fourth street, will extend along the Southern railway 100 feet and in the rear will have a width of 80 feet.

The building will be three stories high with a basement and will be constructed of red pressed brick, giving it a modern and handsome appearance. The plans are to be prepared with consideration for the character of the business of Morris & Co., providing ample cold storage capacity to take care of the business of the city. F. S. Vernay, during his 11 years in this city has built up a business for Morris & Co., that has warranted the erection of a home for the local shareholders in the banks of Charbranch with an equipment that is not exceeded in point of size and modern equipment by any plant of similar character between Norfolk and At-

Adopt Unknown Child. Asheville,-Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ford recently were presented with the little girl who was found on their doorlittle girl is probably the final devel- indication of forthcoming depression. oment in an interesting case, which started with the finding of the child. A systematic search has been made in the hope of learning the identity artillery engagements, except Be of the mother. But the search has

1,000,000 More Pounds of Tobacco. Kinston.-Probably another million pounds of tobacco will be sold in Kinston in January, according to esti- withdrawal of \$1,000,000 which repmates of tobacconists. The season's sales to date have been 17,554,300 burg farmers would undoubtedly pounds, nearly as much as has been make, business has remained good, sold in any previous entire season. The sales have exceeded by three million pounds any estimate made bepounds, which would have been well kind are superior and where they are in excess of last year's total. In De- excelled, the health officer has ordertesting against the British attitude to- cember 3,472,791 pounds have been ed that analyses of the butterfat of sold in only 15 sales days. Practically | the product received from out-of-town ment from a candid friend who just all of the weed handled here has been points be made daly. The results of because he is a friend, can say things grown in the territory rightful tribu- the investigations will be published tary to the market.

Two Fire Departments.

Winston-Salem,-Effective January points of view. The position of a bel- ment made recently by Fire Chief H. Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, the health offiligerent with respect to command of E. Nissen. Company No. 1, which has cer, believes is unfair to the local the sea, savs this paper is different heretofore been a voluntary depart- dealers in that it makes them furncompany, with eight men stationed at the quarters all the time. The conanswer all calls.

Two Stores Burn. Concord.-The feed store of Char-M. Freeze at Midway, the new vil- miles from this city, on the Swannalage between Glass and Kannapolis noa river, was destroyed by fire at the orders of President Guitierrez," on the Kannapolis road, were destroy- an early hour one morning recently. Justice Lamar Has Certified To Writ Villa telegraphed. "I am his subordi- ed by fire recently. The fire is sup- with a loss of \$15,000, one-half of posed to have originated in Mr. Foil's which is covered by insurance. Mr. feed store from a lamp explosion. Mr. Foil was in the store to get some feed | the house at the time that the for a horse a short time before the fire started and less a lamp burn

BUILD BIG BRANCH HOUSE LARGE DIVIDENDS PAID BY BANKS

CHARLOTTE BANKS DISTRIBUTE \$108,500 IN THE WAY OF DIVIDENDS.

GOOD SHOWING IS MADE

institutions Have Had Remarkably Successful Year Despite Much Restricted Trading.

Charlotte.-Whatever feeling of restric ed operations there is or has been experienced in the realm of finance, it will not be manifest early in January when the hundreds of lotte will receive their usual dividend checks, the disbursement from this source from the eight banking institutions of Charlotte amounting to 108,500. Checks are sent out from each of the banks January 1.

That the banks of the city are able to make this showing is considered remarkable. The financial houses of Charlotte have, of course, suffered steps during the early part of last some along with all other lines of summer, snugly wrapped in warm business as a result of the war in Euclothing and tucked in a large basket. rope, but they have not fallen under They made application to adopt the such times as to force a retrenchment child to Clerk of the Superior Court in dividends. The shareholders will John H. Cathey and the latter grant- get just as much profit from their ed them the permanent custody of holdings in Charlotte banks this Janthe child, who has been christened uary as they did last year when there Virginia May. The adoption of the was no dream of distant trouble nor

Asked about conditions that have made possible such a showing with their institutions during the past year, local bankers express the conviction that the situation is sound and that been futile. Mr. and Mrs. Ford have there is nothing organically wrong. It is of course true that the banks here have suffered or shared in the loss sustained on account of the low price of cotton and this has effected in some measure the deposits, as the resents the loss sustained by Mecklen-

Aanalyza Dairy Products.

Asheville.-In order that purchasers fore the opening of the market on of cream and ice cream from cities merce had figured on only 14,000,000 respects Asheville products of this each month in the bulletin issued by the health department. Heretofore only the analyses of the cream and ice cream made in Buncombe county department's office: Such a system, ment will be converted into a paid ish a product which will stand the light of publicity and allows their outof-town competitors to sell cream and ice cream here concerning whose butcomplete company of fire fighters to jubilation among the dairymen of

Burns With Loss of \$15,000. Asheville.-The handsome country

lie Foil and the grocery store of A, home of Dr. T. P. Cheesborough, two and Mrs. L. F. Matthews, who were in was discovered, had narrow es being able to ake their wa