IMPRESSION MADE BY AMERICAN NOTE

ENCOURAGING REPORTS ARE BE-ING RECEIVED FROM LONDON AND BERLIN.

GERMANY REPORTS WILLING

Difference of Opinion in England, Some Favoring, Others Wanting Further Restrictions.

Washington.—Encouraging reports from both Ambassador Page at London and Ambassador Gerard at Berlin were received concerning the attitude of Great Britain and Germany toward the latest American proposals for the safeguarding of neutral commerce and the unrestricted shipment of foodstuffs to the civilian population of belligerent countries. The United States does not expect complete replies for several days.

Germany's willingness to make concessions and negotiate for an understanding on the submarine food and mine question already has been made known informally and the United States expects a formal acquiescence in a day or two. All eyes now are turned on London, where opinion is understood to be divided on the merits of the suggestions. Some leading British Cabinet members are said to favor in principle the American proposals as a means of solving the problem with as little inconvenience to neutral countries as possible. Another element, however, is said to be impressed by the military value of further restricting supplies to Germany.

The exact nature of the American proposals is still unknown because of the rigid reticence of officials here and abroad, but each day adds information on the subjecct. Briefly this much of the contents of the American suggestions now has been confirmed.

the previous rules of international law with respect to shipment by two British steamers have suffered a could have the right-of-way over any neutrals of conditional contraband similar fate, one being overdue and other general legislation and be passstined to the civilian population, and

posed except mines used for protection of coast defenses and harbors, stricted for navigation. pilots to be furnished to guide neutral ships through fields that remain.

MANY BIG SUPPLY BILLS PASSED.

Congress Speeding Up to Be Ready For Adjournment.

Washington. - Congress worked steadily on its task of cleaning up sup- to Rotterdam but men were found to ply bills which must be out of the take their places. Otherwise the way before adjournment on March 4. trade of the country is going on much The Senate passed the naval bill as usual and shipmasters continue to \$152 000,000, the fortification bill, \$6,-000,000, and the diplomatic bill, \$4,-200,000 while the House spent the day debating the general dificiency measure, with interruptions now and then to dispose of conference reports.

The Senate added about \$8,000,000 to the naval bill as it passed the ment of the Dardanelles forts by the House providing the two-battleship Allied fleet. construction program, for five see going submarines instead of one, for 16 instead of 11 coast defense submarines, for a gunboat and a hospital ship, and adding \$1,000,000 for an armor plate and \$500,000, for a projectile factory.

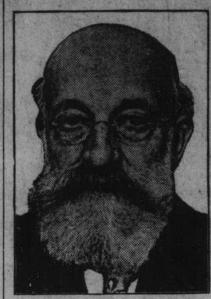
Senator Smoot vainly sought to have going and 25 coast defense submarines, declaring that "no man can tell when the European disturbance will involve this country in difficulties." This precipiated a general discussion

Speaker Wooten's Condition Serious. Raleigh.-Speaker Emmett R. Wooten of the house of representatives has been sinking steadily at Rex Hospital when he had a chill and other alarming symptoms appeared. Doctor Parrott of Kinston, his family physician, arrived and is in consultation with Dr. H. A. Royster, with a probability that as a last chance to save the life of the speaker the wound will be reopened. There is considered at this hour the very slightest sort of chance for the patient to rally.

Bill Effects Common Carriers. Washington.-Senator Newlands introduced a bill in the senate to emnower the interstate commerce commission to examine all papers of a anoluding correspondence. It id amend the law to meet the supreme court's decision that the comnission did not have power to inspect & Nashville Railway. Mr. Newlands submitted commun'cations from Acting Chairman Clements of the com-

Special Tax on Foreigners Revoked. Mexico City.-The French minister was advised officially that the portion of the special tax of 20,000,000 pesos levied by general Obregon which apiles to all foreigners, will be revoked. General Obregon's decree stated that money was to be used for the relief of the poor. Americans in Mexico City at a meeting contributed a considerable amount of money for the assistance of the poor. Foreign banks have signified their intention of

mission and Attorney General Greg-ory, urging that the bill be passed.



COL. WILLIAM H. CROOK

Col. William H. Crook, disbursing afficer of the White House, celebrated recently the completion of his fiftieth year as an employee in the offices of

COTTON LADEN, GOES DOWN IN NORTH SEA.

Warring Nations Are Not Affected Much By New War Zones.-All Crews Are Saved.

er, the Carib, has been destroyed by a mine off the German coast, while a torpedoed or destroyed by a mine off saved and although not stated in the favorably. dispatches from Berlin, it is believed

the belligerent forces of an Rye. As a result of the activity of lation if necessary. removal of all floating mines by German submarines the British adny and Great Britain, is pro- miralty has announced that the Irish Chairman Hitchcock of the Philippine

> In the case of a few Scandinavian, Dutch and British steamers the crews have refused to sail where the voyages vere to include the war zone, but in each instance substitutes were found. The crew of the British steamer Darleydale which has grain for the Belgium Relief Commission refused to accompany the ship from Falmouth express confidence that the German submarines cannot interfere seriously with commerce. In fact the threatened blockade which has had such a small effect thus far, is beginning to give way in the public interest in military operations to the bombard-

THREE BURN TO DEATH.

Big Fire In Birmingham Causes \$200,-000 Damage And 3 Lives. Birmingham, Ala-Three unidentifi-

ed persons, probably more were burnauthorized the construction of 50 sea- injured, in a \$200,000 fire which swept or 2,500,000 bales less than last year. the business section of Birmingham, destroying several commercial buildings and the Winsor hotel, a small old structure. The ruins of the hotel are being searched. Four of the injured were firemen.

The fire started at 4:30 in a hardware store on 20th street. Oils and paints stored there aided in its rapid spread. It was not brought under control for nearly four hours.

The exact humber of guests in the Winsor when it caught is not known. Several of those hurt were injured jumping from upper windows.

The Winsor hotel was a small one in the heart of the city occupying one of the oldest buildings in Birmingham. Fire wrecked the structure almost completely and it is probable that en off by the Turks with heavy losses other bodies are in the debris which to the enemy. is piled high in the shell of the building. It is not known how many people were in the building when the fire began but police are trying to get a check on those known to have been in the hotel.

Carib Owned In Savannah New York .- The Carib, which was sunk by a mine in the North Sea formerly was owned by the Clyde Line and was recently sold by them to Walker, Armstrong & Co., of Savannah, Ga. She was of 2,280 tons burden and left Charleston January 27 for Bremen with a cargo of cotton

30,000 Killed And Wounded. Suwalki, Poland via Berlin and London—The German forces under Field Marshall von Hindenburg, by hard fighting and extraordinary marches, inflicted such a striking defeat on the Russians opposed to them in the re-cent battle of the Mazurian lakes country, that the Russian remnants are a negligible quantity in the ope ations now in progress. The Russian killed and wounded in the four days' aghting were extimated at 30,000 men.
Over 60,000 Russians are prisoners in

PASSED BY SENATE

ONE MORE BILL CARRYING AP-PROXIMATELY \$23,000,000 PUT THROUGH.

DEBATE NAVAL BILL NEXT

Seven of the Fourteen Appropriation Bills Have Been Passed,-Continue Free Seeds.

Washington.-The senate added the gricultural bill, carrying approximately \$23,000,000, to the rapidly growing list of suply measures passed and debate on the naval bill began. Seven of the appropriation bills have been disposed of, and seven are still awaiting action

After considerable argument the senate declined to support the action of the agricultural committee in strik-TRADE GOES ON AS USUAL ing out an appropriation of \$235,000 for the free distribution of seeds. One of the principal new provisions in the bill is the \$2,500 appropriation THE AMERICAN VESSEL, CAREB, for combating the food and mouth disease among cattle.

Debate on the naval bill centers upon committee amendments adding several missions to the house bill including provisions for five sea-going submarines instead of one and 16 coast defense submarines instead of

The house began work on the list of the supply measures for considera-London.-Another American steam- tien in that body, the general deficiency bill. It also adopted the conference report on the seamen's bill. The third Norwegian, the Regin, has been senate now must act on it. Conferences on other measures which have Dover. All the Regin's crew were passed both houses are progressing

That there is some hope of passing the crew of the Carib also escaped. the bill providing Philippine self-gov-Thus neutral states continue to be ernment and ultimate independence at the greatest sufferers from the mine this session became apparent. Presi-The United States has asked that and submarine warfare. It is con-dent Wilson told several administrasidered possible, however, that one or tion leaders he wished the measure another being reported blown up off ed in the midst of appropriation legis-

Senator Simmons conferred with said he believed the bill would pass.

FOOD EXPORTS INCREASE.

Vast Increase of Food Stuffs While Cotton Has Increased.

Washington-What vast increases have been made in the export of foodstuffs since the European war began was disclosed by the department of commerce in a detailed statement. Foodstuffs exports for the seven months ending with January totalled \$377,400,000, an increase of \$188,000,-000 over the same month of the last fiscal year.

One hundred million bushels more wheat were exported than last year: 38,000,000 bushels more oats; 10,000, 000 bushels more corn; 40,000,000 pounds more fresh beef: 34,500,000 ounds more canned beef; 1,500,000 barrels more flour; 1,000,000 pounds more pickled beef; 22,000,000 gallons more gasoline, naphtha, etc., and 11,-000,000 gallons more residuum, fuel oil, etc., were sent abroad.

At the same time there was great decrease in the export of cotton, because of the war, the total for ed to death, and eight others were the seven months being 4,105,525 bales

WAR NEWS IN BRIEF.

London-One sailor lost his life when the small British steamer Deptford, 230 feet long and 1,208 tons, was sent to the bottom in 20 minutes either by a German torpedo from a submarine or by coming in contact with a mine in the North sea at a point and were landed at South Shields.

Turks Report Victory. Berlin, by via London-Reports from Constantinople say that a Russian attack in the territory east of Artzin, Trans-Caucasia, has been beat-

The Western Coast Goes Down. London-The small coasting steamer Western Coast has been sunk by a mine or torpedo in the English Channel at a point off Beachy Head. The crew were landed at Portsmouth. The Royperana Goes Down.

East Bourne, England-The steamer Royperana was sunk off this port It is believed that she was torpedoed. The crew of 31 men was saved.

Also the Harpallon. Newhaven, via London—The British teamer Harpalion, from London for Newport News, without cargo, has een torpedoed off Beachy Head.

Senate May Have Extra Session. ra session of the senate alone after farch 4th for consideration of treaties and nominations were being disussed among administration leaders. White house officials refused to talk on the subject, but it was known Preson the subject, but it was anown ident Wilson was giving it consideration. Treaties with Columbia to pay \$25,000,000 for the partition of Panama, and with Nicaragua to pay \$3,000,000 for inter-oceanic capal rights



PRINCESS MARIE JOSE Princess Marie Jose, the pretty little daughter of the king and queen of Belgium, is with her two brothers in England.

MR. TAFT FORSEES CRISIS

STATES IN NEW ISSUES OF EUROPEAN SITUATION.

Fully Sustains President Wilson in the Course He Hae Taken in International Situations.

Morristown, N. J. - The United States is threatened by a serious invasion of its rights as a neutral by the warring factions of Europe and in protecting its commerce with those Nations is face to face with a crisis, in the opinion of former President William Howard Taft.

In the solution of that crisis should it arise, no jinge spirit must be allowed to prevail, Mr. Taft advised; neither pride nor momentary passion should influence judgment.

"And when the President shall act," Mr. Taft declared, "we must stand by him to the end. In this determination we may be sure that all will join, no matter what their European origin. All will forget their differences in selfsacrificing loyalty to our common flag and our common country."

Mr. Taft's reference to the situation confronting the United States was made at the conclusion of an address before the Washington Association of New Jersey. Quoting a reservation in the treaty of Algeciras, proclaimed in 1907, and entered into by the United States and 11 European Nations, Mr. Taft said:

"Our interest in the present war, under the conditions that exist, should be limited as set forth in this reservation, to wit.

"To preserving and increasing the commerce of the United States with the belligerents; to the protection as to life, liberty and properity of our citizens residing or traveling in their countries, and to the aiding by our friendly offices and efforts in bringing those countries to peace.'

"Our efforts for peace," he continued, "have been made as complete as possible.

"In preserving the commerce of the United States with the belligerents, however, we are face to face with a crisis. The planting of mines in the open sea and the use of submarines to send neutral vessels to the bottom without inquiry as to their neutrality when found in a so-called war zone of the open sea, are all of them a variation from the rules of international law governing the action of belligerents towards neutral trade.

"When their violation results in the destruction of the lives of American citizens or of American property, a grave issue will arise as to what the duty of this Government is. The responsibility of the President and Congress in meeting the critical issue thus presented in maintaining our Nationoff Scarborough. The 15 other mem- al rights and our National honor on bers of the steamer's crew were saved the one hand, with due regard to the awful consequences to our 90,000,000 of people of engaging in this horrible world war, on the other, will be very great. It involves on their part a judgment in its consequences that we should earnestly pray that the necessity for it may be averted.

"If, however, the occasion arises we can be confident that those in authority will be actuated by the highest patriotic motives and by the deepest concern for our National welfare. We must not allow our pride or mo mentary passion to influence our judg-ment. We must exercise the deliberation that the fateful consequences in the loss of our best blood and enormous waste of treasure would necessarily impose upon us. We must allow no jingo spirit to prevail. We must abide the judgment of those in whom we have entrusted the authority and when the President shall act. we must stand by him to the end."

Both Houses of Congress Busy. Washington.—Appropriations for naate discussed until late at night the army appropropriation bill carrying approximately \$103,000,000, while the house debated the fortifications bill. While progress was being made on

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BASIS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIA-TIONS IS PRESENTED, IT HAS BEEN LEARNED.

BRITAIN IS VERY RETICENT

But Still Points Out That Food Has Not Been Declared Absolute Contraband of War.

Berlin, via London,-The American dentical note on marine warfare, sent to Great Britain and Germany, is in the hands of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, Imperial German Chancellor, and Gottlieb van Jagow, the German Foreign Minister.

The German Government is not ready to make public the contents of the note, but it is said they may be regarded as the basis for further negotiations. Certain of the proposals, as an example the removal of the mine GRAVE DANGER TO THE UNITED fields around England, probably will be unacceptable to Germany.

The German Government, it is said, does not expect that Great Britain will accept any proposals permitting the importation of foodstuffs in to Ger-

The Lookal Anzeiger says it learns that the American note presents a basis for further negotiations.

"Washington," the newspaper adds, 'now takes up the suggestions outlined in the final passage of Germany's answer and makes proposals which apparently are addressed equally to Germany and Great Britain.'

PUTTING UP A GOOD FIGHT.

Fear That Renegade Utes Will Join Old Polk's Band. Salt Lake City, Utah.-Fear that

renegade Utes from the reservation in Colorado will join Old Polk's band of Piute Indians which has been battling United States officers near Bluff is expressed in a dispatch to The Desert News. Reports from the Colorado reserva

tion say the Indians believe the white men have killed 25 squaws and papooses and they are greatly incensed. Marshal Nebeker has wired the States District Attorney at

Salt Lake City and also the Department of Justice at Washington that he will use the 20 Navajo Indian police he has requested be sent him to assist in tracking the hostiles. "My men will take care of all the fighting," he said.

A scouting party found that Old Posey, leading a small band of Indians had crossed the San Juan

River to Navajo Reservation on the south side. Another scouting party followed the trail of Old Polk and about 10 mounted warriors to re-capture Wash, eight or 10 miles east of Bluff, but was unable to determine whether his

movement indicated an attempt to

escape or an effort to obtain rein-

President Wilson For Mountaineers. Washington.-Praise for the "sim ple,, straightforward" people of the Southern mountains, and criticism of the "airs that high society gives itself" were voiced by President Wilson here at a meeting held in the interest of Berea College, Kentucky founded to educate the mountaineers. The President declared the college was "going straight to the heart of one of the most interesting problems of American life," and added that "the only thing that is worth while in human intercourse is to wake some body." Justice Tughes of the Supreme Court presided at the meeting and other speakers were President Frost of Berea College, F. G. Bonser of Columbia University and Hamilton W. Mable of The Outlook magazine.

New Orleans Bakers Ask Embarg New Orleans.-The executive con mittee of the National Association of Master Bakers forwarded to Pres dent Wilson and leaders in Congres a resolution asking that an embarge be placed on the exportation of wheat rye and flour.

Alabama Prohibitionists Get Hearing Washington.-Alabama's plan t prevent liquor advertisements an solicitation of liquor orders from be ing sent through the mails to prohb toin territory was incorporated in bill introduced in the national hous of representatives by Representativ Abercrombie. The bill was drafte by a delegation sent here by the Als bama legislature to confer with Pre ident Wilson, Postmaster Gener Burlson and mmbers of the Alaban ongressional delegation.

Underwood Leaves House Committee RETAIL PRICES OF CORN FOR THE Washington.-Representative Oscar W. Underwood bade farewell to the ouse ways and means which he is chairman, resent Alabams as it

WEATHER FORECAST.

Movements Due and Their Local Effects For the Cotton State, Feb. 28 to March 7, 1915.

Carothers Observatory Forecast Sunday, February 28.—The week will open with a Cool Wave in the Eastern Belt as previously forecast and with warmer weather prevailing in Western Belt.

Monday, March 1; Tuesday, March 2; Wednesday, March 3. Cool Wave is due to overspread the South Monday and Tuesday, it is believed without precipitation, and it will bring 10 degrees cooler weather, with light frosts in Eastern Belt nearly to the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts.

Thursday, March 4, to Sunday, March 7.—Rain setting in in Western Belt Thursday will overspread the South Friday and Saturday in advance of the cool wave. This movement will cover the South Saturday and Sunday, with moderately cooler weather, minima ranging around 50 degrees, with clearing.

MOUNTAINEERS WANT OUTLET

A Line From Edgemont to Newland Would Give Outlet to Tennessee Over E. T. & W. N. C.

Lenoir.-The citizens of Edgemont, in Caldwell county, and Newland, in Avery county, have begun a strong agitation for a railroad from Edgemont to Newland. Already this agitation has taken the form of action and a charter will be applied for at present General Assembly.

The distance between the above mentioned towns is only twenty-one miles and this will not only give the people of Avery the opportunity of a closer association and connection with their former friends in Caldwell, but with this conecting link Lenoir would then enjoy direct transportation facilities with Johnson City, Tenn., since the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina railroad extends from the latter city to Newland.

For several years there has been much talk of extending the Carolina and North Western railroad from Edgemont, the present terminus to some point in Tennessee and it is reintra-state freight bill, the project was temporarily abandoned. the prominent citizens behind the present movement are W. H. Ragland, and J. Robert Campbell, of Newland, and W. W. Barber of Edgemont.

SUES STREET CAR COMPANY.

Charlotte Lady Asks for \$7,000 Alleged Damages for Injuries Received. Charlotte-Rey B. Diehl and wife, Bertha filed suit against the Charlotte Electric Company for \$7,000 alleged damages as the result of an injury during a ride by Mrs. Diehl and

the company's cars on June 12, 1914 The allegations set forth that as the sesult of the actual injury by reason of the sudden start of the car and the humiliation and mental anguish causd by the alleged rude treatment on the car the plaintiff was in bed for a long while, necessitating the service of a physician, and that she is permanently injured. Wherefore plaintiffs ask \$5,000 for actual damages and \$2,-000 for punitive and exemplary dam-

MARKET REPORTS.

Cotton, Cotton Seed and Meal Prices in the Markets of North Carolina For the Past Week.

As reported to the Division of Markets, North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station and Department of Agriculture, Raleigh.

Town	Price	Price seed p	Cash cot. sper to	Pounds given of see
North Eastern North Carolina				
Colerain	714 - 73/0	40-490	27.00	2000
Farmville New Bern Washington Winsdor	7 %C	42-43 1/2 45c	30.00	2000
Washington	740	30c	30.00	
Fayetteville Jacksonville Maxton	7%-8	40c	28.00	1900
Maxton	7%-7%c	35-45c	30.00	2000
North Ce Battleboro Greensboro Pittsboro	7%c	42-45c	32.00	2000
Pittsboro	8.500		30.00	
Raleigh	844 -8 1-16	450	30 00	2000
Smithfield Wilson	7%c	420	32.00	
South Co	entral N	orth Ga	29.00	2000
Cleveland		36c	29.00	2000
Chariotte Cleveland Gastonia Kings Mtn	8e	36-40c	30,00	2000
Mooresville	80	35-400	30.00	1900
Newton	7%-8 c	40-45c	30.00	1900
Norwood Satisbury	7%-8%c	100	50.00	2000
Satisbury Statesville Norfolk, Va	7.88-8c	40c	31.00	1850
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PAST WEEK.

Cured By Peruna

Catarrh of Kidneys

"I had Catarrh of the Kidneys and Am Very Thankful For Peruna. I Feel Well, My tongue

is clear, I have no bitter taste in my mouth. I am glad to say I do not need Peruna any longer, I am perfectly well. I have Peruna in the house all the time. When I have a cold or when I do not feel well I take Peruna. We were all sick with the grip last winter. We took Peruna and it helped us. Peruna is the best medicine for grip or colds."

Mrs. Gus. H. Carlson, Box 201, Or

Gently cleanse your liver and sluggish bowels while you sleep.

Get a 10-cent box. Sick headache, biliousness, dizziess, coated tongue, foul taste and foul breath-always trace them to torpid liver; delayed, fermenting food in the

bowels or sour, gassy stomach. Poisonous matter clogged in the intestines, instead of being cast out of the system is re-absorbed into the blood. When this poison reaches the delicate brain tissue it causes congestion and that dull, throbbing, siek-

ening headache. Cascarets immediately cleanse the ported on good authority that the stomach, remove the sour, undigested money was actually in hand for this food and foul gases, take the excess extension some two years ago, but on bile from the liver and carry out all

poisons in the bowels. A Cascaret to-night will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep-a 10-cent box from your druggist means your head clear, stomach sweet and your liver and bowels regular for months. Adv.

Quite So.

"Now they are advertising dreadnaught gray. They ought not to drag the various colors into this imbroglio. "What do you mean?"

"Gray has always been considered a neutral tint."-Kansas City Journal.

GRANDMA USED SAGE TEA her six-months-old baby on one of TO DARKEN HER GRAY HAIR

She Made Up a Mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur to Bring Back Color, Gloss, Thickness. Almost everyone knows that Sage

Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is mussy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of the famous old recipe for about 50 cents.

Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time, by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes eautifully dark, thick and glossy .-

Same Old Story. Green-Do you remember that stock bought in a gold mine last summer? Brown-Yes. How did you come

Green-Minus. **RUB-MY-TISM**

Will cure your Rheumatism and all kinds of aches and pains-Neuralgia, Cramps, Colic, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts, old Sores, Burns, etc. Antiseptio nodyne. Price 25c.-Adv.

This Didn't Really Happen. "How did you enjoy the dinner?"
"Fine; nobody mentioned the war ven once."

Treat Children's Colds Externally