WILSON STUDYING **MEXICAN QUESTION**

DRASTIC MEASURES MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT MEXICO CITY.

REFUSES THE AID OF ALLIES

But Virtually Tells the Starving People to Help Themselves to Anything in Sight.

Washington. - President Wilson faced one of the most serious and perplexing developments that has arisen in the Mexican situation. Mexico City is on the verge of starvation. General Obregon the Carranza commander, refuses to permit an international relief committee composed of wealthy members of the foreign colony to succor the needy. "Mexico needs no foreign aid," the general is reported to have said.

All merchants who closed their stores have been ordered to reopen. Three hundred of them, Mexicans, have been imprisoned. The population is in terror since Obregon has announced he will not prevent looting or pillaging for food or money. The Brazillian, British, Spanish

and Italian ambassadors give the state department pessimistic reports of the situation, which correspond to reports already received.

Secretary Bryan announced that he had telegraphed American Consul Stillman to lay the situation earnestly before General Carranza, so that General Obregon might be directed to accept aid proffered by foreign residents. Freight service is suspended between Mexico City and Vera Cruz and transportation facilities for relief purposes are being withheld by Gen. eral Obregon on the ground of military necessity.

President Wilson was advised of all the facts. He was said to be studying the situation closely. Should General Obregon continue to refuse outside air, drastic measures may benecessary. Talk of an allied expedition similar to the one that went to the relief of foreign legations at Peking during the Boxer uprising was heard again in official quarters.

PRESIDENT POSTPONES TRIP.

Vice President Marshall to Be Repres entative at Exposition.

Washington.-Vice President Marshall will go to San Francisco to represent President Wilson at the for- band to Germany. mal dedication of the Panama-Pacific Exposition March 20. The President still hopes to visit the exposition later.

The Vice President left for Cleveland, and later will go to Indianapolis before leaving for the coast. Assistant Secretary Phillips of the State Department, chairman of the Government Exposition Board, also left for gested the contents of the communi-San Francisco to take part in the ex- cation. He pointed out that the notes ercises in honor of representatives of merely had denied a policy to be pur-

President Wilson reluctantly gave up his plans for going to the coast this month, but decided he was needed in Washington to direct the negotiations for the protection of Ameri- France. can interests during the war. He may go later.

The Vice President conferred with The invitation to the Vice President position followed and he accepted.

IMPORTANT NEWS BRIEFS

Col. George W. Goethals has been nominated to be a major general in recognition of his services in build-

ng the Panama canal. Alfred Hampton, youngest son of Gen. Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, was appointed assistant commissioner general of immigration by Sec retary Wilson to succeed F. H. Larnes who will be transferred for duty at

Representative Joseph T. Johnston of Spartanburg has been selected by President Wilson for the new Federal judgeship in South Carolina, created by congress shortly before adjourn-

The Standard Oil Company steamer Platuria, bound for Malmo, Sweden, has been detained at Kirkwall, Scotland, pending investigation.

The German National Bank of Pittsburg did not open its doors for ousiness. A notice on the door said it had been closed by order of the comptroller of the currency.

T. R. Manning, formerly vice-pres dent of the North Carolina Press Association and up to four years ago owner of the Henderson Gold Leaf, died at Henderson, N. C. He was 58 years old and had been confined to his bed for three years.

"Unless neutral nations are prepar ed to assist in throwing the Germans out of Belgium, no suggestions from them in the matter of preventing further devastation of that country are wanted," said Foreign Secretary



GEORGE HUDDLESTON George Huddleston succeeds Oscar Underwood as representative from the Ninth Alabama district.

PROTEST MADE TO ALLIES

IF IT IS INTENTION TO INTER-RUPT COMMERCE WITHOUT DECLARING BLOCKADE.

United States Will Ask Great Britain How They Intend to Carry Out Their Policy.

Washington.-While President Wilson indicated that the United States would inquire of Great Britain and France as to how they propose to carry out their announced determination to prohibit commercial intercourse by sea with Germany, such action, it was stated later, probably would be deferred until replies were received from Great Britain and Germany to the American proposals looking to a cessation of the German suband unrestricted passage of foodstuffs to civilian populations of the belligerent nations.

Germany's reply, as described in received no official comment will be

Great Britain's reply will depend to some extent on the attitude of her Allies. There have been official intimations however, that she would flatof foodstuffs and conditional contra-

The Anglo-French note outlining the Allies' intention to stop all commerce between Germany and neutral countries occupied the attention of official Washington. President Wilson told inquirers he could not define the attitude of the American government because he had not thoroughly disued without stating the means of its enforcement. To make this clear for the United States, the president added, might necessitate further correspondence with Great Britain and

The president made clear his belief that while the conditions of war might have changed, no nation had a right to Secretary Bryan and Mr. Phillips, who change the rules of war. From this discussed the trip with the President. It was inferred that the American government would insist on a position freto represent the President at the ex- quently expressed by its officials, that a resolution thanking Speaker Clark on whatever might be violations of the customs of war as between belligerents, this could not affect the status of international law as between the United States and countries with which she is at peace.

182 MINERS ENTOMBED.

Explosion in Layland Coal Mine Was

Terriffic-Six Rescued. Hinton, W. Va.-After nearly ours work, had brought out alive only six of the 182 miners entombed by an explositon in the Layland mines of the New River & Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Company near Quinnimont. One body was recovered near the entrance of Mine No. 3.

The force of the explosion wa terrific. The stone arch over the nain entrance of the workings was destroyed; windows within a 300-yard radius were broken, and the shock

was felt for miles around. A. B. Cooper, who was delivering groceries to a house within 75 yards of the mine entrance, was blown against a telegraph pole and killed.

Guard lines have been established bout the workings and only workers are permitted within them. Company officials refuse to give out any infor-Most of the entombed miners are of foreign birth, but many are Ameri-

Hugh R. McMillen, assistant mine boss, is among the missing.

Two Judges For South Carolina. Washington.—A bill dividing South Carolina into Eastern and Western Judicial districts and providing for the appointment of an additional disgoes to the president. The bill re-guires the president to make public o permit shipment of cattle eastward brough Pennsylvania in sealed cars. They said the order promulgated recently against shipments from Chingo because of foot and mouth distance was depriving New York of its neat supply. The request was denied.

AUCH LEGISLATION BY 63D CONCRESS

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF SES-SION AMOUNTED TO APPROX-IMATELY \$1,120,484,324.

IMPORTANT MEASURES FAIL

noluding Ship Bill and Rural Credits Bill.—Two Appropriations Fail Passage.

Washington.-After two years of most continuous session the Sixtythird Congress, which revised the tariff and the currency system of the Nation, supplemented the trust laws, created an income tax and demonstrated the first popular election of United States Senators, has adjourned.

When gavels fell in the House and Senate signalizing the adjournment they marked the close of half of President Wilson's Administration, the first under domination of the Democratic party since 1885.

The total appropriations of the session were approximately \$1,120,484.324 ENGLAND'S BIG BLOCKADE several millions under the record of previous congresses. Two Bills Failed.

Two appropriation bills failed. Current appropriations for the postal service and the Indian office were extended for another year.

After refusing to accept the Indian bill the senate reversed itself and passed it, but the house refused to agree to minor amendments added at the last moment.

Bills Signed. In the closing hours, President Wilson signed the seamen's bill, the neutrality resolution empowering him to prevent ships leaving American ports with supplies for belligerent warships. promoted Colonel Goethals to be a major general for his services as builder of the Panama canal, and gave promarine warfare on merchant ships motions to other officers associated with the work.

The administration ship bill, the Philippine bill, the conservation bills. the rural credits provision of the agripress dispatches, created a favorable cultural bill and ratification of the impression here but until the text is treaties with Colombia and Nicaragua at a session. Studiously avoiding the measures, fell by the wayside.

prominent national figures—among plained that the Allies considered them Senators Root and Burton, stepped back into private life as the cur- would attempt "to detain and take ly reject the proposal for the shipment tain fell. In the house Democratic into port ships carrying goods of pre-Leader Underwood said good-bye, to sumed enemy destination, ownership sit in the next senate, and three score or origin." or more other members retired. Last Hour in House.

In the house, the last hour was devoted to tributes to Speaker Clark, Representative Underwood and Republican Leader Mann. Representative Palmer announced presentation of a portrait of Mr. Underwood to be hung in the hall of the ways and means committee. In doing so Mr.

"There is no doubt Mr. Underwood soon will be the leader in the senate. He is one of the greatest Americans of his time."

Clark Honored At the request of Republican Leader Mann, Speaker Clark turned the chair over to Progressive Leader Murdock. The republican leader then eulogized the "able and loved speaker," and the house passed with a cheer behalf of the entire membership for

and began a speech of thanks. "The multiplicity of honors kindnesses that this house has heap ed on me goes straight to my heart,"

he said, but got no further for his

President Makes Statement. After his return to the White House President Wilson dictated the following statement:

"A great congress has closed its ses sions. Its work will prove the purpose and quality of its statemanship more and more, the longer it is tested. "Business has now time of calm

and thoughtful adjustment before it. disturbed only by the European war. The circumstances created by the war put the nation to a special test, a test of it strue character and of its self-control.

"The constant thought of every pa triotic man should now be for the country, its peace, its order, its just and tempered judgment in the face of erplexing difficulties. Its dignity and abnormal conditions, but also in its power to think, to purpose, and to act with patience, with disinterested fairess, and without excitement, in a spirit of friendliness and enlightenment which will firmly establish its inluence throughout the world.

For many minutes before adjourn nent there was a lull in the senate enator Perkins of California, who erm ended at noon. Senator Perkins the tribute. Then he slowly half ros rom his seat, feebly waved his hand oward the North Carolina senator an leagues in a gesture of farewell nd took his seat again too overcome

Senator Gallinger offered 2 resoluon of thanks to Vice-President Mar-



WILLIAM J. HARRIS

William J. Harris of Atlanta, the at sea. present director of the census, has been selected by the president as a member of the interstate trade commission, according to generally accepted report,

ASQUITH SAYS GERMANY WILL GET NO MORE SUPPLIES FROM NEUTRALS.

Asks Patience of Non-Belligerents, Saying That Allies Find it Necessary to Adopt This Policy.

Great Britain and France can prevert duties. it, no commodities of any kind except This is England's answer to Germany's submarine blockade and it is

to be effective forthwith. Premier Asquith reading from a prepared statement, made this announcement in the House of Commons for these words occur prepared statement-the Premier exthemselves justified in attempting and

The Premier emphasized, however, that vessels and cargoes so seized were not necessaryily liable to confiscation, and begged the patience of neutral countries in the face of a step likely to injure them. He added that in making such a step the Allies had done so in self-denfense.

"We are quite prepared," he went on, "to submit to the arbitrament of neutral opinion and still more to the verdict of impartial history, that in the circumstances in which we have been placed we have been moderate; we have been restrained; we have abstained from things that we were provoked and tempted to do, and we have adopted a policy which commends itself to reason to commonsense and to justice."

the front in khaki or unavoidably detained was in his seat and there was janka. At Rojanka they lost two comfrequent cheering. The galleries were packed. When the Premier conclud-The speaker then resumed his place ed his set statement and turning to the Speaker said:

"That sir, is our reply!" There was tremendous outburst.

Before the Premier had finished the voice broke and his eyes filled with newspapers were on the streets pro-

"Our answer to Germany."

It was apparent everywhere that the entire Nation had been chafing for reprisals against the sinking of merchant craft by submarines. The Premier prefaced the reading

of his statement with these words: "The statement declares in sufficiently plain and unmistakable

ounty authorities have combined in an effort to prevent the spread of foot and mouth disease discovered in a dairy herd of cows near this city. The entire herd of 275, of which 125 its strength alike will appear not only had fully developed cases of the in the revival of its business, despite scourge, was killed and the carcasses destroyed. No other cases have been discovered but a most rigid quarantine is being maintained about the infected farm and all other local dairies, State Veterinarian J. G. Ferneyhough said the situation was under control.

> Idaho Prohibition Bill Signed, Boise, Idaho.—Governor Alexander signed the prohibition bill which nakes the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor in Idaho unlawful after January 1, 1916 ...

Russia to Get Free Passage. Paris via London.—The Temps asserts that an agreement has been reached between France Great Britain and Russia regarding the future status of the Dardanelles which will ion of thanks to Vice-President Margive Russia free passage to hall for his services as presiding of Straits.

NO SUPPLIES FOR **BELLIGERANT SHIPS**

RESOLUTION PASSED BY HOUSE TO PREVENT ANY AID TO WARSHIPS.

ENFORCE SHIP PENALTIES

Suspected Ship Would Not Be Granted Clearance Papers.—Departments Want More Authority.

Washington.-A resolution drafted by the Department of Justice for the State Department was passed in the House, designed to prevent vessels from leaving American ports with coal and supplies for belligerent warships

The resolution would authorize the President to direct customs collectors to withhold clearance from any vessel of American registry or license which he has reason to believe has any intention to carry such supplies.

The resolution was pressed by Democratic Leader Underwood and Republican Leader Mann. It was put through after Mr. Underwood had presented a letter from Robert Lansing, Counsellor of the State Department, saying that the Government had been hindered by lack of sufficient legislation to prevent vessels from leaving American ports with coal and supplies for warships. "The Department of State heartily supports the proposed resolutions," the letter continued, "and desire to emphasize the great urgency and need of its immediate passage that the Government may not be bound internationally and yet have London.—If the combined fleets of in the discharge of its international its hands tied so as to be unable to act

The resolution, to take effect imthose now on the seas henceforth mediately and to continue while the until the conclusion of the war shall war lasts, is designed to "prevent vioreach or leave the shores of Germany. lation of the United States neutrality by the use of its territory, its ports or its territorial waters as a base of operations for the armed forces of a belligerent, contrary to the obligations imposed by the law of Nations."

By unanimous vote the Senate late -all hard pressed administration terms "blockade" and "contraband" substitute for the joint resolution re in the passed earlier in the House enlarging infringement of American neutarlity by vessels leaving ports of the United States with men or supplies for bellig-

CZARS TROOPS ADVANCING

Furious Attacks Fail to Break Lines of Russians

London.-In their determination to leave Przemysl and drive the Russians out of Galicia, the Austro-German armies which for some have been on the Galician side of the Carpathian mountains, have made repeated attempts the last few days to break through the Russian entrenchments but without success.

Since in massed formation they threw themselves against Russian troops holding strong positions, the Austro-Germans have attacked again and again in spite of heavy losses.

According to the Russian official account, the Austrians delivered furious, but unsuccessful attacks between the San and Ordawa Rivers. \$8,000. Every member of the House not at while the Germans made fruitless attempts around Koziouwka and Ropanies, which were surrounded and

President May Abandon Panama Trip. Washington. - President Wilson proctically decided to abandon his contemplated trip to the Panama Canal in July, because of the action of Congress in eliminating from the legislative and executive bill the appropriation for the celebration of the for mal opening of the Canal.

Congressman Johnson for Judge. Spartanburg, S. C.-A telegran rom Washington says the South Car olina delegation has endorsed Cor gressman Joseph T. Johnson for judg of the western district of South Car lina, J. W. Thurman of Edgefield for terms the view we take, not only of district attorney and C. J. Lyon of our rights, but of our duties." Abbeville for marshal.

> ector of the census. His salary wil e \$6,000 a year. He will bring Mrs Rogers and the six children to Wash ngton to live.

Aeroplanes at Funeral. Chalons-sur-Marne, France, Paris.-A fleet of aeroplanes, many o the machines driven by noted avis tors, flew slowly above the cemete at Lepinto during the burial of Lie enant Mouchard and Sapper Maillan

Surplus For Postoffice. *
Washington.—The Treasury Department received a check from Postmaster General Burleson for \$3,500,000 nue surplus was \$3.8 iso was turned over

WEATHER FORECAST.

Movements Due in Cotton States Week March 7-13, 1915.

Nat'l Weather Bulletin Forecast Sunday, March 7-The week will open with fair and cool weather in Eastern Cotton Belt, but with rising temperatures and rain setting in in the Western Belt.

Monday, March 8; Tuesday, March 9; Wednesday, March 10 -These conditions will overspread Middle Cotton Belt Tuesday and Eastern Belt Wednesday in advance of Cool Wave which will cover Western Belt Monday and Tuesday, Middle Belt Tuesday and Eastern Belt Wednesday. This cool wave will lower temperatures 10 degrees in Western Belt and 20 degrees in Eastern Belt, with lowest about the frost line along the Gulf Coast. Actual frosts are expected only in the East and it will continue cloudy in the re-

mainder of the South. Thursday, March 11 to Sunday, March 14-Warmer temperatures and rain will appear again in Western Belt Thursday and cover the entire South Friday in advance of Cool . Wave which will clear the weather in Western Cotton Belt Friday, Middle Cototn Belt Saturday and Eastern Cotton Belt Sunday, again returning the temperatures to the frost line down near to the Gulf Coast, except in Southwest Texas.

FEBRUARY BIGGEST MONTH

Collector Watts' Office Breaks All Previous Records in Collection of Government Taxes.

Statesville.-- Cashier Carson of Collector Watt's office reports that the collection of Government taxes, from the various sources in the fifth district, exceeded during the month of February any month in the history of the office, having reached a total of \$695,173.40. This exceeds the month of June, 1914, which was heretofore the record month for amount of collections, by \$2,668.42.

The various sources from whence the taxes were received were; Tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and snuff, \$679,072.45; lists, corporation and personal income tax, \$5.966.54; opium tax, \$92.48; documentary and proprietary stamps \$8.892.46 wine stamps, \$64.22; special tax \$942.35.

Shelby-One of the few instances in which public work is carried on at a less expense than was anticipated is in the draining of Buffalo Creek and its tributaries. The district was formed about two years ago and a bond issue of \$108,000 voted. The drainage commissioners have been faithfully working on the reclamation of the land with two big dredge boats for a little over a year. Chairman A. H. Cline says the work will be completed in two months and there will be left something like \$25,000 in the treasury which will go to paying the interest on the bonds to the relief of the taxpayers of the first year's

North Carolinians Move Up. Washington.-George H. Murphy, of North Carolina, now consul general at Capetown, has been appointed consul general of class two at a salary of

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.

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RETAIL PRICES OF CORN FOR THE PAST WEEK.

E.R.WOOTEN PASSES INTO GREAT BEYOND

PENUMONIA ADDED TO INJURIES OF ACCIDENT, ENDS BRIL-LIANT CAREER.

FUNERAL HELD AT KINSTON

Body Escorted by Guardsmen, Assemblymen and State Officers. Services Largely Attended.

Raleigh. - Hon. E. R. Wooten, speaker of the house of representatives, died from the injuries he sustained on the morning of Friday, February 19. in an automobile accident that also caused the instant death of William T. Aycock, engrossing clerk of the senate. Pneumonia had developed in connection with Mr. Wooten's injuries and all efforts to buoy the sinking vitality of the patient were anavailing.

Emmett R. Wooten was born in Craven County and was the son of the late Sheriff John C. Wooten and Mrs. Mary Wooten of Kinston, The mother survives. He was 36 years of

In April, 1904, the rising young attorney was married to Miss Nannie Cox, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Cox of Kinston. Mrs. Wooten has been with her husband since the accident, which cost him his life. Two attractive children, Emmett R., Jr., aged nine and Grace, aged seven, survice their distinguished father.

Elected representative from Lenoir county for the third time last November, Mr. Wooten was, a day or two prior to convening of the present General Assembly, named Speaker by Democratic caucus

Governor Craig said of the late speaker:

"A terrible tragedy has deprived the state of one of her most brilliant and promising young men. We all deeply sympathize with those who are bereaved so grievously and we personally realize that we have lost a dear friend."

Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge

president of the senate, said: brightest of the younger men of the state and his tragic demise comes just when he seemed to be launching upon a most successful and use ful period of his promising career. It is one of those decrees of Providence

that is beyond our comprehension." Thousands of Kinstonians and admirers and friends from all sections of the state attended the funeral. The services were conducted in Maplewood cemetery, Kinston, by Rev. C. W. Blanchard, pastor of the First Bap tist church. The finale of the service was the playing of taps by a militia trumpeter, the bell of his horn to the setting sun.

Over 400 Pig Club Boys.

West Raleigh-Four hundred North Carolina farm boys have enrolled in the new organization known as the Pig Club, which is being conducted by the animal husbandry division of the North Carolina Experiment Station. J. D. McVean, in charge of the work, states that since January 1,200 have enrolled. This movement is calculated to teach boys how to raise meat. It is aiming to keep some dollars in the State which have been going out for the imported product, and also to utilize the by-product of many crops in the State as a means of fattening and also of enriching the

Box Factory Most Completed. Scotland Neck - The Greenville

Lumber Compan has about finished its large box factory at Hobgood, about five miles south of Scotland Neck, which will give emplayment to between 50 and 75 hands. The people of Hobgood are very enthusias tic and declare they are going after other industries for their town. For the past few years Hobgood has developed rapidly and its citizens are waking to the necessity of going after things and doing things themselves.

Will Have Suffrage League. Wilmington-Preliminary arrangements for the formation of a Woman's Suffrage League in Wilmington were made at a meeting of a number of prominent women, both married Kidder, on South Third street. The neeting was well attended and the createst interest was shown in the lovement. Those who have signified their purpose of uniting with the movement are among the most prominent women of the city, leaders in the social life of the community.

Durham.-The night school which to be conducted under the auspice of the secret orders of the city and the Durham Hosiery Mills has opened gemont school building. W. M. Uphurch, who has charge of this scho expects that there will be about 200 or more students enrolled in this school. For the past three years the Durham Hosiery Mills have conducted a night school for the benefit of their