### DAVIDSON GOUNTY ROAD CASE HEATO

SUPREME COURT LISTENS TO EXHAUSTIVE ARGUMENT AS TO ROAD COMMISSION.

### LATE STATE CAPITOL NEWS

Review of the Latest News Gathered Around the State Capitol That Will Be of Interest to Our Readers Over North Carolina.

Raleigh.

The Supreme Court heard exhaustive argument by counsel for and against the noted Davidson County road law passed by the recent Legislature creating a county road commission that is self-perpetuating and having authority to issue \$300,000 in bonds for road building. This is the case in which Judge Lyon refused to issue an injunction against the commission's taking up the work assigned to it by the legislative act.

It was in the very last days of the legislative session that opponents of road bonds in Davidson got wise to in co-operation with H. B. Varner and others, had gotten through a \$300,000 road bond act and they tried vainly to have the act recalled, and then proceeded with indignation meetings at Lexington and with the effort to procure restraining order from the They are raising no question as to the constitutionality of the act, but are making the fight on the legality of the details of the machinery for the road work, especially the selfperpetuating power of the road commission and its powers that supersede the county commissioners and the township commisioners for road work and the machinery for the condemnation of lands in locating new highways or straightening roads already established.

The case is entitled Hargrave et al and counsel for the plaintiffs are S. & McCrary and Manning & Kitchin. Appearing in the case for the defandare E. E. Raper, Phillips & Bower and Walser & Walser of Lexington.

Wilmington Steam Laundry Company, of Wilmingotn, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$20,000 subscribed by Charles T. Harper, W. A. French and

The Rockingham Storage Warehouse Company, of Reidsville, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$7,600 subscribed by W. A. Turner and 50 others for general bonded sotrage warehouse business, including tobacco in all forms, cotton building material and numbers of other classes of commercial products.

The Efird Mercantile Compasy, of Durham, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$15,000 subscribed by W. L. Efird, Winston Salem J. B. Efird, J. W. Efird and W. C. Wilkinson, Charlotte for general mercantile business and with authority to establish branch stores elsewhere in this state.

The Riverside Brick Company of Charlotte capital \$60,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed by W. R. Taliaferro Jr., H. A. Morson and C. D. Tallaferro.

Hog Cholera Serum Reduced.

Raleigh.—Announcement is made by Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham that the Department of Agriculture has now, in compliance with the special act of the recent Legislature, put down the price of hog chol- General government exera serum \$1.25 to 75 cents the 100, which makes the serum cost the farmer about 15 cents a dose for the vaccination of a hog. The work of distrubuting the serum is under the direction of the state veterinarian.

Will Provide Farm Laborers. The United States Department of

Labor, immigration division, has written to the State Department of Agriculture here for the names of 100 far- Internal Revenue Collections. mers in this state who desire to hire farm labor. Commissioner W. A. Graham will take steps immediately to provide the information wanted.

Governor Names Fish Commission. Governor Craig announces the appointment of the State Fish Commission which he appoints under the provision of the fish commission act of Bertie county are appointed for terms is the Republican member required. Governor Craig also directs the com-mission to elect H. L. Gibbs as fish et al, Robeson, affirmed; Guthrie vs. aissioner and explains that Mr. lbbs was appointed by him as shellfish commissioner two years ago.

Prepare Educational Program.

A conference has just been held by Dr. J. Y. Joyner, superintendent of Public Instruction and Executive Secretary A. P. Bourland of the Conferfor the Southern Conference of Education as merged with the Southern Chattaneoga, April 27-30. Doctor Joyesident of the consolidated oron and says the program mapped out is decidedly the most attractive and promising ever arranged.

Tax Assessors Are Appointed.

The Corporation Commission completed the appointment of the county tax assessors, one for each county in the state, to serve for the 1915 general reassessment of real estate to be made throughout the state under the new revenue and machinery act. These

assessors will qualify in time to begin their work May 1. They will have general oversight of the work of the county tax listers and will visit each township and go over the property lists with the lister and seek to have a general equalization maintained. They will go over all the lists and then sit with the County Board of Commissioners in the final equalization of the assessments in the county. They are as follows:

Alamance, S. H. Webb; Alexander, H. J. Burke; Alleghany, D. C. Dun-can; Anson, George S. Ledbetter; Ashe, H. H. Burgess; Avery, John F. Davis; Beaufort, George E. Ricks; Bertie, W. H. Pritchard, Bladen, O. L. Clark; Brunswick, J. W. Lancaster; Buncombe, John H. Weaver; Burke, J. C. McDowell; Cabarrus, J. Van Hoy; Caldwell, I. W. Thomas; Camden, J. E. Cook; Carteret, W. M. Webb; Caswell, A. Yancey Kerr; Catawba, Charles H. Bost; Chatham, J. Chowan, M. H. Dixon; Clay, J. V. Columbus, W. J. Grimsley; Craven, J. Marsh; Currituck, P. N. Bray; Dare,

beth; Davie, S. A. Woodruff; Duplin, the fact that Representative Leonard J. W. Swinson; Durham, S. C. Brawley; Edgecombe, S. S. Nash; Forsyth, Z. T. Bynum; Franklin, B. T. Greene; Gaston, J. White Ware; Gates, H. G. Benton; Graham, W. D. Crisp; Granville, J. C. Howard; Greene, F. L. Rouse; Guilford, E. G. Sherrill; Halifax, J. W. Pierce; Harnett, F. H. Taylor; Haywood, F. W. Miller; Henderson, H. W. Allen; Hertford, A. I. Parker; Hoke, J. D. McGoughan; Hyde, C. E. Mann; Iredell, Z. V. Long; Jackson, John M. Watson; Johnston, W. A. Edgerton; Jones, F. Brock; Lee, W. S. Witherspoon; Lenoir, C.

W. Howard; Lincoln, W. H. Sigmon; Macon, J. A. Porter; Madison, M. C. Buckner; Martin, W. C. Manning; McDowell, J. D. Blanton; Mecklen burg; W. F. Stevens; Mitchell, R. G. Wilson; Montgomery, D. I. McKinnon; Moore, N. A. McKeithan; Nash, vs. Board of Highway Commissioners, Johnson (county auditor); New Hanover, Charles W. Worth; Northamp-E. Williams, W. O. Burgin, McCrary ton, J. S. Grant; Onslow, F. W. Hargett, St.; Orange, Cicero H. Jones; Pamlico, E. C. Ross; Pasquotank, J. ant board of highway commissioners B. Leigh; Pender, T. J. Armstrong; Perquimans, T. J. Nixon, Sr.; Person, J. S. Noell; Pitt, W. M. Moore; Polk, H. H. Edwards; Randolph, E. L. Moffitt; Richmond, N. D. McDonald: Robeson, George L. Thompson; Rockingham, Samuel Somers; Rowan, J. B. Kerns; Rutherford, George Biggerstaff; Sampson, George L. Peterson; Scotland, T. C. Everett; Stanly, L. M. Moody; Stokes, E. W. Carroll; Swaine, L. L. Marr; Surry, B. F. Folger; Transylvania, W. L. Aiken; Tyrell, J. R. Pinner; Union, Rufus Armfield; Vance, J. K. Plummer; Wake, H. G. Holding; Warren, H. B Hunter; Washington, H. A. Leitchfield; Watauga, Smith Hagaman; Wayne, J. W. Thompson; Wilkes, L.

W. Lunsford; Wilson, W. M. Wells: Yadkin, J. W. Pace; Yancey, J. H. Edwards.

What Our State Taxes Paid For The per capita cost of our state gov ernment in North Carolina in 1912 was \$1.46. According to a recent bulletin of the Federal Census Bureau, it was spent as follows:

Charities, hospitals and corrections ...... 49 cents Public education..... 44 cents Interest-on bonds and borrowed money ..... 16 cents Apportionments-school equalizing fund, etc..... 13. cents Protection to person and property ..... penses ..... 9 cents Miscellaneous and generalprinting, insurance, etc... 3 cents Public health and sanitation 2 cents Outlays-new buildings, improvements, etc...... 1 cent Highways-less than half cent

Total .....\$1.46 Internal revenue collections for the aggregated \$405,579 compared with \$371,717 during February.

Libraries-less than half cent.

Recreation-less than half cent.

Decisions of the Supreme Court. Fowie vs. McLean, Beaufort, modifled and costs of the appeal divided: Batts vs. Thompson, Wilson, affirmed; Stanland vs. Rourk, Brunswick, no the recent Legislature. Ed Chambers error; Powell vs. Powell, Robeson, Smith of Raleigh and A. V. Cobb of reversed; McRainey vs. Railroad Robeson, new trial; Herring vs. Atlanending January 1, 1919. Mr. Freeman tic Coast Line, Pender, no error; Bank vs. Wilson, Cumberland, no er-City of Durham, reversed; Llyd vs.

Town of Venable, Orange, no error;

Motsinger vs. Sink, Forsyth, new trial.

Carolina Children's Bureau Chartered. A charter was issued for the Carolina Children's Bureau, Asheville, for the purpose of investigating and caring for children in cases of neglect ence of Education and Industry, ill treatment, orphanage, abandonmen Washington, perfecting the program and giving temporary or permanent care of white children. The incorpor ators are Rev. J. M. Horner, D. D. Education Association to be held in hishop of the Western Carrolina Missionary Diocese of the Episcopal church; Rev. J. C. Rowe, D. D., Charlotte; E. P. Wharton, R. L. Thompson, Judge Thomas J. Shaw, Greens boro; Rev. G. T. Wright, Bryson City.

## MAKES PEACE TALK

INCREASING INDICATIONS THAT HUNGARY, ESPECIALLY, 18 TIRED OF FIGHT.

### ITALY ANXIOUSLY WAITING

Talk of Peace With Hungary Brings Increasing Talk of War in Italy.-Flerce Fighting.

London.-Russian successes in the Carpathians, where the Muscovites are now said to control virtually all the important passes and are preparing for a descent on to the plains of Hungary, have revived unofficial talk of separate peace for Austro-Hungary, and seemingly increasing anxiety on the part of interventions in Italy for B. Burke; Cherokee, H. N. Wells; their country to take up arms on the side of the Allies and obtain territory Curtis; Cleveland, W. B. Newton; with Austria. Russian newspapers seem convinced that Hungary, if not Patterson; Cumberland, F. A. the whole of the Dual Monarchy, is Theo. Meekins; Davidson, J. W. Lam-that Emperor Fracis Joseph has reready to seek peace, and it is said quested Pope Bendict to intervene in

Except in Italy, the neutral country most directly interestd in this question, little credence is given this re port, although the opinion is expressed in military circles here that if Russia breaks down the joint resistance of the Austro-German troops in the Carpathians as she apparently has that of the Austro-Hungarian armies. Hungary at least will be ready to bring the war to an end as far as she

is concerned. However, the Russians have some way to go yet before they reach the plains of Hungary and the Austro-German forces are placing every obstacle in their way. The whole southern slopes of the mountains have been strongly fortified and troops are being poured into the region. It is said there are now 24 Austrian and six German army corps facing the Russians, and that more are on the way. The Russians are bringing up reserves, and, according to the Austrian report, they are attacking without

any regard for the loss of life. British military critics express the greatest admiration for the Russians' The advance between Polianka and Valley. Bartfeld, they say, squeezes the Austrians out of the Dukia Pass, that from Dukia squeezed them out of Mazolabroez and from west to east this process has continued until all the passes are in the hands of Russian troops. The critics contend that the Austro-Germans must return from East Galicia and Bukowina or they will find themselves cut off.

HIGHWAY MUST BE BUILT.

Governors Movement For Dixie Highway Must Not Fail. Indianapolis, Ind. - "Governors" movement for Dixie highway must

not fail," was the message Governor Ralston sent to Governor Rye, of The Tennessee executive telegraph-

ed Gov. Ralston questioning the advisability of proceeding under the highway plan adopted at the recent governors' conference at Chattanooga, in "view of the action taken by C. E. James, as president of the Dixie Highway Association, ignoring appointees of governors and undertaking to fix the route."

Governor Raiston's reply follows: "Governors' movement for Dixie Highway must not fail. Taggart and Fisher; Howell and Anderson with their associate commissioners will bring harmony out of confusion. Patience and a conciliatory spirit are essential."

Says the F-4 Was Defective. Los Angeles, Calif.-Allison D. Ede, brother of Lieutenant Alfred L. Ede. commander of the submarine F-4 lost off Honolulu harbor March 25, said he had received a letter from the naval officer in which he declared the submersible was defective. Lieuten-Eastern Carolina district during March ant Ede, his brother stated, wrote that the vessel was leaky and otherwise in poor condition.

> Recevers for Greenhut Company. New York .- The J. B. Greenhut Company, a New York corporation with \$12,000,000 outstanding securities, operating two department stores on Sixth Avenue, this city, went into receivership through friendly proceedings. A few moments later an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in separate proceedings by three creditors with claims totalling \$3,000. The firm's liabilities, according to its cunsel, aggregrate \$3,513,-060 and its assets \$7,465,419. These figures do not include two mortgages,

Stubborn Mules Cause Strike.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.-Stubborn and unruly mules were responsible for a strike of 1,300 employees of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company which completely tied up operations The company issued an order direct ing the men to enter and leave one of the veins through the main gangways instead of by cross cuts. The miners declaring they were compelled to carry dynamite into the presence of "stubborn and unruly mules in the gangways, our lives are endangered."



YADKINVILLE, YADKIN CO., N. C., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1915.

RENE VIVIANI Rene Viviani, the French premier, declares that the war will be fought to the end without mercy.

### **GERMANY SENDS TROOPS**

WILL AID AUSTRIA EVEN TO EX-TENT OF WEAKENING FORCES IN WEST.

Allies in the West Seem to Be Waiting For Outcome of Big Effort By Russia.

London,-Although the French are conducting a sustained offensive between the Meuse and the Mozelle in an effort to dislodge the Germans from St. Mihlel, the southermost point of their line, the Allied armies as a whole appear to be awaiting the outcome of Russia's gigantic plan to force the Carpathian barrier.

Germany is believed to be pouring troops into Hungary, even to the extent of weakening her forces in Fland- provement. ers and Vienna notes the presence handling of the Carpathian campaign. and Austrian troops in the Laboroza

> There is less talk in England of the spring advance in France and Belgium and an increasing appreciation of the task Russia is attempting. This leads to a belief in some quarters that the Allies in the west,, reckoning on the heavy cost incident to smashing the German line there, perhaps may seek only to hold their ground, in the belief that the Russians will invade Hungary, ultimately to join hands with the Allied forces working through Serbia.

> Excluding active military operations, the question of munitions and alcohol dominate the public mind in Great Britain. Lord Kitchener, Secretary for War, named a committee to round up labor sufficient to produce munitions commensurate with the tremendous demand, and the temperance agitation doubtless will increase the productivity of labor in general.

What the government proposes to do with the liquer problem probably will not be disclosed until Parliament reassembles April 14, but the idea of general prohibition is not seriously entertained.

DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY.

Germany Says Neutral Lives on Ships

Sunk Not Subject to Claims. Washington.-Government officials from the German Embassy, quoting an official message from the Berlin was disclaimed for the loss of any neutral lives on board the British steamer Falaba, recently sunk by a German submarine.

The claim is set up by Germany that the Falaba, as well as other British merchantmen, were armed and that military necessity made it impossible for the submarine to give any longer tion may be established formally. time than was allowed for the passengers to escape.

State Department officials say the death of Leon C. Thresher, an American, lost with the Falaba, constitutes a complicated case. If the German view that all merchantmen being armed are in the category of warships. is accepted, the rights of neutrals to travel aboard belligerent craft of any kind would be circumscribed. Furthermore, Germany contends that sufficient time was permitted for the escape of the passengers and the intination is given that if he was not included among those saved there was an act of negligence.

Complains of Treatment at San Juan. Washington.-Investigation of the circumstances under which American ports at San Juan, P. R. opened fire on the German steamer Oldenwald and allged undue detenton of the vessel by port authorities has been reested of the state department by the German embassy here. The em bassy issued a statement charging that no warning shot was fired as a signal for the vessel to heave to a is custom ary in such cases. A report to the treasury department says a warning shot was fired and unheeded."

# **BUSINESS GENERA**

EVERY STATE IN UNION TELLS OF INCREASED ACTIVITY EX-CEPT MAINE.

### MANUFACTURING INCREASES

Reports From Eight of the Ninety Bank Examiners Show a Marked Improvement.

Washington, Business conditions throughout the country are showing marked improvement in almost all lines, according to reports from National bank examiners made public by the Treasury Department. Eighty of the 90 examiners in the United States reported a permanent improvement and Maine is said to be the only state where real depression exists.

"Pronounced hopefulness is prevalent in nearly every district," says the anouncement. "Agricultural conditions are generally excelent and commercial lines, with compartively few exceptions, are enlarging their activities, mainly through an increased demand, but in some cases preparations for activity is expected to develop with the coming of good weath-Manufacturing is on the increase and those industries having orders for supplies from foreign countries continue especially active.

"Further orders have been placed for cars and rails by the railroads and some large contracts have been made for structural iron for large buildings in different portions of the country." The statement attributes depression

to unusual conditions abroad, but says busines here has been stabilized through the application of economy. "The South," it continues, "is showing marked improvement. The sale of cotton is active at advancing prices, with the result that all business is

improving. Farmers, however, generally pronounced improvement. The prospects for large crops generally are excellent and there will be greater diversification. "The Western States and the Pa-

cific States are showing a general im-"Boston-Strong feeling of optim-

"Philadelphia-Present and immediate outlook business conditions are encouraging and showing gradual im-

provement. "Pittsburg - Present conditions show increased activity

"Richmond-General business conditions are slightly improved. "Atlanta-Present and immediate outlook regarded as improved.

outlook is good. GERMANY WILLING TO PAY.

Compesate For Ship and Cargo Under Treaty With America Only.

Washington-Germany's intention to ompensate the owners of the American ship William P. Frye, sunk on the high seas with her cargo of wheat by the commerce raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich, was communicated formally to the United States Government Ambassador Gerard cabled a note handed him by the Berlin Foreign Office in reply to the recent American communication submitting an indemnity claim for \$228,059,54 on behalf of the Frye's owners. The Foreign Office upholds the legality under intrenational law of the raider's action in sinking the Frye and bases the liability of the German Government to pay indemnity solely on the old Prussian-American treaties of 1799 and took under consideration a statement 1828, which provide that contraband belonging to the subjects or citizens of either party cannot be confiscated Foreign Office in which responsibility by the other and may be detained or used only in consideration of payment of the full value.

In view of this situation, the note says, the American owners, must be compensated for their loss. It is cointed out, however, that the case must go into a prize court that questions of ownership, cargo and des' na-

Wilson Speaks to Methodists. Washington-In a speech before the Maryland Annual Conference of the the Methodist Protestant church in session here President Wison said it was his belief that no man was wise mough to pronousce judgment on the European war at this time. "But," he added, "we can all hold our spirits in readiness to accept the truth when it is revealed to us on the outcome of this ttane struggle." The president reminded the delegates that in transcting business they were in reality anding "the phases of the day."

Fierce Fighting Continues. London.-There were persistent ruors in London that Germany either had declared war on Holland or that officials.

It is possible that the report arose from the news from Dutch sources that the Germans were strengthening heir positions around the Dutch frontier and that uneasiness prevailed.



DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE The duchess of Devonshire, wife the largest landowner in England, is devoting all of her time to relief work for the English soldiers wounded in

### NOTE IS MADE PUBLIC

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ASKS FOR FULL PAY FOR THE FRYE.

The Kaiser's Government is Asked to Pay the Amount of \$228,059.54-List of Damage.

to Ambassador Gerard:

"'Under instructions from my Gov- cision. ernment I have the honor to present and recounts the success of German ism and businss generally regarded sailing vessel William P. Frye for of the Prinz Eitel w. on January 28, 1915.

"The claim of the owners and captain consists of the following items:

"'Value of ship, equipment and outfit, \$150,000. "'Actual freight as per feright list 5034, 1000-224 tons at 32-6-8180-19-6

"Louisville-Present and immediate at \$4,86, \$39,759.54. "Traveling and other expenses of Captain Kiehne and Arthur Sewell & Co., agents of ship, in connection with making affidavits, preparing and filing

"'Personal effects of Capt. H. H.

Kiehne \$300. "Damages covering loss due to deprivation of use of ship \$37,500. Total \$228,059.54.

"'By direction of my Government I have the honor to request that full reparation be made by the German Government for the destruction of the William P. Frye by the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

WILLARD WINS FROM JOHNSON Negro Pugilist Took Count In 26th

Round-Havana.-Jack Johnson extle from

his own country, lost his claim to fis- of the enemy at the Virginia capes. tic fame as the heavyweight champion of the world. The title was wrested ATLANTIC FLEET IN THE ROADS. from him by Jess Willard, the Kansas cowboy, the biggest man who ever entered the ring and a white hope" who Seventeen Ships Under Admiral at last has made good.

The fight probably has no parallel in the history of ring battles. For twenty rounds Johnson punched and Hampton Roads, fresh fram maneuvpounded Willard at will but his blows ers off the Cuban coast which Admiral grew perceptibly less powerful as the Fletcher reported showed gratifying fight progressed until at last he seem- results. In all Admiral Fletcher had ed unable or unwilling to go on.

So it was until the twenty-fifth command during the maneuvers. round, when Willard got one of his hand smashes to Johnson's heart. This was the beginning of the end.

When the round closed Johnson sent word to his wife that he was all crews will have until May 17 for recin and told her to start for home. She was on the way out and was passing the ring in the twenty-sixth round when a stinging left to the body and a cyclonic right to the jaw caused Johnson to crumple on the floor of the ing, where he lay, partly outside the ropes until the referee counted 10 fances of New York harbor. President and held up Willard's hand in token Wilson probably will review the fleet of his newly-won laurels.

British Cruisers Violate Law.

New York.-Dudley Field Malone British cruisers patrolling the waters ton Roads on the latter date. ner troops had occupied the strip or along the coast of the United States Dutch territory extending from the had been violating the neutrality law Selgian frontier on the coast to the by coaling and taking on supplies Belgian Scheldt. The reports lack from vessels putting out from the port confirmation and were not credited by of New York. Mr. Malone conferred with United States District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall regarding the covered and declared he expected to armies contending for the possessi

COMMANDER MAX THIERICHENS MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT-EX-PECTED HELP TO ARRIVE.

### HAS MADE HER LAST CRUISE

Prinz Eitel is Taken to Norfolk Navy Yards Where She Will Remain Until War Is Over.

Newport News, Va.-Commander Thierichens of the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, asked the United States Government through port authorities here to intern his ship and crew for the war. Up to the last moment the German skipper kept up the appearance of being ready for a dash to sea.

The commerce raider has made her last cruise of the war. She was taken to the Norfolk Navy Yard across Hampton Roads from the ship yard here where she has been laid up since limping into port on March 10 after the remarkable commerce-destroying voyage from the Orient during which she sent the American ship William

P. Frye to the bottom. Commander Thierichens notified the Washington Government through Collector of Customs Hamilton of his decision to intern rather than "deliver crew and ship to fruitless and certain destruction" by British and French warships waiting off the Virginia Capes to destroy them.

The German captain delivered his announcement in writing when Collector Hamilton boarded the Eitel Washington.-The American note Friedrich with an imperative notice to Germany on the sinking of the from the Washington Government American sailing ship William P. that the time for his stay in this port Frye by the German auxiliary Prinz would expire at midnight and that he Eitel Friedrich, has been made public. must leave American waters by 4 This is the text of the instruction o'clock next morning. Before the customs collector had a chance to deliver "You are instructed to present the the message from Washington Comfollowing note to the German Foreign | mander Thierichens handed to him the written announcement of his de-

After conferences between Rear a claim for \$228,059.54 with interest Admiral Beatty, commandant of the from January 28, 1915, against the Norfolk Navy Yard, "Rear Admiral German Government on behalf of the Helm of the battleship Alabama and owners and captain of the American Collector Hamilton actual interment damages sustained by them on ac- the searaider was taken to the Navy count of the destruction of that ves- Yard at Portsmouth, Va. There breech sel on the high seas by the German blocks of her guns were removed and armored cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich connecting rods of her engines were detached

The Captain's letter was as follows: "I inform you I intend to intern S. M. S. Prinz Eitel Friedrich. The relief I expected appear not to arrive in time so the number and force of the enemy cruisers watching the entrance of the bay makes to me impossible the dash for the open sea with any hope of success. I have decided not to deliver crew and ship to fruitless and certain destruction. Being obliged for the courtesy shown by all United States authorities I am expecting your orders.

"I have sent the same information to Rear Admiral Helm, U. S. S. Ala-Respectfully, bama.

"THIERICHENS."

"I would like to have gone to sea myself," Commander Thierichens declared. "I would not hesitate to go, but I had to think first of my men." The German commander was much depressed as he delivered his message. In fact he said that the course he was compelled to pursue had much disturbed his peace of mind and strength of body. But he had bowed to the inevitable because of the futility of coping with the superior naval force

Fletcher.-Further Practice.

Washington.—Seventeen battelships of the Atlantic fleet steamed into 54 war craft and auxiliaries under his

The batleships which soon will be widely swinging, wind mill, right- joined by the Delaware and Georgia will complete target practice on the Southern Drill Grounds and will sail for New York May 8, where their restion.

Joint maneuvers planned by the general board of the navy and the army War College will begin May 18 and end May 30. Problems to be worked out involve naval assaults on the Wilson probably will review the fleet at New York.

From May 30 to June 25 the fleet will devote to preparation for the cruise to San Francisco through the ollector of the port, charged that Panama Canal, reassemble at Hamp-

More Bullets on American Side. Brownsville, Texas.-Despite the ecent warning of United States authorities, bullets fell in Brownsville again during a brief exchange of rifle state of affairs he claims to have dis. shots between the Vill aand Carranga brin gthe subject to the attention of of Matamros. No one on the American side of the border was struck.