SUPPLANTING MEXICAN SITUA-TION IN PUBLIC INTEREST.

Preparatory to Starting Thursday then arrested and locked up. on a Speech Making Trip to New Busy When the Members Begin Hearing from "Back Home."

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 24.-President Wilson today began the task of clearing up all pending routine business,

The preparedness issue, which for over the Mexican problem and the into the forefront, a result of Presint Wilson's decision to make a personal appeal to the country in be-half of his program. In consequence friends and opponents alike, of pre- be continued. paredness, look for stirring times in

Congress.

Many members apparently are waiting to hear "from back home" on the subject of preparedness begress to activity.

Washington, Jun. 24.—President Wilson soon will recommend the ennetment of legislation providing for a permanent fariff commission,

An administration bill for the cre ation of such a commission virtually. is ready now and may be laid before Congress in a specific message by the President.

The object of the commission would he to gather data on the tariff and to coordinate similar powers now believed to be held by existing governmental agencies

The legislation is designed particularly to mest conditions which are expected to arise when the war ends.

WAY TO BE CLEARED FOR ARMY AND NAVY BILLS.

President Wants Legislation Hurried On the Appropriation Bills. (By The Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 24.—President Wilson has decided to burry legislation in Congress toward action on the appropriation bills so that the way may be cleared for the army and navy bills.

Late today the President will confer with the chairman of several committees to discuss the status of bills before them. Some of the lead ers have told the President that Congress will have to stay in session all summer if it transets the business that is before it and he is anxious to avoid a long session.

ANXIETY AS TO ILLNESS OF EMPEROR PRANCIS JOSEPH

His Chronic Bronchitis Has Assumed An Acute Form. (By The Associated Press)

Paris, Jan. 24.-Press d'spatches from Rome says that considerable anxiety is felt in Vienna in conse quence of the illness of Empero Francis Joseph, whose chronic bronchitis has assumed an acute form They added that he is confined to his ed, that all court receptions and audiences have been suspended and that he is not even receiving military au-

Jananese Mills to Make Woolen Garments for Russia (By The Associated Press)

Tokio, Jan. 24. Japanese woole mills have accepted a war order for 2,000,000 yards of woolen cloth for the Russian government for delivery ning next month and continuing antil July. The order amounts to 6,000,000 yen or about \$3,000,000. It od that the Japanese companies have agreed to accept Russian to assure bills in payment, Japanese banking corporation having promised to discount the bills.

Police Court Held a Busy Session This Mr. Parks M. Lafferty Parch

guilty and sentenced by Police Justice
Palmer this morning to 12 months on
the chain gang. Miller was charged
with an essault with a deady weaper.
Saturday Miller, who was employed
at the New South Cafe, rushed at Mr.
Eugene Martin, the proprietes with Eugene Martin, the proprietor, with a knife. Mr. Martin evading the negro succeeded in getting hold of his pistol and fired at him. The bullet, however, went wild and the ne- will move to Charlotte later. President Today Began the Task of gro threw a bottle, which narrowly The Davis Drug Company is situmised Mr. Martin and crashed ated on the corner of West Depot through a window at the cafe. He was

York and the Middle West, Where sisting an officer. Scott hired a horse He Will Put the Preparedness Is- and buggy yesterday evening from Brown Brothers and drove the horse sue Squarely Before the Voters of so long the police were notified to arthe Country. Congress Will Get rest and bring him in. They arhim as he drove into the stable and he put up a vigorous resistance before being locked up.

Another case that attracted the atention of the police was a shooting affair at the depot Saturday night. Frank Horton and Floyd Cook be-came engaged in a controversy and a speech making trip to New York and the middle West, to lay his plans for national preparedness before the

While being on the watch for Hor ome time has been overshadowed in ton, Policeman Coebran, of Charlotte interest and in discussion in Congress arrested Ellis McGathey, thinking over the Mexican problem and the in. McGathey was Horton. He was turnternational situation, has again come ed over to the Concord police who were ready for him, a warrant having Young-Hartsell Mill, attempted to one person and injuring six. The an-with reference to the subject of pre-been issued for him several days ago take his own life this morning about on the charge of stealing a suit of 2 o'clock by shooting himself twice of his program. In consequence clothes. The search for Horton will with a 22-calibre pistol. One bullet

Several days ago a policeman went the other in his neck. o arrest a youth named Humberger. When he arrived at the Humberge home Mrs. Humberber met him with a pistol. This, however, did not prefore deciding upon a course of action and it is believed that President Wilson's trip will not only bring out public opinion but will arouse Coned to pay a few of \$10 and cost for though the attending physician greeting the policeman in such a man-

MR. FRANK E. MUND.

Died Yesterday Morning at 11:25 Af. ter a Long Thiness.

Mr. Frank E. Mund died yesterday norning at 11:25 o'clock at his home on Bell avenue. Mr. Mund's death followed an illness of several months'

Germany, and came to America when he was 18 years of age. He was a painter and was engaged in his trade here for many years.

Soon after locating here Mr. Mund narried Miss Patterson, of Guilford county, who with two children, Miss Rosa Mund and Mr. Frank B. Mund,

survive. eral will be held at home this afternoon at 4 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. T. W. Smith and Rev. H. F. Beatty, pastor emetery.

MR. BENNETT ACCEPTS.

Will Come to McGill Street Baptist Church Next Month

The congregation of McGill Street Bastist Church has received a favorable answer to its call to Rev. S. W. Bennett, a notice having been received from Mr. Bennett stating that he would accept. The call was extended to Mr. Bennett about two weeks ago. For the past several years Mr. Ben-

nett has been pastor of the First Bapist Church at Lincolnton. He is 49 years of age, a graduate of Wake Forest College and Louisville Theolog cal Seminary.

He expects to begin his pastorate here the first Sunday in February.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Cutting Down Vessel Rates from Argentina Has Bearish Effect.

(By The Associated Press)
Chicago, Jan. 24.—Anglo-French
governments' assistance in the cutting down of vessel rates from Argentina had a bearish effect today on wheat. Besides predictions of severe cold in the domestic winter crop belt had not been fulfilled. On the other hand declines in prices here appeared to cause a renewal of export buying. The opening, which ranged from 1-4 and 3-8 to 7-8 ane one cent lower, with May at 131 3-4 and July a pleasant hour sewing, a salad at 124 3-4 and 125 were followed by a material further sag and then a dea material further sag and then a deeided rally.

Somehow the Balkan situation reminds us of two out in the ninth and

most desirable locations in Concord. Charley Scott, colored, was fined \$15 and cost for being drunk and restood, to install new fixtures and make a number of improvements.

Mr. Lafferty and Mr. Davis are both well known young men of the city. Mr. Davis came here nine years ago from Morganton and was pharmacist for several years and later purchased the Fetzer Drug Company, which he changed to the Davis Drug Company. Mr. Lafferty was reared in Concord and for the past several years has been manager of the F. L. Smith Prug Company at Kannapolis. As soon as he is relieved of his work there he will come to Concord and take charge of his new

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Zeb Honeycutt Attempts to Take His Own Life.

Zeb Honeyeutt, a young man at the took effect in the back of his head and of Dover.

there was nothing in his manner to

though the attending physician stat-ed this morning that there was some hope for his recovery.

COTTON GINNED

10,766,202 BALES.

This Includes Round and Sea Island Bales.-North Carolina Ginned 709,754 Bales. (By The An

Washington Jan. 24.-Cotton gin-Mr. Mund was a native of Rurot, lermany, and came to America when bales and 907,736 bales of Sea Island cotton, the census bureau announced today.

Ginnings by States shows North Carolina 709,754 bales; South Carolina 1,149,562 bales.

STUDY CLUB MEETS.

With Mrs. W. R. Odell.

The Study Club held an interestof McKinnon Presbyterian Church. ing and enjoyable meeting with Mrs. The interment will be at Oakwood W. R. Odell at her home on North Union street Saturday afternoon. included Mrs. H. M. Barrow, of Spartanburg, a charter member, who is the guest of Mrs. A. Jones Yorke. and Mrs. P. B. Fetzer.

Saturday evening Miss Anna Branson delightfully entertained several friends from 8 to 11.

A WINSTON-SALEM

POLICEMAN SHOT.

Shot in Abdomen by Negre, Who Escaped and is Still at Large. (By The Associated Press)

Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 24. H. C. Whiteheart, a local policeman who was shot yesterday by Sam Brooks, a negro, has an even chance for recovery, his physician said to-day. The policeman was shot in the abdomen when he attempted to arrest Brooks. The negro escaped and is still at large.

SEWING PARTY.

Given Saturday in Honor of Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Coltrane.

Friday afternoon Mrs. J. W. Wal lace and Mrs. L. D. Coltrane, were the honorees at a delightful sewing party given by Miss Laura Ridenbour at her home on West De

ing according to statistica, but it is not yet time to take down that "safe-ty first" sign.

RAID IS MADE BY A GERMAN NAVAL ARROPLANE.

Was Visited Yesterday Morning by Aeroplane, Which Dropped Nine welfare problems. Bomba, Killing One Person and In-Yesterday.

(By The Asse

Berlin, via Wireless Savville, Jan. the following today:

"A German naval aeroplane

out yesterday said that the east coast to them the standards set by Jesus tions. of Kent was visited early Sunday Christ. Dr. Poteat in the course of which dropped nine bombs, killing great European war; and his remarks published by the German admiralty his hearers to the conclusion that he that the attack was made on the city is one of the opposition of the admin-

tablishments and a large garrison Since the beginning of the war it ha connection with the transference of men and supplies to the Continent.

WILSON WELCOMES CRITICISM

President's Fighting Blood Said to

Have Been Aroused by Attacks. From the President himself there came a vigorous statement last week of his willingness to face the utmost Use Aeroplane and Seaplane. - On criticism his political opponents may bring against him, so the New York Sun reports. The President's utterances were made to a friend who called his attention to the widespread criticism of his administration. His remarks, while not reported in a fashion that would permit their quotation, indicated the President had ting and Enjoyable Meeting his fighting blood up and was prepaling a vigorous counter attack on the pro-Bryan Democrats who have been fighting his stand on national defense and who hope to discredit his leadership by defeating his prepared-Following the programme a salad ness program. In speeches to be course was served. In addition to made, beginning next month, he is the members of the club the guests to reply to the charges against his Mexican policy. The keynote of his campaign is to be peace and prosperity.

CONFERENCE OF WOMAN'S -MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Annual Session of Methodist Women Will Be Held in Greensboro. Greensboro News.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Western North Car lina conference, that meets in West Market Methodist church January 27, will present a most attractive program for those interested in missions Thursday afternoon an executive meeting of the officers and district secretaries will be held in the ladies' parlor. At 7:30 Thursday night, devotional exercises and greetings be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Charles W. Byrd, and the annual address to the conference by the president, Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, will be followed by an informal reception.

Ready For Meeting.

(Special to The Tribune) Salisbury, Jan. 24.-Everything is today in readiness for the Live Stock held here tomorrow. Exhibits will include various kinds of live stock and dairy products and equipment. Dealers' Association, which will b

Cultivation of good habits is als an excellent way of getting rid of bad ones.

iployer-But in the meantime,

TREMENDOUS CROWDS AT OPENING SESSION

ident McAlister, of Conferen for Social Service, is Well Pleas

Charlotte, Jan. 23 .- A crowd estimated to be not less than 3,000 taxed the capacity of the auditorium here tonight at the opening of the fourth sessions of the North Carolina conference for social service. All churches of the city were closed for the auditorium. In addition to this. and Belmont, and these attracted big fice with the gratifying announce crowds of those interested in social ment, and has been forwarded to As-

Rev. Dr. William M. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this has carried off this prize in competi juring Six. German Report Does city, presided at the auditorium mass Not Mention the Second Raid Said meeting. Addresses of the evening intendents, assistants and agents of were delivered by Dr. Walter L. Lin-By the British Admiralty to Have gle, of the Union Theological Semin-Been Made Shortly After Noon ary, Richmond, Va., and Dr. William to his friends, as it is to the Compa L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest ny, although it is not surprising, for College.

"The Church and Social Service" was the general theme of this opening the nights of January 22 and 23 tion of Modern Social Problems."
dropped bombs on the station, barraeks and docks of Dover."

tion of Modern Social Problems."
"Christianity and Social Progress"
was the theme of Dr. Poteat. Dr. "Christianity and Social Progress" The official British account of the Lingle declared that modern social norning by a hostile aeroplane, his remarks, vigorously attacked the stration's program for national de

the other in his neck.

Mr. Honeycutt, it is understood, has been despondent for sometime but there was nothing in his manner to indicate that he contemplated committing such a rash act. He is about 30 years of age and is married.

His condition is very critical, although the attending physician stated this morning that there was some hope for his recovery.

O Dover.

The German report does not ment ton the second raid said by the British admiralty to have been made shortly after noon yesterday.

Dover, which is opposite the French town of Calais, at the narrowest point of the English channel, is one of the chief points of communication between England and the Continent. It has extensive docks and naval establishments and large garrison.

tonight that "every indication points to a great meeting." "Charlotte has been the scene of great activity in shown such cordial interest in this conference," he said, "as evidenceed by the tremendous crowds attendthat the conference must be success ful."

GERMANS DROP

BOMBS ON KENT

Killed And Many Injured. London, Jan. 23.—The east coast

of Kent was raided early this morning by a hostile aeroplane which dropped nine bombs. One person killed and six were injured. A second attack, this time by two resentative issues moving within ex- that it was unconstitutional.

No essualties have been reported.

The raiders escaped. Heretofore Germany has relied principally on Zeppelins, for aerial attacks on England. Of late, however, there has been much discussion in England of a new type of German aeroplane, the Fokker, which has been said to excel the aircraft of the Entents Allies. English newspapers stated last week that the British air machines were outpowered and out-

engined. The raid comes after an interval of several months during which England, so far as has been reported officially was immune from such attacks. The last previous occurrence of this nature was on October 13. when 55 persons were killed and 114 wounded by a Zeppelin attack on London.

Increase of Steel Cars Used on South-

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 23 .- So rapid has been the increase in the use of steel cars on the lines of the the Presbyterian property in the Southern Railway that it has been found necessary to provide a special shop for repairs to equipment of this class to be located at the Coster shops near Knoxville.

The new facility will consist of an all steel main shed 73 ft. by 480 ft., with three tracks extending through same and a wor kshop 51 ft. by 100 ft., both equipped with overhead et Johnson, a member of the faculty power cranes and full complement of of the Salisbury schools, has resignmachinery and tools for repairing ed her position and will go to Kores steel cads.

During the past ten years Southern Railway has purchased 23,000 all left Salisbury tonight and will story steel cars and steel underframe ears a few days in Chattanooga. She will and the new shop will provide better facilities for keeping them in repair than could be had in the old shops which were originally built for handling only wooden cars.

"The Whirl of Life," in six reels, at the Pastime today,

WINS ANOTH Mate 1 lbest 7

Mr. Kerns of The Vurginia Life Insurance Company Wins Honors. The Virginia Weekly Standard of

anuary 21st says: The Insurance Press, published in New York, which runs in its monthly edition a series of articles under the heading, "Helps to the Man on the Debit," gives prizes each month for gives prizes each month for the three best articles on insurance

salesmanship written by insurance this opening, their congregations gathering in the grand mass meeting at Kearns, of Concord, won the first prize of \$10. The paper says he won Said that the East Coast of Kent opposite sides of the city, at Dilworth

sistant Kearns. This is the second time Mr. Kearns tion with some of the brainest super-

other insurance companies. This news will be very gratifying this live Life Insurance Company of Virginia representative closed the year very handsomely as regards 24.—The German Admiralty issued ing session. The subject assigned to both Industrial and Ordinary In-the following today:

Dr. Lingle was "The Teachings of crease. He is a progressive and be-Jesus as They Bear Upon the Solu- lieves in keeping up with his profession, and he is, therefore, successful Watch him in 1916. We feel safe in the diplomatic features of that dis predicting that his year's record will much outdistance his gains of the German aeroplane attack as given problems may be solved by applying year previous. Hearty congratula-

COTTON DECLINES.

March Sells Down to 12.19, a Net Decline of 11 to 15 Points. (By The Associated Press)

New York, Jan. 24.-The cotton narket opened at a decline of two to eight points today under a moderate key might assume responsibility it accumulation of selling orders, which was generally assumed in official seemed to reflect some hedging from quarters that the cause of the sinklocal or Wall street offerings. The among the mysteries of the war. census report showing cotton ginned as pointing to a total yield within the of the Tuetonic allies except Ger government estimate and there was and Austria have been included in foreign buying here at the decline. American government correspondence The cables were lower than due, how-ever, and after slight rallies the mar-ket eased off again under continued quiry that might be sent Turkey and ket eased off again under continued tiquidation with March selling down not be sent until after Austria had to 12.19 and July to 12.56, or to s been heard from. ing the opening session. that I feel | net decline of about 11 to 15 points on the active months.

Cotton futures opened steady, Jan July, 12.63; October 12.67.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Duliness and Regular Price Changes Attended the Opening of Market. (By The Associated Press)

New York, Jan. 24.-Dullness and

the regular price changes attended the resumption of trading today, rephostile seaplanes, was made on the tremely narrow limits, while some ties particularly Industrial Alcohol, United Fruit and American tural and horticultural organi l'obacco, recorded substantial ada slight advance, but soon fell back. Union Pacific also manifested pronounced heaviness and other rails declined irregularly under last week's final quotation, presumably in consequence of the eight hour movement of employes of the railroads thruoghout the country.

To Build Tabernacie in Salisbury. Salisbury, Jan. 22 .- The First Methodist Church decided to build a tabernacle for the meeting Bishop J. C. Kilgo is to conduct in this city ing the Spring. The church house in considered much too small for the erowds that will want to hear the

The plans for the tabernacle have already been secured. It will seat 1.500 people and will be erected on center of the city, the Presbyterians having generously tendered the site for the building. Bishop Kilgo was here today to talk the matter of the meeting over with the local pastor, Dr. T. F. Marr.

To Go to Korea.

Salisbury, Jan. 22. - Miss Margar to become governess in a medical missionary's family. Miss Johnson sail from Seattle February 4. Miss Johnson will be located at Kwang Ju and will teach the four children of Mrs. C. C. Owen, who is a bedical missionary stationed at that place.

The water wagon is becoming more and more the band wagon,

REPORT PROMISES TO BRYING DIPLOMATIC PEATURES.

Unofficial Dispatches Indicate That Turkey Might Acknowledge That One of Her Submarines Sank the British Liner,-It Had Been Gen erally Assumed in Official Quarters That the Cause of the Sinking of the Persia Would Be Number Among the Unsolved Mysteries of the War.-No Indication as to Turn Cast Will Take.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 24. - Unofficial dispatches from abroad, indicating that Turkey might acknowledge that one of her submarines sunk the British liner Persia, promised to revive aster.

dispatches on the subject today from the American ambasador at Constan-

Neither had it received any official word from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, transmitting Austria's official disavowal of conection with the disaster, reported unofficially last week. Until the intimation came that Tur-

southern sources as well as scattering ing of the liner would be numbered There is yet no indication as prior to January 16 was considered what turn the case will take. None

INCOME TAX UPHELD.

uary, 12.25; March, 12.27; May, 12.53; Supreme Court Today Upholes Inc Constitutionality.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The Su Court today upheld the constality of the income tax law.

Chief Justice White annous decision in the case o fa stockho of the Union Pacific Company, who had sought to enjoin the compa from paying the tax on the grou

The point that the statute was un constituional h promises to occupy a place of unusual importance, pending tomorrow's meeting of the directors, opened at a slight advence but an of the directors. were exempted, was held to be antion of the errong a assurthe tax was impreed w power conferred upon the by the 16th amendment was a power recognized to exist fr the beginning of the government and thus the decision of the taxing power previously rendered were app

RATLROADS LIABLE.

To Shippers for Loss by Fall of Markets During Delay in Transporting Produce.

(By The Associated Pro Washington, Jan. 24.—Interstate railroads are liable to produce shippers for any fall in the market price of shipment occurring during a negligent delay of transportation, according to a decision of the Supreme Court in a test case arising out of the belated delivery of a carload strawberries, shipped from Mar Maryland to New York, in 1910. The court held that the

carrier is liable for a deeven though the delay be on the li of a connecting carrier.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS

To Discuss Plans for the O

and sub-committee on ussed plans for the pion see for June 7, in