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TO DISCUSS PEACE OFFER OF LENINE

Independent Socialists Request President to Convoke Immediate Session of Reichstag for this Purpose

PROGRAMME CALLS FOR AN ARMISTICE

Understood, However, That It is the Purpose to Address the Proposal to All Belligerents Alike.

(By The Associated Press) London, Nov. 16.—The Independent Socialist group in the German Reichstag has requested the president to convoke an immediate session of the Reichstag to discuss the peace offer of Nikolai Lenine, leader of the Bolsheviks, the Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News Agency cables.

The Independent Socialists also ask that the Reichstag take up the consideration of the new state of affairs in Lithuania, Lithuania and Poland.

AMERICANS IN SECOND TRENCH FORCES, MAD ALL THROUGH.

Third Series of Battalions Now at Front—Others Anxious to Repay Fees for Loss of Comrades.

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, Nov. 13. (delayed).—The third series of American battalions is now occupying the first line and the second American detachments to enter the trenches have returned to their billets. The relief was accomplished on a brilliant starlight night without the knowledge of the Germans.

Included among the returning troops is the company which bore the brunt of the recent raid on the American trenches. At retreat this evening this company lined up in a little muddy street in a village, nesting under a hill some miles from the front. Their clothes were caked with mud and the roofs and fences nearby were hung with wet blankets and equipment.

Openings here and there in the ranks showed how many men had been killed, wounded and made prisoners in the trench. After the company was dismissed, an officer of the battalion watched the men splash off through the mud, and said:

Broadway's Bright Lights Dimmed for First Time.

New York, Nov. 15.—War's necessities dimmed Broadway's bright lights tonight. For nearly three hours after dusk that famous thoroughfare was in semi-obscure because of the federal fuel administrator's decree that the coal which has supplied current for huge electric signs can be used to better advantage. The houses and the rush hours did not need lanterns to find their way about, for the regular street lamps were lighted as usual, but the glow was in marked contrast to the usual glare.

Promptly at 7:45, however, the millions of electric bulbs which have made "The Great White Way" household words on five continents, flashed into life and they were greeted with cheers by the crowds.

Blow at "Slacker Smie" and Knitting Hysteria.

Washington Post. Here's a blow for Slacker Smie. The War and Navy departments yesterday punctured the knitting hysteria which has been sweeping the feminine part of the nation. So intense had this hysteria become that women and their organizations were accusing other women and other women's organizations of being "slackers" and "traitors" if they did not knit sweaters for soldiers and sailors.

Organizing for Occupation of Italy.

(By The Associated Press) Copenhagen, Nov. 16.—Austro-Hungarians and Germans are taking steps to organize a business bureau for occupied regions of Italy. Their intention is to lose no time in arranging for planting early vegetables on a large scale to meet the expected spring food crisis.

For Armistice and Speedy Peace.

(By The Associated Press) Copenhagen, Nov. 16.—German majority radicals are to be organized by radical socialists. They have issued an appeal urging the greatest activity in holding meetings to protest solidarity in Russia and to bring a demand for armistice and speedy peace.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION.

It Takes a Hand in Every Good Movement—Falls Reports.

We publish the following by request of the officers of the Merchants Association: The Merchants Association of North Carolina is a unit, confined itself by attention to the operation of a credit bureau. It plays its part in general community betterment, taking a hand in every good movement. Be it a booster movement for the City, a good roads movement, a Liberty Loan Campaign or any other worthy thing, you will find the members of the Merchants Association in the front ranks. Seventy five per cent of our Merchants bought Liberty Loan Bonds. So many people have the wrong conception of this organization. It has been charged since the general advance in prices, that the Merchants Association is responsible; that we meet together and agree to raise prices. People who have the audacity to make such absurd charges are ignorant of the Sherman anti-trust law as it is designed to cover such cases. The Concord Association and no other Association in the State has ever considered price fixing and no such suggestion has ever been made at the meetings of the organization. Usually it is some degenerate who has been forced to go to work for his living instead of being off the merchants of the City by shifting his account from place to place who is trying to discredit our work. Honest people like our organization because we give them credit for their honesty, while the man or woman who is dishonest hates us because we expose their dishonesty. This Association is here for the best interests of the Community as well as the people at large.

BIG SAVING OF MEAT AND FLOUR

Hotels and Restaurants Report on "Meatless" and "Wheatless" Days.

Introduction of "meatless Tuesdays" in hotels and restaurants has resulted in the saving by one great chain of restaurants of seven tons of meat weekly, reports yesterday to the food administration show. This includes about 3,500 pounds of hog meat and 8,500 pounds of beef.

German Navy Expert Admits U-Boats Are Failures.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The failure of the U-boat campaign is reported in a dispatch from Zurich which says:

"Captain Persius publishes in the Berlin 'Tagblatt' a sensational article, in which, after making suggestions that the German people are beginning to have their doubts as to the results of piracy without mercy, he himself recognizes that the German Admiralty was grossly mistaken in its calculations, and that in Germany today credence is no longer given to the decisive outcome of the submarine war, as was the case last February, when the 'lost optimistic forecast' was published. Captain Persius will not permit of supposing that the supply of foodstuffs in Great Britain will be threatened by the submarine warfare before the second half of the year 1918."

North Carolina Woman Says Prisoners Are Too Well Fed.

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 14.—Charging that German prisoners in the internment camp at Hot Springs are "living in the fat of the land," women of Hot Springs and of Madison County refuse to sign the Hoover food pledges.

"These Germans do not observe any meanness or wastefulness. Why should we sign a card to conserve food when they are allowed everything the market affords? Stop them from getting the best of everything to be had when they talk to us about signing up to save food."

With Our Advertisers.

Tunehaus Bros. have a big ad on the third page today. They handle both men's and women's clothing, and sell on the installment plan \$1.00 down and \$1.00 a week. They have a large variety in all models.

Berkshire Show at Pinehurst.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 16.—Arrangements are now being rushed at Pinehurst, N. C., for receiving and preparation of the Berkshire Congress Show and Sale which the American Berkshire Association will hold Nov. 22nd, 23rd and 24th. In spite of the fact that breeders are just now much more anxious to buy breeding stock than to sell it, over fifty hogs have already been entered for show and sale at this congress. These animals come from many of the best herds in the country.

Siberia Proclaims Nicholas Its Emperor Says Finland Report.

Copenhagen, Nov. 14.—The Berlin 'Tagblatt' Haparanda correspondent in a dispatch received here says: "Officers at Tornea, Finland, say that Siberia has declared its independence and proclaimed former Emperor Nicholas as emperor."

Cadorna Gives Consent to Represent Italy on the Interallied Committee.

Paris, Nov. 14.—According to the correspondent of the Temps on the Italian front, it is now stated that Gen. Cadorna, who was said to have declined the offer to represent Italy on the interallied military committee, has yielded to pressure and consented to act as Italy's representative.

The Denver meeting will be held with Mrs. T. D. Maness. X. One way to acquire popularity is to keep your troubles to yourself.

OPEN FLOOD GATES OF THE TWO RIVERS

Hope Thus to Prevent Any Enemy Movement to Flank the Right Wing of Italian Army on the Piave.

CHECK ATTACKS AT VARIOUS POINTS

The Bolsheviki Are Still in Control of Petrograd, and Kerensky's Troops Are Reported to Be in Flight.

Embattled for protection of Venice and Lombardy, the Italians have opened the flood gates of the Piave and Sile rivers, northeast of Venice to keep in check the Austro-German forces which have crossed the Piave near Orsiera. In attempting to inundate the triangle whose apex is near the San Dona di Piave, the Italians hope to prevent any enemy movement to flank the right wing on the Italian army along the Piave.

Near the Adriatic the Piave and Sile rivers are canals running through land at or below sea level, and which for many miles extends along the Adriatic from Venetian lagoon. With the rivers allowed to flow unchecked, it would appear to make the Austro-German efforts in this region barren of results.

The Austro-German pressure between the Sogana valley and the Piave is very strong, but the Italians have been able to check the violent attacks at various points along the sector.

Fresh Austro-German attempts to cross the Piave have been rendered futile by the Italian defense. The Italians are holding in check those troops which crossed near Zenson and in the marshland near the Piave, the invaders have been unable to make any progress in the face of the Italian counterattacks, and artillery fire previous to the opening of the flood gates. The greater portion of the populace of Venice has left that city, from which all portable treasures also have been removed.

The city which is now scant 17 miles from the battle line may be defended in the event of an attack, in spite of sparse monuments and art treasures which remain there.

Communication with Petrograd has been restored, but no direct news has been received from the Russian capital. Bolsheviki troops are still in control of Petrograd, while Premier Kerensky's troops are reported to be in flight, and again to be marching on Bolsheviki strongholds. The efforts of the Maximalists to arrange settlement with Bolsheviki and to bring about a new coalition government have failed. Other reports say that the Maximalist leaders, Lenine and Trotsky, are losing their popularity.

The Bolsheviki in Moscow are reported completely defeated in the street fighting which claimed 2,400 lives. Heavy fighting has occurred at Kiev where the Cossacks were said to have arrived several days ago.

THE COTTON MARKET

Disposition to Take Profits Over the Week End.

(By The Associated Press) New York, Nov. 16.—The cotton market was nervous and irregular during today's early trading. After the recent big advances, there was evidently a disposition to take the profits over the week end, and the opening fairly steady at 1 to 18 points lower.

Meeting of D. A. R.'s.

Miss Jane Patterson was hostess yesterday afternoon to the Cabarrus "Black Boys" chapter D. A. R. at her home on North Union street. Miss Jenn Coltrane, regent, presided and a most interesting meeting was held.

The committee appointed to receive magazines to be mailed to the soldiers will appoint a number of young people who will call at the homes of the American Red Cross Association and other suitable literature. It is hoped that no recent magazines will be thoughtlessly destroyed, as the need for these is keenly felt among the soldiers at home and abroad. A house-to-house canvass will be made also for jelly and preserves which will be sent to the base hospital of our own camp. Any amount contributed will be greatly appreciated, and so doubt every lady in Concord will consider it a privilege to contribute in this small way to the welfare of "our boys" who are sacrificing so much for us.

The report of the sweet fund committee is very encouraging. A number of our people have contributed generously to this fund, the proceeds of which go towards purchasing shoes, clothes and other necessities for wounded soldiers.

A most interesting report of the recent State D. A. R. conference, held in Winston-Salem, was given by Miss Coltrane. At this conference Miss Coltrane was elected recording secretary of the State organization. That one of the State officers was chosen from our own D. A. R. chapter is a source of especial gratification to each member of the Cabarrus Black Boys chapter.

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LUTHERAN CONFERENCE

Southern Conference of N. C. Synod in Session Here.

The Southern Conference of the North Carolina Synod, met in Calvary E. I. Church Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m., when the president, Rev. N. D. Bodie, preached a forceful and inspiring sermon.

At 2:30 p. m. the conference convened and the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Rev. M. J. Bodie. Vice President, Rev. V. C. Hiltner. Secretary, C. A. Cook. Treasurer, J. C. Lingle.

TWO CAROLINAS ARE NOT UP TO SCHEDULE

With Three Days Gone By They Have Taken But Fifth of Y. M. C. A. Fund

Charlotte, Nov. 14.—Reports at the close of the third day of the Y. M. C. A. war work campaign in the two Carolinas show a total of \$64,082 subscribed in North Carolina and approximately \$50,000 in South Carolina, a little more than one-fifth the half million the two States are asked for. However, the reports are not complete, many points not having yet reported. Durham leads all points in the two States with a total of \$11,272.65 subscribed, all cash. Charlotte and Charleston are next with a little more than \$2,000 each. Rock Hill asked for \$2,500, has already raised \$3,400. As but four days of the campaign remain Campaign Director C. W. Dietrich urges all the workers to make those days count and also emphasizes the necessity of getting in reports promptly.

Meeting on Coal Saving.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 16.—The New Haven Chamber of Commerce has called a conference for this evening to consider how to get coal, how to get the greatest power out of what coal is used, and how to help conserve the general supply of fuel. The principal speaker will be Prof. L. P. Breckinridge of Yale, one of the country's eminent fuel authorities who has been in conference with the governmental board charged with this problem in Washington.

Freedom Pageant at San Diego.

San Diego, Cal., Nov. 16.—Elaborate arrangements have been concluded for the great Pageant of Freedom to be held here tomorrow. Numerous patriotic and civic societies have co-operated in the arrangements. Three thousand persons, exclusive of bands and choirs, are to take part in the pageant, which will be given in the Stadium of the San Diego high school. The program will include eight historical panoramic pictures, each illustrative of some phase of the struggle for freedom, and each with special music, folk song and folk dances.

Northwest to Express Loyalty.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 15.—Patriotic speeches that will leave no room for doubt as to where this section of the country stands with regard to the war, will be given at the great All-Northwest Loyalty convention, which is to be entertained in the Twin Cities during the ensuing two days. Hundreds of cities and towns in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and the Dakotas have responded to the invitation to send representatives to the convention, which will voice the loyalty of the big farming region and serve as a celebration of the success of the second Liberty Loan. Several speakers of national prominence will be heard. The initial session tomorrow is to be held in the St. Paul Auditorium and Saturday's sessions will be held in Minneapolis.

School for Shipyard Workers.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—The Government's first school for training shipyard workers is to be opened today at Newport News, according to an announcement made by the Shipping Board. Two hundred picked workmen from steel building yards in many parts of the country, the first pupils, will be given a six weeks' intensive course in modern shipbuilding. All the men will attend the school at the expense of their employers. The school will be conducted by the Shipping Board's industrial department, of which Meyer Bloomfield is the official head.

Whale Hits Rockaway and Dies While Big Thru Watches.

New York Journal. After scouting along the coast in search of a befitting place in which to die, a ten-foot whale yesterday selected Belle Harbor, Rockaway Beach. Having reached this decision, it drifted in shore as far as possible, and yielded its last gasp.

Third American Unit Relieves Troops in Trenches.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Substantial relief from war time railroad congestion loomed as a possibility as a result of the recommendation of the railroad war board to the government that all transportation be denied to more than 500 non-essential commodities.

Three Killed for Buying Liberty Bonds.

(By The Associated Press) Virginia, Minn., Nov. 16.—Three persons, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ajar and a boarder, Peter Trepleh, were killed last night by an axe. The bodies were found today in the home here with a note warning all other Austrian families in Virginia who bought Liberty bonds or subscribed to the Red Cross.

German Claim Town of Clusom.

Berlin, Nov. 16.—The town of Clusom, on the northern Italian front, has been captured, the war office announced today. Near the Adriatic, on the western bank of the Piave, Hungarian troops advanced and captured 1,000 Italians.

American Steamer Lost at Sea.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Nov. 16.—The American steamer Kansas City is believed to have been lost at sea. Nothing having been heard of her since she was separated from a convoy on September 5.

WOULDN'T LET HER HUSBAND PAY FINE

Mrs. Wm. Kent, a Suffragist, Whose Husband Had Paid, Refuses to Accept the Settlement.

PREFERS WORK HOUSE TERM

Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, Wife of Food Expert, also Insisted on Taking a Term in Workhouse.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Nov. 16.—When the trials of the woman's party militants for picketing the White House came up in the police court today Mrs. Wm. Kent, of Eastfield, Cal., sentenced to a fine of \$25.00 or 15 days in the workhouse, found that her husband, a member of the tariff commission, had paid her fine. Mrs. Kent protested to the court, refusing to accept that settlement of the judgment against her, refusing to accept that settlement of the judgment against her, and demanding that she be permitted to go to the workhouse. The court specified that the issue should be settled in four days.

When Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, wife of the pure food expert, was called for sentence, she insisted on taking a workhouse term, but an attorney, engaged by her husband, insisted on the court granting an appeal. The court announced that it could not do both, and advised the lawyer to get his client to agree on some course, and agree later to permit the filing of a bond necessary for an appeal, and would begin a 15-day sentence in the workhouse at once.

NEGRO SCHOOL IN ASHEVILLE BURNED.

Several of the Pupils Were Seriously Injured.

(By The Associated Press) Asheville, Nov. 16.—A fire which is believed was caused by boiler explosion in the basement at noon today destroyed one of the largest negro public school buildings in the city, and several of the pupils were seriously injured. Several of the 300 students were injured from burns, some seriously, and six were missing at 1:30 o'clock. One boy fractured his leg in jumping from a window.

Fireman L. W. Jeanneret has a slightly burned hand, and fireman J. C. Fitzgerald suffered minor injuries from falling brick when the walls caved in.

A report that a bursting boiler caused the fire was unconfirmed. No explosion was heard by the teachers. The fire drill had been held half an hour before the conflagration and excellent discipline in most grades was believed to have prevented large casualty list.

ALL SHIPPING TIED UP AT NORFOLK

Strike of Railway Clerks and Longshoremen the Cause.

(By The Associated Press) Norfolk, Nov. 16.—The striking of clerks and longshoremen of all lines entering Norfolk with the exception of the Seaboard Air Line Railway has practically tied up all shipping in this harbor today. Much freight necessary for government use is involved, and while the men at the head of the strike says the only way to settle it and get the employees back to work is for all the lines involved to recognize the clerks union, and reinstate each man discharged by the Atlantic Coast Line because it is said "Transportation officials seem confident there will be a way of adjusting the situation before tonight. That it is serious now, they will admit.

RAILROAD CONGESTION TO BE RELIEVED

By Refusing to Transport Articles Not Essential to Public Needs or Conduct of the War.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Nov. 16.—Substantial relief from war time railroad congestion loomed as a possibility as a result of the recommendation of the railroad war board to the government that all transportation be denied to more than 500 non-essential commodities.

Pig Peanut Crop This Year.

Weldon, Nov. 15.—The largest peanut crop ever grown in this country will be harvested within the next few weeks. Whether it can be saved in its entirety for food and feed will depend upon the care with which it is harvested and stored. Peanuts are bringing good prices and on last Thursday about \$5,000 was paid out here for peanuts.

Sixty-Five Cents a Pound is Paid for Texas Cotton.

Clarksville, Tex., Nov. 15.—All previous record prices for long staple cotton on this market were broken today when a bale was sold for 65 cents a pound. The bale brought \$338, exclusive of the seed, which is valued at \$3 per bushel.

On the Second Sunday in December

Dr. H. A. Brown, who has served the First Baptist church of Winston-Salem as pastor for 40 years, will formally tender his resignation. He desires to retire from the ministry.

METHODIST BODY OVERMAN ON THE WAR

Dr. W. P. Few, Dr. E. B. Chappel and Dr. J. W. Long Conference Speakers.

Asheville, Nov. 15.—Senator Lee S. Overman and Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity College, were the chief speakers tonight at the Trinity alumni banquet, which featured the evening session of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference.

Senator Overman made a ringing patriotic talk on the causes leading up to the war, and said that he was called to order when he stated on the Senate floor that there are 100,000 paid German spies in America. Since that time there are over 600,000.

Dr. Few made a fine talk regarding the work of Trinity and the successful young men it has produced. The anniversary of the Sunday school board was held tonight with Dr. E. B. Chappel as the principal speaker, the doctor making an exceptionally interesting address. Dr. J. W. Long, of Greensboro, a major in the United States army, told of the work the church and State is doing among the soldier boys, and the necessity for the best efforts of both in winning the war. Applicants for admission will be received by the conference tomorrow morning, and delegates to the general conference will be elected.

Rev. J. H. Bennett, former pastor of Centenary Methodist Church at Greensboro, was formally expelled from the conference and from the church this morning.

Rev. L. T. Mann, commissioner of Emory University, was called, and T. F. Marr, his presiding elder, announced that Mr. Mann desired to withdraw from the conference without the passage of his character. This request was granted and terminates his relation with Emory university, the conference and the church.

FURTHER ENCOUNTERS WITH THE GERMANS

American Patrols Have a Number of Clashes—No Casualties.

(By The Associated Press) With the American Army in France, Nov. 15.—There have been further encounters between the American patrols and the Germans in No Man's Land. Last night there was a number of clashes, but the night was dark and showery and firing was at a distance. There were no American casualties. The Germans placed machine guns in several craters and sprayed streams of bullets on our communicating trenches. The American artillery hurled shells from 75's at the positions and silenced the enemy.

British Denies She Offered Peace to Austria.

Amsterdam, Nov. 14.—Unity of aims and operations is what has enabled the Central Powers to defeat efforts of the rest of the world in aims to subdue them, Emperor Karl of Austria is quoted as saying in the Cologne Volkszeitung.

Japanese Warned to Meet Situation Caused by Russia.

Tokio, Nov. 13.—"The Japanese people must be ready for an emergency; the government must prepare for any eventuality," said the Tokyo Light to-day, citing the general view of the Japanese press on the latest developments in Russia.

Full Fare for Soldiers Taking Christmas Trips.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Soldiers receiving furloughs to go home over the Christmas holidays will not be able to get reduced rates over the railroads. They have uniformly declined to make reduced holiday rate on the ground that they are too busy transporting war freight and troops.

At The Theatres.

Gladys Huetie in "The Cigarette Girl" at The New Pastime today, in five parts. This picture will be run in connection with Fisher's picture, "The Social Key." Ladies only admitted from 1 to 6 p. m. After 6 all admitted. Harry Carey with Molly Malone in Jack Ford's marvelous out-west production, "Straight Shooting," at The Theatrum today. This is a Butterfly feature.

Red Cross Appeals For Knitted Articles.

Washington, Nov. 15.—An urgent appeal to the women of the country for more knitted sweaters, socks and wristlets for the soldiers and sailors was issued tonight by the Red Cross war council in a statement disclosing that the Red Cross has been obliged to buy half a million machine-made sweaters to meet immediate demands.

Many a Rich Man is Unable to Buy Anything Better than a Poor Man's.

Washington, Nov. 15.—"It is imperative that all of the sweaters, wristlets and socks that are possibly be made by the women of the country should be turned into the supply department at the earliest possible date. With the cold weather coming on, the demand for sweaters especially, has been beyond the capacity of all our resources to supply," says the statement.

NEWSPAPER FOUND IN GERMAN BALLOON

Had in It an Article Attacking President Wilson for Not Prohibiting the Sale of Munitions.

PAPER SENT TO GENERAL PERSHING

Balloon Came Down This Morning in the French Town Occupied By American Division Headquarters

With American Army, Nov. 15.—A German balloon used to distribute propaganda behind hostile lines, came down this morning in the town occupied by American division headquarters with copies of a newspaper which is published in French in Charleville attached. The leading article for attacking President Wilson for his alleged pre-war attitude, and for not prohibiting the sale of munitions to Germany's enemies. In an attempt to convey an idea of reliability, the paper also printed the British official statement telling of the capture of 1,000 Germans in Flanders. The copy of the paper was sent to General Pershing.

FAREWELL WORST OF ALL ON HIS THIRD TRIAL

T. E. Scruggs of Alta Vista, Va., Gets Ten Years in Penitentiary.

(By The Associated Press) Richmond, Va., Nov. 10.—Thos. E. Scruggs, former chief of police of Alta Vista, was worse in his third trial for the murder of his wife than in either of the two previous hearings of the case. A jury at Rustburg yesterday afternoon giving him ten years in the penitentiary. A verdict in the second trial, giving him eight years, and a penitentiary had been set aside. Scruggs contending his wife had been killed by a revolver shot, and in making a light gun his wife beside him in bed, dead from a bullet wound.

PRICE OF MEAT ANIMALS IS 62 PER CENT HIGHER

Hogs, Cattle, Sheep and Chickens 88 Per Cent Higher Than Average for Several Years.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Nov. 16.—The price of meat animals—hogs, cattle, sheep and chickens—were 62 per cent higher on October 35 than a year ago—87.5 per cent higher than two years ago, and 88.1 per cent higher than the average of the last 7 years on that date, the Department of Agriculture announced today.

Prices increased 1.9 per cent from September to October 15, compared with an increase of 1.4 per cent in the same period in the last seven years.

BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS FILED AGAINST DWIGGINS

He Had Been Arrested for Swindling People on the Second Liberty Loan.

(By The Associated Press) New York, Nov. 16.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the Federal Court against Elmer Dwiggins, promoter of a revival United States Government Liberty Loan Club, through which it is charged thousands of dollars were collected from small investors on \$1 a week plan for the second government loan. Dwiggins was arrested yesterday in Montgomery, Ala., on charge of misuse of the mails.

SUBMARINE MENACE NOT A THING OF THE PAST

So Said the English First Lord of Admiralty Today.

(By The Associated Press) London, Nov. 16.—In reply to a question in the House of Commons today the First Lord of the admiralty said: "The good return of tonnage sinking by enemy submarines last week, and indeed the comparatively favorable results of the last few months, ought not to be taken as indicating that the submarine menace is a thing of the past or defeated."

Newspaper Comment on Lord Northcliffe's Letter.

London, Nov. 16.—The newspapers comment extensively in Lord Northcliffe's letter to Premier Lloyd George, in which it criticises the government on the ground that it was dallying with such problems as unity of war control, eradication of sedition, mobilization of man power and introduction of compulsory food rationing.

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