

## GERMANY TO TAKE CHARGE OF FOOD

Makes This Move to Conserve Supply Until Next Harvest

ALLIES TAKE IT AS SIGNIFICANT SIGN

Fighting Continues in Both East and West in Spite of the Weather—Russians Claim Successes.

Berlin (wireless to London, January 26).—The Federal council has put in effect sweeping regulations for conservation of the food supply as follows:

"All stocks of corn, wheat, and flour ordered seized by February 1st. All business transactions in these commodities are forbidden from January 31st. All municipalities are charged with the duty of setting aside suitable supplies of preserved meat. The owners of corn are ordered to report their stocks immediately whereupon the confiscation at a fixed price follows. A government distributing office for the regulation of consumption to be established, the distribution being made according to the number of inhabitants.

The Order of the Federal Council of Germany for seizure of corn, wheat and flour by February 1st is construed by some officials here as likely to deprive the owners of the cargo of the American steamship, Wilhelmina, of the right they claim to land food supplies in Germany. The basis of their claim was a declaration that the grain was not intended for the German army or government but for non-combatants and therefore is not subject to seizure.

German official communication today says:

"In the western theatre the enemy has placed Middelkerke and Westende under fire. A large number of inhabitants were killed and injured. Our losses yesterday were small. Our troops attacked the positions of the English on both sides of the LaBasse Canal. While the attack on the north canal between Givenchy and Canal did not lead to capture of any English positions on account of strong flanking movement, an attack of troops from Baden to South Canal was completely successful. In this region the English positions, over a width of eleven hundred metres, were taken by storm and two strong points of support captured. Three officials and one hundred and ten men were made prisoners, and one cannon and three machine guns were captured.

"The English failed in an attempt to recapture positions, being beaten back with heavy losses."

The statement claims German successes near Craonne and in Argonne. In the eastern theatre, the statement says, the Russians attacked, with cavalry, northeast of Gumbinnen, but were unsuccessful. German successes are claimed on the lower Vistula.

Austrians Occupy Kielce.

Berlin (wireless to London) January 26. A dispatch today from Cracow, Galicia, says Austro-German forces have occupied Kielce, Russian Poland. Taken As Significant.

London, Jan. 26.—Sweeping regulations for conservation of Germany's food supply is regarded in London as the most significant item of news received today from the countries at war. Berlin announced officially that this step cuts deeper into the economic life of the German people than any other measure adopted since the outbreak of hostilities.

The government defends the regulation on the ground in order to upstage the plans of Germany's enemies to starve the empire, it being necessary to make certain of the regular supply of food-stuffs until the next harvest. In the war area it is reported that Russian invasion of Hungary, by way of Bukovina, is attracting interested attention at London. A special from Budapest sets forth that after a temporary check the Muscovites actually had penetrated Hungary, where they held the key to Josefaleve an important strategic position.

Russian reinforcements are reported.

## PUBLIC HEARING ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

FERTILIZER RATES ARE APPROVED.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today approved the increase from \$1.60 to \$2 per ton in carload rates on fertilizer material from Charleston, S. C., to Wilmington, Acme and Navassa, N. C., over the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line railroads.

Dr. Anna Shaw to Appear Before Committees of State Legislature

WOMEN ARE TO BE NOTARIES

House Passed This Measure Today and Constitutionality to be Tested—State-wide Primary Bill in the Senate—Other Matters Today.

Special To The Dispatch. Raleigh, N. C., January 26.—Senators Hobgood and Weaver today introduced jointly a State-wide primary bill, its provisions calling for primaries under conditions similar to those of a general election, and applying to National, State and county officers and to all political parties.

Senator Nash's bill to simplify the form of deeds and mortgages, after considerable debate, passed the Senate, with only three votes against it.

Of chief interest to Legislators was the announcement that the Senate Committee on Elections and the House on Constitutional Amendments would hold a public hearing next Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of considering Senator Hobgood's bill to amend the Constitution, so that women might vote on an equality with men.

The House today passed, 56 to 48, the Senate bill to permit women to become notaries public. In deference to the judgment of the legislators, Governor Craig will appoint only one woman and the Constitutionality of the act will be tested before commissions are issued other women.

The House passed a bill abolishing the office of county treasurer in many counties and an act to provide for inspection of asylums, camps, etc., in certain counties, but defeated an act relating to registration of mortgages and deeds of trust.

Among the bills introduced was one by Roberts of Buncombe as to expert witnesses, making these subject to announcement ten days before trial, charges, etc., to be fixed by the judge.

## ASKS "MOTHER JONES" TO VISIT

John D. Jr. Invites Noted Strike Leader to Tell Him and She Consents.

New York, Jan. 26.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., today invited "Mother" Jones, the aged strike leader of the Colorado coal fields, to visit him and place before him all information as to the strike situation there. The invitation was accepted.

Mr. Rockefeller extended the invitation as he entered the City Hall, where the Federal Industrial Relations Commission is conducting inquiry into the philanthropic foundations, and causes of industrial unrest. Mr. Rockefeller testified yesterday. As he walked in he saw "Mother" Jones among the spectators. He stopped to her side and shook hands with her. "I wish you would come and see me, and give me any information you have on the Colorado situation," he said.

"Mother" Jones showed surprise. "That's very nice of you," she said. "I have always said you could have known but little of the condition of the workers of Colorado and should hear something besides what these hirelings tell you."

## WILL INAUGURATE HIM APRIL 21ST

Special to The Dispatch. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 26.—Dr. Edward K. Graham will be inaugurated President of the University April 21, it was announced today. Presidents Lowell Alderman and other distinguished educators will be among the speakers. This was announced to a largely attended meeting of trustees today.

There are a thousand and two students in the institution. The board asks for maintenance of \$125,000, and leaves the question of new buildings to the appropriations committee.

## SAYS OTHER BOATS WERE SUNK BY THE GERMANS

Berlin Claims That Two Torpedo Boats Were Also Destroyed.

## IN SUNDAY'S FIGHT

Aviator, Hovering Over the Scene, Saw Both English Cruiser and Two Other Boats Go Down Under Fire.

Berlin (wireless to London), Jan. 26.—Additional details of sinking of a British battle cruiser in the Naval fight Sunday, which is claimed by the Germans, are given in a statement issued here today as follows:

"According to well informed German sources this cruiser suffered heavily from the fire of our cannon. She was then sunk by a German torpedo boat, by two well directed shots. The sinking was observed by a German airship, which closely followed the battle. Two English torpedo boats were also sunk. The airship observed serious damaging of other English ships."

## CHINESE HAVE NOT GIVEN MONEY FOR WAR

Peking, Jan. 26.—The report that Chinese Mohammedans have subscribed large sums of money for the war and other expenses of Turkey is denied by the leading Mohammedans in Peking. It is pointed out that the Mohammedans of China have but a slight connection with those of the Ottoman empire. With rare exceptions they are unable to read the Koran, which is not translated into Chinese. Only a summary of the teachings of Mohamed are obtainable, and their faith is not by any means as ardent as that of countries nearer to the birthplace of the Arabian prophet.

## MANY TONS OF CONTRABAND

Madrid, Spain, Jan. 26.—The quantity of merchandise seized as contraband by the British authorities at Gibraltar, is calculated at 100,000 tons. According to advices from the Spanish town of Algeiras, just across the bay from Gibraltar, the British authorities are perplexed with the problem of providing adequate warehouse space.

## FATE OF THE CREW STILL UNKNOWN

Due to Storm Mystery Yet Surrounds Wreck of Yacht Idler.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The fate of Capt. Robert H. Harding and his crew of fourteen, aboard the yacht, Idler, when she was wrecked on inner Diamond Shoals off the North Carolina coast, was still unknown today. The life saving service had received no reports from its men on the Carolina coast, except that yesterday they could see the wreck although they could not reach it because of the storm.

The Idler, owned by J. P. Jefferson, of Philadelphia, was on her way from Hoboken to Havana to take on her owner and a party for a South Pacific cruise.

## OLYMPIC SPORTS KNOCKED IN HEAD

Stockholm, Jan. 26.—The Swedish Olympic Committee, which previous to the war had collected large sums of money in preparation for the Berlin Olympiad, is distributing the money now to organizations which support different branches of sport, without any view to future Olympic games.

The last meeting of the Swedish Olympic Council granted more than \$20,000 for the work of different sporting unions and clubs. It is believed the committee has little expectation that another Olympiad will be celebrated. Altogether the Swedes might be reconciled to a termination of the games, since Sweden came out of the last meeting in a blaze of glory.

## U. S. COURT SALE

Of the Haar Stock of Dry Goods and Fixtures continues until sold. Court appraisers have reduced prices below wholesale cost. advertisement.) (f

## COOPER OPPOSES REP. STACY'S BILL

Will Hold Up Measure For Cancellation of Mortgages.

## HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION

Carolina Heights and Carolina Place Residents to be Heard Thursday Night—Juniors Endorse Cooper's Educational Bill.

## WOMAN HEAD OF SECRET SERVICE

Said to Head Germany's Department in the Eastern Arena.

Boulogne, France, Jan. 26.—The report that a woman is at the head of the German secret service department in the eastern war zone, is revived in a statement published here from the pen of a Frenchman who says he was offered a position in the German secret service at Lille.

This Frenchman says he was a cigar merchant in Lille before the war, and after the German entry, made a good living hawking cigars and cigarettes. Eventually he was classified with the German authorities and was compelled to abandon his trade. The German military officials, however, noticed that he spoke German fluently, and offered him a post as interpreter. When he reported for duty he was asked if he would not like to enter the secret service at \$5 a day and expenses. He replied in the affirmative and a week later, he was taken to Antwerp in a military motor car.

"At Antwerp I was taken before two officers," he says, "who were accompanied by a handsomely dressed woman. I soon discovered she was the most important person of the three. She questioned and cross-questioned me searchingly, and finally instructed me to proceed to Hazebrouck and other points in Northern France to report what troops were stationed there, where they came from, and what was their condition. She concluded her talk by a tempting offer of money if I was able to secure any valuable information, supplementing this with a frightful picture of the fate that would befall a traitor."

"She gave me \$125, for my expenses and directed me to report at Lorrach when I had finished my work. I left Antwerp and crossed through Germany to Switzerland. On reaching the French frontier, I presented myself to a police official and told him my story."

## MANY JEWISH PEOPLE IN BRITISH ARMY

London, Jan. 26.—More than 10,000 Jews are now serving in the British army and navy and the army casualty lists show that six officers and over 40 enlisted men have been killed and 150 reported wounded or missing, in addition.

These figures are compiled by the Rev. Michael Adler, the senior Jewish chaplain to the forces. The Rev. Adler has a son in the Royal Fusiliers, and he himself expects to leave for the front soon.

"Before the war," says the Rabbi, "there were only 500 Jews in the service. Since the war, all sections of Jewry, rich and poor, have responded. Two of our men have received distinguished conduct medals. There are a large number of Jewish officers and men in the Australasian force in Egypt, while others took part in the operations in Samoa and New Guinea. Among the Canadian troops are about 300 Jews, mostly sons of naturalized Russian and Roumanian Jews. Jewish soldiers are to be found also in all the training centers in England."

## FREIGHT STEAMER RAMMED BY SCHOONER

New York, Jan. 26.—The freight steamer, Washingtonian, of the American-Hawaiian Line, was rammed by a schooner said to be the Elizabeth Palmer, off Cape Henlopen. The crews of both vessels are being brought here by the Old Dominion liner, Hamilton, according to a wireless from Captain Nelson, of the Hamilton. One of the Washingtonian's crew was drowned.

The Palmer carried a crew of seven. The Washingtonian usually carried forty-five. The Washingtonian plied between San Francisco and New York, via the Panama Canal.

## CHARLOTTE GIVES BIG CONTRACTS

Charlotte, N. C., January 26.—Work was resumed and contracts let here today for approximately four hundred thousand dollars in new buildings.

## THE WEATHER.

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday with little change in temperature. Moderate northeast winds.

## PARTY VOTE TURNS DOWN IDEA OF THE OTHER SIDE

Republicans Would Bar Purchase of Vessels From Belligerents

## WILSON ON SUBJECT

Intimated He Does Not Approve of Such Provision in the Ship Purchase Bill—Hot Discussion Continues.

Washington, January 26.—The Republican amendments to the Administration shipping bill to prohibit purchase of ships now belonging to European belligerents were rejected today by a strict party vote and the bill, as revised by the Democratic caucus, was reported again to the Senate.

One important amendment that would permit such Government ships as American built to engage in coastwise trade. The bill originally proposed to restrict the Government line to foreign trade.

President Wilson does not approve of provision in the ship purchase bill that no vessels of belligerent nation can be bought. He told callers today, however, he supposed Senator Simmons conferred with the State Department before stating in the Senate that no ships of belligerents would be bought unless it had been determined by diplomacy there will be no trouble. He intimated the view of fear of international complications, given by the Republicans as chief basis of their opposition, is not well founded.

When the Senate opened this morning the Republicans were ready to continue debate on the bill, but they determined the measure will be "well discussed" and refused to agree with the Democrats to end the debate within ten or fifteen days.

## ORGANIZE TO OPPOSE ARMAMENT

New York, January 26.—The first public mass meeting of the American League to Limit Armaments will be held here tonight. In opposition to the organization which is seeking to arouse Americans to demand better coast defense and other war preparations, the League has opened offices here. It has the sanction of President Wilson and others who believe America should not alter its policies at this time.

President Wilson's letter is as follows: "Let me acknowledge the receipt of your letter, enclosing a copy of the resolution adopted by the American League to Limit Armaments, and express my pleasure that the league should thus support me in my views expressed in my annual message. With warm thanks to you and all concerned, believe me, sincerely yours, Woodrow Wilson."

The position of the League, as expressed in its resolution, is that "war experience abroad in destroying the reputation of war experts so that to follow them would be to let the blind lead us into a ditch" and that "to increase our own armaments now would be to forfeit our moral leadership."

Great interest has been aroused by the controversy which has been waged on the subject in Washington and throughout the country, and tonight's mass meeting will be important as an indication whether the armament propaganda has had much effect on the public.

## NEW PRIZE RACE FOR CUPID

Winchester, Va., January 26.—Cupid is being urged to the spotlights of Brownstown and Bentonville, in Warren County, Virginia. The ardent swains of the two towns are competing for the prize offered for the greater number of weddings. Cupid is being coached by the ministers of both towns, and each new betrothal is hailed as a victory. The winning town will get a competitor, and no "ringers" from outside towns will be counted.

## CRUISER SAID TO HAVE BEEN TORPEDOED

Malmö, Sweden, January 26.—It is persistently asserted here that the German protected cruiser, Gazelle, was torpedoed yesterday by a submarine of unknown nationality at a point in the Baltic, near the Island of Ruegen, off the coast of Prussia. Although damaged the Gazelle was able to return to Port Sassnitz.

Springfield, Ill., January 26.—The legislature is expected to appropriate \$500,000 to acquire a tract of land adjoining the Capitol grounds and to begin the construction of a new state building. At a recent meeting of State Commissioners it was decided to recommend the erection of the new building.

## FREE—ADVERTISING.

The Dispatch will publish absolutely free of cost any advertisement, of not more than twenty-five words, from any one—man, woman or youth—who desires a position, or firm that wants to obtain help. This includes clerks, laborers of all kinds, stenographers, cooks, etc. If answers fail to come the first time, The Dispatch will gladly carry the advertisement until replies are received, if desired by the advertiser.

The advertiser can sign his or her name, or the firm's name, with address, or can have same come in care of The Dispatch Office. "Initials" can be used if desired. In fact, anything that will facilitate matters and help those who are in need of work can be utilized free of cost in these advertisements. Send in your advertisements.