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O ONE FOUND WHO WILL FATHER TALE OF THE PEACENOTE

Denials Galore Yet Report Persists That Germany Trying to Avert War.

REPORTED WILLING TO DISCUSS TERMS

Would Prevent Clash With United States, So Rumor Says — Secretary Lansing Denies He Knows Anything About Note From Germany.

Washington, Feb. 10.-Out of the war clouds hovering over the crisis between the United States and Gerpany tonight came the vague suggestion that Germany was willing to discuss means of preventing actual hostilities. This came apparently out of the air, and no one in official Washington would accept the responsibility for it. It left the White lisuse and the State Department gasping with astonishment; and met with authoritative denials from practically ry official source of information in Washington. But its effect was ap-

The White House, the State Department, the German embassy, and the Swiss embassy, now handling! German affairs here, declared they had never heard of the situation. The publication of the report that Germany had addressed to this country a note suggesting that the two nations discuss ways and means of prevencing actual hotilities caused a furore in American circles. Tonight Secretary Tumulty Geclared that the white House had never heard the slightest intimation of such a communication, that so far as the White House knew the report was a complete fabrication, and that its publication was a matter of "deep suspi-

Meanwhile it was stated in administration circles that the situation remained unchanged and that the few vessels reported sunk in the German submarine zone during the day of lered no indications of the dreaded "overt act," which will prompt the hear step in the German crisis. The ight to arm American merchant vesels whenever it may deem such acion necessary. This announcement mount gung on merchant ships for ther nations may assume.

No indication was forthcoming, nouncement was preliminary to the college. mounting of guns on the ships of the American Line, now held u in New \$7,000. York. It was made clear that the right of ship owners to arm their veslay they would adhere strictly to this

ment late in the day, likewise denied the members of the Legislature. by knowledge of the matter. The port was transmitted to the White Secretary Tumulty declared that nothing was known of the matter there. It was suggested that an insource of the report.

MORE TROOPS COME FROM BORDER.

ern Railway.



COUNT VON BERNSTORFF

Wooden Structure Near Campus Destroyed and Many Lives Endangered.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Greensboro, Feb. 10.-Fire this morning at 2 o'clock destroyed a State Deartment made it clear that pus of the State Normal and Indushe administration reserves the full trial College, and endangered the lives of about twenty-five young women who had rooms in the building. in wide circles here even, tonight was made officially, and was design. The fire was discovered by the night when the last semblance of official ed to deny various reported conten- watchman in making his hourly connection between the two governtions that neutrals have no right to rounds, within a few minutes after it their defense. It was made plain that started. The young women were able Stevens, of Southport, who was be- plomatic break found themselves face lowever, as to whether the an- fore her marriage a teacher in the stranded in a country that may soon

The young women who escaped satements to the owners by the de- of in other buildings of the college. partment, and the department said to- It was the coldest time of a cold night when the fire was discovered If was recognized that the question and there was considerable excite-American shipping was today the ment among the students who were of the International situation. housed in the building, and who esongress was confronted with the caped with so little clothing and perssue through resolutions introduced sonal effects. The fire department by Representative Platt, of New York arrived quickly upon the alarm, but very communication in the hands of the frame building was the best of the department. The State Depart- fuel for the flames, and the firemen ment officials, after the conference could make but little headway against eclined to discuss the situation, but it. The occurrence shows the neces-Secretary of State Lansing himself sity of more brick and fireproof dorproffered the statement that he had mitories if young women of the State Never even heard of such a commulare to have safe places to live when lication." Dr. Ritter, the Swiss min- they come to the college. It is hoped who visited the State Depart- that it will have a good effect upon

ouse, and a thorough investigaaft DECLARED NOT GUILTY

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 10.-A would think that the Big Swamp Vestigation be made to determine the jury in the criminal court here this would be the most popular refuge in * * afternoon absolved Henry. Cornelison this section in the vent of war with * The report as published here was of any connection with the robbery Germany and a call for volunteers. * DIRECTS PROBE OF FOOD the effect that Germany had fram- of \$409,000 from a Southern Express One humorist declared he knew two | * note to the United States sug- truck here last November. Corneli- men who would not show up—himself * Sesting that steps be taken to preson, who was the driver of the truck and the man sent to get him. Vent actual hostilities between the two carrying the money, claimed he was These guns are 2.24 inch calibre. Wilson today directed that a washington, red. 10—resident was and Hoke for the purpose of creation, under the present interpretations of the first and the man sent to get him.

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MACON TO HAVE A

Paso, Texas, Feb. 10.— Macon, Ga., Feb. 10.—An application should be mounting the other on the * the probe. the South Carolina Field Ambu- Company, with a capital stock of \$300, the river from U-boats. Corps and Tennesse Field incorporators include a large number Hospital and Ambulance compan- of influential Macon business men. It ies departed for home tonight is stated \$200,000 has already been over the El Paso and Southwest- subscribed. Plans for the plant include the old Acme Brewing Company's plant on Bay street. The concern will do a general meat packing business.

GERMANY'S SOIL

Expected American Ambassador Will Cable President the True Situation.

BERLIN HEARS RUMOR OF WAR PREVENTION

Americans Made Happy By igation Company. Financial Assistance— "Fortnight Rule" Strict

Berlin, Feb. 10.—(4 p. m.)—Unless unforeseen events overthrow present plans in the eleventn hour, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Gerard and 202 Americans will pull out of Berlin in a special train within less than four hours and at dawn on Sunday will be on neutral Swiss soil, well on the way to Zurich, whence they will proceed to Spain for the next boat homeward

On the eve of his departure to America the ambassador made a brief statement announcing that he would give no interview of any kind to any person until he had reported in per son to President Wilson, His statement was made to warn the world that anything he will be "quoted as saying" between now and the time he' meets the President in Washington will be invented.

Late tonight intimation came to the correspondent of the International News Service, from a responsible and well-informed source, here, that when the ex-Ambasador reached Switzerland he will use the first opportunity since the diplomatic break to send a confidential message to Washington. The correspondent's informant hinted2strongly that in that message might be included tangible suggestions to the America government to the end of averting war between the two

The belief that it is yet possible for Germany and the United States to esand lives without impairing the efficieucy of the U-boat weapon is held ments is about to vanish in the person of Mr. Gerard.

Reports that pacific negotiations to face with the prospect of being The total loss from fire is probably Mr. and Mrs. Gerard and Mr. and Mrs Jacques Meyer, of New York, made it known that lack of funds will not stand in the way of those Americans desirous of returning but lacking

Town Would Readily Furnish Its Quota—Church to Be Dedication March 4th.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Lumberton, Feb. 10.-The Amerione would believe all he heard he the schools four months.

with conditions here.

Chestnut Street Methodist Church * Federal Trade Commission. will be dedicated Sunday, March 4th, * by Bishop John C. Kilko.

TEN DAYS' HARVEST FOR GERMAN SUBMARINES HIV

London, Feb. 10.—German U-boats today, the tenth day of unrestricted warfare in the barred zone, sent to the bottom seven vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 22,273. Three British ships and one Norwegian were sunk. Two lives are known to have been lost in the sinking of the latter. Today's toll brings the total tonnage destroyed by U-boats since Feb. 1 up to 172,751. Altogether 75 ships have been reported sunk. Saturday's list follows:

Mantola, British, 6,828 tons. Lullington, British, 2,816 tons. Solbakken Norwegian, 2,616 tons. Beechtree, British, 1,277 tons. Japanese Prince, British, 4,876. Ellavore, British, 2,760. Havgard, Norwegian, 1,100. Total-Seven ships of 22,273 tons.

Summary of ships sunk since February 1: Americans, 1. Other neutrals, 30. British, 44. Other and Stripes flying at her rail and in belligerents, 7 Total, 82.

The most serious British loss today was the steamship chester, sailed today for Bordeaux. Mantola, built only last year. She was one of the newest and most modern steel cargo-carriers in the British marine. She sailed from Glasgow and was owned by the British India Nav-

A small boat containing three Englishmen and one American negro, membero of the crew of the torpedoed 'British steamer Dauntless, has been picked up at sea by a trawler, according to a dispatch from Madrid. The occupants had been without food for five days and were taken to a hospital.

A wireless message picked up here today stated that the pend the issue of peace or war with U-boat which recently sank the Peruvian ship, Lorton, in Spanish waters, flew the French flag.

Twenty white American mule tenders were aboard the British steamer Japanese Prince, of 4,876 tons, sunk today. Their fate is not known.

Today's total tonnage destroyed is considerably larger than that reported sunk for several days, though the number of vessels sent to the bottom is only seven, one more than the toll of yesterday and the preceding day.

WILL FORGE - WALLAGE WANTED

The Brunswick Commissioners Negro Killed On the Eave-Must Make Extra Levy for Educational Debt.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Southport, Feb. 10.-The Brunswooden building adjoining the cam- tablish a common meeting ground on ry Holt, Jr., has executed a mortgage which to bring about measures that to the Page Trust Company, Aber- dictment for the murder of an A. B. sailed from New York January 22. deen, to secure bonds that it means to & A. call boy nine years ago. issue to develop its property in Brunswick, is a document of more than 12,000 words. It is altogether an ocean liner. About three years the longest legal paper that Register ago a negro filling the description of er late tomorrow or early Monday. She of Deeds W. H. Walker has been called upon to record. The Brunswick he United States will insist upon its to escape from the building, but lost, are contemplated will not down. A Land Company has as its holdings in right to arm its ships for their own practically all of their clothing. The joyful surprise came to scores of this county some 41,000 acres of land was proven that the convicted man building belonged to Mrs. Leah Jones Americans, who as a result of the dicovered by an old grant known as the er or later be at war with theirs, when Allison grant. Much of it has been death by shell fire. settled by other people. Parts of this grant are now the subject of litigation in the Federal court—the opposing sels had been plainly set forth in from the building were taken care returning to the United States. They litigants in the case now in court beoffered to assist financially all those ing D. L. Gore, of Wilmington, and the Brunswick Land Company.

An interesting bill that has passed | * ed that it was the Administra- * the General Assembly was one intro- | * tion's wish to keep the Nation at * duced in the early days of the session | * peace with all the world, if it * to make it mandatory upon the Brunswick county commissioners to levy a * he declared there always exists * 15 cents property and a 45 cents poll * the hope that the country may * tax on the property and polls of the | * be spared the calamity of being * county for the purpose if paying off | * drawn into war. an indebtedness of the Board of Education-the board having gone into debt for the purpose of running the schools the constitutional time. It will be remembered that the Board of Education attempted by mandamus proceedings to force the commissioners to levy additional tax last Fall. can is going to have his joke no mat- The tax provided for above is underter how serious the matter may be, stood to be in excess of any other With the war clouds lowering many tax the commissioners may be requir-OF EXPRESS ROBBERY amusing incidents are reported. If ed to levy for the purpose of running

PRICES.

* Washington, Feb. 10-President *

stone Was a Fugitive From Justice.

thorities feel certain Richard Wal- evident since the situation became wick Land Company, a Delaware cor- lace, the American negro who was grave. poration, through its President, Hen- killed when the British collier, Eavestone, was torpedoed, is the same

reported at the time that he went to here. Boston and shipped as a stoker on Wallace was arrested in Columbia, S. sailed from Liverpool on January 31.

case, and securing a second trial, it that he will make port oy midnight. Lockwood's Folly rivers, and is that his liberty. All hope of bringing the slayer to justice had been given up until it was learned that he had met

> * WANTS TO KEEP AT PEACE WITH WORLD.

Washington, Feb. 10-Secretary * * of State Lansing tonight assert- * * can do so with honor. Speaking *

Act for Converting Battleground Into Park May Fail of Passage

(By George H. Manning.) The supply of ammunition available * Federal inquiry be made at once * by Senator Overman that the Senate was introduced. for use, however, consists of Civil War | * into the question of the Nation's * insist on its amendment to the Guil- In the Senate the Oates bill for a tioned whether the submarine could be cannon balls, seven inches in diameter. * food supply and the high prices * ford battleground bill, striking out the firemen's relief fund was killed. These guns can be easily mounted so * of foodstuffs. The Federal Trade * provision for the appointment of a A measure that would create a BIG PACKING PLANT as to repel an attack by air and it is * Commission and the Depart- * commission to govern it, and agree to board of examiners for law applicants in a speech a year ago: the consensus of opinion that one * ments of Agriculture and Justice * a conference on the bill with the was also put to sleep. Some thought "If we were at war with Japan and Macon, Ga., Feb. 10.—An application should be thus mounted. Many are * have been instructed to conduct * House. Senator Overman was named it a reflection on the Supreme Court, you and I are out on the sea in a sub-* as chairman of the conferees.

* * the bill may fail of passage,

Defiantly Two Steamers Leave North Dakota Senator Thinks Flying the Stars and Stripes.

BEAR CONTRABAND AND GO TO FRANCE

Neither Vessel Is Armed-Ships of Americana Line Won't Move Without Convoys.

New York, Feb. 10.-With the Stars defiance of Germany's submarine warning the American steamship, Ro-The Rochester was followed by the American steamer, Orleans, of the Oriental Navigation Company, also

bound for Bordeaux. These are the second sailings of American steamers for allied ports since Germany warned of her extend ed submarine warfare. The first vessel to brave destruction in the U-boat zone was the Dochra. She sailed on February 2 for Genoa.

Upon the voyages of the Orleans and Rochester, manned by crews, 22 of whom are American citizens, may de-

to the German point of view. They are not armed for defense against the submarines. Neither are they marked to comply with the conditions set down by Germany in her note warning the American vessels.

The Rochester, of the Kerr Steamplanted on her bow and another on the stern. On the side in three foot lines is her name and U.S.A. The Orleans is marked in a similar manner.

The Orleans has seven Americans in her crew, including Captain Allen Tucker, of New York City She is a first sailing of the Orleans since she was transferred from Argentina to American registry.

The Rochester of 5,000 tons carries crew of 33, fifteen of whom are American citizens. Her commander, Captain J. Korkrits is a naturalized American citizen of Swedish birth.

While interest centered no test voyage of the Orleans and Rochester, reports concerning the safety of other vessels caused a feel-Fitzgerald, Ga., Feb. 10.-Local auling of more optimism than has been

The Cunard line received a cable telling of the safe arrival of the Or-Richard Wallace, who was under in- duna at Liverpool last Thursday. She The Dante Alighieri has reached Wallace made his escape and it was Genoa according to advices received

C.,, convicted and sentenced to hang. | Captain Thomas Barman of the Am-A local newspaper investigated the erican liner Kroonland wireed today (Continued on Page Eight.)

Bill to Provide Examiners For Law Applicants Also Knocked Out.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Senate nor House worked extra long | vessel, either of a neutral country or today, but in the few hours that they of the other belligerent countries load-* held forth they did some important ed with ammunition to supply the work. In the House, Representative Army or the Navy of the enemy coun-Henry Page, who has advocated pop- try, our submarine must, lady-like, rise ular election of members of school from beneath the waves, so as to boards, made the motion which tabled board the merchant vessel, armed, ask the Oates educational bill, that would to inspect the papers of merchant veshave left it to a primary in each coun- sels. If we could get that far before ty, but at the same time, would have we could do any damage to that mermade it certain that the Democratic chant vessel. I am not very well inparty, the dominant party in the State, formed as to submarine warfare, but held conrol of the boards. It is said I have been told that while this lady that Page has ready for introduction a like operation was going on the merbill that will provide popular election chant vessel would sink the submafor his county

The House decided that the bill pro- rine could board here. viding for a board of chiropractic ex- "It is for our interest if we are goaminers was a good one and passed it, ing to have submarines for our own and also approved the measure es- use in time of war to give them power tablishing the Cleveland-Gaston county to do execution. I am not in favor of line. And speaking about counties, a barbarous warfare, but I do not think bill for Jarvis county, which would men can engage in a 'lady-like' fight." Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.-The take parts of Harnett, Sampson, Lee Representative Cooper asserted that

Troop A. South Carolina Cavalry Company, with a capital stock of \$400,- schooner George Edwards to protect * "An adequate supply of food- "It now seems quite certain the Sent the highest tribunal really wanted it. on shore fighting to save the republic south Carolina Cavalry Company, with a capital stock of \$400,- schooner George Edwards to protect the highest tribunal really wanted it. On shore fighting to save the republic south Carolina Cavalry Company, with a capital stock of \$400,- schooner George Edwards to protect the highest tribunal really wanted it. * stuffs is a matter of concern to * ate will continue to insist on its ac- | One State-wide measure won favor lic, and along comes a Japanese mer-All joking aside, if a call is issued * the Nation at all times. It is of * tion in striking from the bill the pro- of all. Joyce, of Rockingham, had in- chantman flying the flag of Japan, armfor troops Lumberton will furnish its | * peculiar importance at present," * vision for the commission. Congress- troduced a bill regulating the removal ed with ammuition to kill Americans, quota, say those who are familiar * the President declared in a let- * man Stedman says the bill is now un- of causes in courts of justices of the and you and I are asked to stand back * ter to Chairman Harris, of the * satisfactory to the owners of the prop- peace, and providing that the written with our submarine because aboard * erty, which it is intended to turn over request of the parties to a suit would this merchantman armed with six-inch to the Government. For this reason secure its hearing before another mag- guns are three Chinamen, citizens of

MAKE OVERT ACT

America Is Receding From Its Rights.

THINKS SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE

In House Debate Grows Warm As to the Rights of Submarine — Leader Mann Favors Subs.

Washington, Feb. 10.-Concrete and exact definition of what shall or may contribute the much discussed "overt act" precedent to a declaration of war on the part of the United States is being asked in both branches of Congress. Just what are the indisputable rights of the neutral ships, particularly American ships, on the high seas, and what constitutes legitimate and what illegitimate submarine warfare are the answers sought through interrogatory resolutions introduced in the Senate and House and frankly discussed today.

The State Department's and incidentally the President's interpretation of an "overt act," was demanded today by Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, on the Senate floor.

"Since February 1, about 75 ships without warning," said Senator Mc-Cumber. ?"Yet we are told, now, that we will await an overt act. Certainly if we are to await anything further there will never be any cause for war."

The North Dakota Senator quoted press reports of the decision of yesship Company, has an American flag | terday's Cabinet meeting to the effect that only the destruction of American ships and American lives would be regarded as cause for war.

"American ships and American lives?" demanded Senator McCumber with emphasis. "Does this mean that we have further receded from our povessel of 4,000 tons. This was the sition? Does it mean that we no longer question Germany's right to sink without warning belligerent ships with Americans on board and that it calls for nothing sterner than a note? Does it mean that another Lusitania episode will be allowed to pass unnoticed? If so, we ought to notify our people to prevent their traveling on belligerent ships. We owe it to the American people to let them know just where we stand and without any further actual participation in the great European war that will be necessarily involved in protecting our shipping, our citizens and our commerce from unlawful and inhuman

acts of German armed vessels." Representative Platt proposed to arm American merchant ships following the precedent laid down in 1798.

The legality of submarine warfare as directed against merchant craft is The New York of the American line indisputable, according to Republican is nearing this port and will dock eith- Leader Mann, of Illinois. In his contention, Mr. Mann was supported by Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin, senior minority member of the House committee on foreign affairs. Both expressed themselves today in debate on the pending Naval appropriation bill. The presentation of the views of the two leaders was brought about

through the assertion made by Representative Temple, of Pennsylvania, also a Republican, to the effect that the invention of a new weapon did not change the rules of International law. This has been the Administration's contention through the submarine controversy with Germany and has been the contention of the British and other allied governments in dealing with the most modern war prob-

"As I understand Dr. Temple," said Leader Mann, "if we are engaged in war with a foreign power, and we have Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 10 .- Neither the a submarine which meets a merchant

International law it was to be ques-

used at all. Then he said: "I shall now ask a question I asked

but Senator Warren explained that marine and your brother and mine are