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WEATHER FORECAST. Weather—North Carolina—Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, Warm or tonight. South Carolina—Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature.

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WOMEN PLEAD FOR FOOD FOR BABIES; APPEAL TO MAYOR

Eastside Housewives Tell New York's Executive Their Children Starve.

DEMAND THAT THE CITY HELP THEM.

Want Money Appropriated to Purchase Food For Distribution at Reasonable Prices. Mayor Promises to Have Investigation Made Into the Situation.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 21.—After Mayor Mitchell had been informed by Eastside housewives today that their children were starving to death by hunger because of the high cost of food, he promised to place before the board of estimates on Friday their plan that \$1,000,000 be appropriated by the city to buy food for distribution at reasonable prices.

These different committees representing Eastside women were admitted to the mayor's office after an attempted demonstration by housewives at the doors of the city hall was prevented by the police. The mayor said he did not believe the city government had authority to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the purpose. The women requested, but pending the board of estimates decision he would direct the health and charities department immediately to send inspectors to the Eastside to investigate conditions. The women vigorously urged immediate relief measures.

"Money is lying idle in the city treasury while poor people are starving," Marie Ganz, a member of the Industrial Workers of the World, told Mayor. "Take it, Mr. Mayor, and use it to buy food for the people." The mayor asserted that State and National governments were the only authorities able properly to deal with the food situation and urged the committee to use their influence for enactment of laws which would enable the city to establish public markets, so that food speculators would be eliminated, and the city given power legally to control food prices. When women first went to the city hall, they were led by Miss Ganz who was arrested yesterday for addressing the first demonstration at the City Hall. She was released when she said she urged the women against violence.

MISSOURI PACIFIC SOLD UNDER HAMMER.

(By Associated Press.) St. Louis, Feb. 21.—The Missouri Pacific railroad was sold at auction today to R. H. Nielson and J. W. Holmes, of New York, for \$16,151,000. Both men represent the reorganization committee.

PRESIDENT WANTS UNIVERSAL TRAINING.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—President Wilson is studying measures aimed to bring about universal military training and is understood to be anxious to find some plan he can support. It was reported today that while the President has endorsed neither the Senate Military Committee bill nor the one prepared by the War Department, he believes in the general principle involved. The President will confer with Secretary Baker late this afternoon. Both have been studying physical effects of army service and are understood to agree that some method should be adopted for extending this service to all men.

THREW THEM OFF TO SAVE SELVES

Children Sacrificed in Wreck in Rumania—Two Thousand People Killed.

(By The Associated Press.) Berlin, Feb. 21.—(Via Sayville).—There were approximately 2,000 persons killed or injured in the recent railroad accident near Chirurca in Northern Rumania, according to the Moscow newspaper Russkoye Slovo. The Overseas News Agency says five hundred persons were instantly killed, according to this account.

"The train jumped the tracks and the cars were telescoped," reads the summarized account as given out by the News Agency. "Fire broke out in several places and a panic among the passengers ensued." "Fathers and mothers pushed their children aside in efforts to save themselves," says the Russkoye Slovo. "Men pushed women into the fire, women and men attacking each other with teeth and finger nails. Others lost their minds and ran into the burning cars. Then ammunition on board the train began exploding, kill-

GRANT GETS BOND BILL FOR SCHOOLS PASSED TODAY

Will Permit People to Vote on Bond Issue—Senate Debates Marriage Bill

HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEASURE ADOPTED.

Grant's Gasoline Bill Also Gets Through—Both Houses Working Hard Today.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 21.—The Senate reconsidering the bill recently passed prohibiting the marriage between the races and defining that relationship to apply to any having mixture of negro blood, was the subject of long debate today, and the vote resulted in a tie, twenty-two off.

The Senate, by 39 to 10, passed the State highway commission bill, which takes seventy percent of the automobile tax back to original counties, and uses twenty percent to support of the road commission.

In the House, Grant, of New Hampshire, put through his bill providing the school bond issue; also that regulating the sale of gasoline and other fluids and offered three local bills.

Both houses worked until late, and adjourned for night sessions. Governor Bickett's inaugural recommendation, exempting notes, and mortgages from taxation when given in bona-fide purchases of homes, was passed by the House today by a majority of 89 to 13. Being a constitutional amendment it required 72 to pass. The act will not apply to papers above \$3,000. This was Governor Bickett's first move toward "the translation of tenants into landlords."

In the House, by newly introduced bills and those received from the Senate, added 120 to its calendar, and Speaker Murphy advertising to this fact drove the body an extra half hour, besides asking it for a night session Wednesday. Reconsideration of the bill killed on second reading Tuesday, a measure changing the method of examining applicants for law license, caused a substitute by Ray, of Chatham, which will pay each Justice of the Supreme Court \$100 for examinations, which will be had one week ahead of the opening spring and fall term.

The House—Tuesday. The House convened at 11 o'clock with prayer by Dr. Bradshaw, of the Methodist church. The Anti-Saloon League bills came from committee with favorable reports. The bill to provide for the removal of the State prison headquarters from the central prison, Raleigh, to the State farm came with unfavorable report. The plan was to vacate the central building here and turn it over to the State Hospital for Insane. The House heard the special message of Governor Bickett urging passage of the bill pending for the month.

FREIGHTER LEAVES BALTIMORE FOR EUROPE

(By The Associated Press.) Baltimore, Feb. 21.—The Garland Steamship Line freighter, Rockingham, the first American steamer to leave this port for the European war zone since Germany's new submarine policy became effective February 1, sailed today for Liverpool loaded with a general cargo.

MEDICAL MEN ARE IN CONVENTION

Governor Bickett to Address Gathering in Durham Tonight.

(By The Associated Press.) Durham, N. C., Feb. 21.—The Tri-State Medical Association of Virginia and the Carolinas began its 19th annual convention here today with many distinguished physicians and surgeons from these and other states in attendance. Sessions of the convention, which will continue through Thursday, will be devoted largely to lectures, and discussions of technical subjects. Governor Thomas W. Bickett, of North Carolina, is expected to address

FORCES TO BE RECKONED WITH IN MEXICO.



GEN. VILLA ZAPATA'S BODY GUARD. GEN. ZAPATA. The above photograph shows the personal bodyguard of the notorious part, as he is commander of 25,000 picked cavalry which are among the finest equipped in any country. Zapata has issued a manifesto informing the Carranza government that he will not abide by any act, treaty or law which the de facto administration enacts and serves warning that he is a free agent.

PRESIDENT READY TO FACE CONGRESS ON WAR STATUS

Believed Now His Appearance is But a Matter of a Few Days.

HE MAY ADDRESS BODY THIS WEEK.

Has Definitely Mapped Out a Program But Not Made Public—No War Declaration Sought.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—President Wilson has practically decided to appear before Congress prior to adjournment March 4, to ask for additional authority to protect American seamen and ships against the German submarine menace. While officials said today there was a bare chance that he will not carry out the plan there was every indication that he would make his address either late this week or early next week.

The President's position as outlined authoritatively today, is that Congress before adjourning should pass a broad resolution giving him additional authority. He has definitely decided what he will say to Congress but that he has not made public. Officials generally expect that sooner break is expected unless Austria or later arms will be furnished to American ships.

In spite of the statement of the British government that a very small percentage of vessels going to and from the war zone were being sunk by German submarines, officials pointed out today that most American vessels in the trans-Atlantic trade were still held up.

It was emphasized today that when the President appears before Congress he will not do so with the purpose of asking for a declaration of war. While it is realized that the President in Congress has some strength, the President is known to believe that the situation is such that when action is needed there will be little division.

The President has decided not to call an extra session unless there had been an unusually emergency and it was generally accepted today that he will not call the Senate into special session after March 4. While general reticence in Austrian situation was observed today, it is understood that the administration believes the negotiations so far have been unsatisfactory. Ultimately a break is expected unless Austria changes its position.

GERMANY HAS TO BE MORE DRASTIC

Further Vigorous Measures Required to Deal With Food Situation.

(By The Associated Press.) London, Feb. 21.—Further vigorous measures for dealing with the food situation in Germany have been outlined in a statement to the Berlin press, by Dr. George Michaelis, the new Prussian food commissioner according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Dr. Michaelis said that he had come to an agreement with Adolf Von Batoeki, president of the food regulation board, and General Green, head of the army feeding department that food questions must be dealt with in the speediest possible way and all red tape restrictions should be ignored.

AMERICAN LINES WON'T SEND THEM

Hold to the Decision Not to Risk Ships Under Present Government Ruling.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 21.—Shippers who had hoped to send goods to Europe by the big steamships of the American lines sailing from this port received definite assurance today that the company had no immediate intention of sending out its vessels. This information was derived from a notice that the owners intended to discharge cargoes in the hold of the steamship St. Louis, which has been lying here loaded since the beginning of the new submarine warfare. The greatest part of the crews of the St. Louis and of the three other American liners, New York, St. Paul and Kronland, have been paid off. None of the freight in the St. Louis has been removed as yet but shippers have been asked for instructions regarding disposal of their property. "Our position in the matter has not changed at all since the sailing of the American liners has been indefinitely postponed," said President Franklin of the International Mercantile Marine Company.

WONT RATIFY TREATY.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today decided that the long pending treaty providing for compensation to the Republic of Colombia for the partition of the Panama Canal could not be ratified at this session. The decision was reached after a letter from the President urging ratification of the convention had been read. Chairman Stone said he would make a formal statement later.

COUNTRY IS NEAR VERGE OF RIOTS AND ANARCHY

So Wires Head of Chicago Board of Trade to Interstate Commission.

WANTS EMBARGO PLACED ON FREIGHT.

Declares Shipments, Save Food and Fuel, Should be Stopped—Traffic Experts Meet in Chicago.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 21.—President J. P. Griffin, of the Chicago Board of Trade, today telegraphed to the Interstate Commerce Commission and to the President of Eastern railroads insisting that unless an immediate embargo were placed on all products except food and fuel, the country will face the danger of anarchy and rioting.

In his telegram to the railroad presidents, Mr. Griffin says: "Despite all your assurances no relief has been afforded to move grain and other food products out of Chicago."

"The present scarcity of supplies borders on famine in many communities with the consequent inflation of values directly chargeable to the failure of railroads to meet this National emergency."

"I request that instructions be issued by you forthwith prohibiting the movement of any freight at this time except foodstuffs, coal and other commodities necessary to sustain human and animal existence."

"Unless this is done, there is great danger of riot and anarchy throughout this land. The present situation is largely caused by railroads giving preference to commodities other than those necessary to maintain life."

"Failure to meet the situation is squarely up to the railroads."

In his telegram to the Interstate Commerce Commission Mr. Griffin gives a synopsis of the one sent to the railroad presidents and says: "We are confronted with a National emergency. I request in behalf of the people of this country that the commission forthwith issue an order in line with the request that I have made of eastern roads."

A meeting of directors of the Board of Trade, lawyers and traffic experts was held this afternoon to ascertain if legal means can be found to force the railroads and the Interstate Commerce Commission to clear up the situation, particularly as it affects Chicago.

"The commission and the railroads have failed in the crisis," said Mr. Griffin. "We are trying to ascertain if the courts offer a solution."

BELOVED WOMAN DEAD AT TABOR.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Mt. Tabor, N. C., Feb. 21.—After a lingering sickness of nine months during which time almost wholly an invalid, Mrs. S. H. Boswell, a sweet lovely woman thoroughly Christian in character, died late yesterday afternoon. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. C. C. Pridden, Mrs. Auty Baldwin, Mrs. S. A. Carmichael, a son, Mr. J. B. Boswell, and a husband, Mr. S. H. Boswell.

MANY SHIPS TODAY ADDED TO TOLL OF THE GERMAN SUBS.

HOUSE ADOPTS SENATE'S "BONE DRY" MEASURE

Congress Puts Lid on in North Carolina and Some Other States.

ALL AMENDMENTS WERE VOTED DOWN.

Webb and Small, of North Carolina, Against The Bill. Adopted By a Big Majority.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—Supporters of the Reed "bone dry" amendment to the Postal bill, won the first round of the Reed "bone dry" amendment today when a proposed amendment by Representatives Saunders, of Virginia, which would have nullified the Reed proposal was defeated, 206 to 81. The defeat of the proposal was greeted with wild cheering, handclapping and cries of "Bone dry! Bone dry!" Representative Webb, of North Carolina, father of the nation-wide prohibition resolution voted for the Saunders proposal.

The Saunders amendment would have made the Reed amendment apply only in States that now are "bone dry". In effect then, this would not change the present situation in any State.

There was a long and heated debate over the amendment. Representative Shirley told the House 40 per cent of the whiskey manufactured in Kentucky was sent to States from which the Reed amendment would bar it. Representative Crisp, of Georgia; Cox, of Indiana, and Cannon, of Illinois, supported Mr. Shirley. An amendment by Shirley to postpone operation of the provision for one year was rejected on an aye and no vote, after friends of the bill had warned the House that any change of the Senate amendment would kill it in conference.

Another amendment by Representative Small was defeated and then a vote of Representative Randall's motion to concur in the Reed amendment was begun.

Early voting indicated that it would be carried. The Senate amendment to the Postal bill, designed to make "bone dry" States, which have State-wide prohibition laws, was adopted this afternoon by the House.

SIX STATES AFFECTED.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 21.—Six Southern States whose prohibition laws have permitted the importation of a limited quantity of whiskey, beer and wine, for personal use, become "bone dry" on July 1, under the Reed amendment. They are Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. Arkansas already is entirely dry and Tennessee becomes so on March 1, under the State law.

Florida, Louisiana and Texas having local option laws are not affected. Representatives Crisp, of Georgia; The vote was 321 to 72.

SECY'S DAUGHTER TO WED RUSSIAN.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 21.—The engagement of Secretary McAdoo's daughter, Miss Nona Hazlehurst McAdoo, to Ferdinand De Mohrenschildt, second secretary of the Russian embassy, was announced today.

ALL RECORDS TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM

Talking Machine Records of Bernstorff's Party Deemed to Be Contraband.

(By Associated Press.) Halifax, N. S., Feb. 21.—On the double grounds that talking machine records might carry code messages for the German military authorities, while the material of which they are made might help relieve Germany's hard rubber scarcity, a large quantity of such records found in possession of the German officials returning home from the United States on the Frederick VIII, will be confiscated by the British authorities, it was learned today.

In searching one passenger yesterday it was found that a packet of papers was sewed under the lining of his coat. The papers were found to be

Dozen Vessels Swell The Grim Harvest and Add Destruction of Great Tonnage.

GERMAN SOURCE TELLS OF LARGEST LIST.

Lloyds Announces Sinking of British Steamer—Number Ships Go Down in The Mediterranean—War Operations on Land of Minor Importance Today.

(Despatches from various sources today added a dozen ships to the list of those sunk as the result of the recent Teutonic submarine operations. Most of these were sent to the bottom several days ago.

The longest list came from a German source and claimed the sinking of six vessels in the Mediterranean. The names of the three, not previously mentioned in shipping reports, were given, their tonnage aggregating 8,000. The sinking was claimed of two steamers, names not given, of a total of 7,500 tons, and a crowded Italian transport, tonnage not stated.

Paris officially reports the sinking of five vessels in the period from February 16th to February 20. None is positively identifiable but the indicated aggregate of the five is not less than 18,000 tons.

In addition to the Lloyds Agency, the sinking of a British steamer of 1,828 tons, is announced. The tonnage of the vessels named in the reports thus will probably aggregate nearly 23,000 tons.

War operations on the various fronts were of minor importance, so far as the official reports received indicate.

Berlin Makes Big Report.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—(via Sayville).—A large number of hostile vessels, among them an Italian transport crowded with men, have been sunk in the barred zone in the Mediterranean during the past few days, the Overseas News Agency announces. Other ships sunk by submarines are enumerated by the news agency as follows:

"Two armed steamers of 3,000 and 4,500 tons, respectively, with important cargoes for Saloniki.

"Italian steamer Oceania, 4,200 tons.

"French sailing vessel Aphrodite, 600 tons, with iron for Italy.

"The newspapers" observes the agency, "note the real submarine successes undoubtedly have been much larger, as the majority of the submarines have not yet reported. In addition the paralysis of neutral navigation must be taken into consideration."

The Italian steamer Oceania of 4,217 tons gross, left New York on January 27th for Gibraltar.

The French steamer Mont Ventoux of 3,333 tons (probably the vessel mentioned by Berlin, was last reported leaving Cardiff on December 8 for a port not stated.

Five More Reported.

Paris, Feb. 21.—The sinking of the following vessels was announced officially today:

Minas, on February 16. Skogland, on February 18. Giuseppe, on February 18. Guido on February 16th; Rosalie on February 20.

Maritime records list two steamers named Minas, one Italian, 2,854 tons gross, and the other Greek, 2,506 tons gross.

The Norwegian steamship Skogland, 3,264 tons, sailed from Norfolk January 26 for Bagmol.

No vessel named Giuseppe is listed. There are two Italian steamships Giuseppe, one 1,856 tons, the other 1,221 tons.

Two Russian sailing ships of 371 and 67 tons are named Guido. There is also an Italian sailing vessel, 324 tons, of this name. The steamer Rosalie referred to probably is the British vessel of that name 4,243 tons which sailed from New York, January 28 for Saloniki. There is also an American Rosalie, 329 tons, owned in San Francisco.

GENERAL PERSHING SUCCEEDS FUNSTON.

(By The Associated Press.) El Paso, Texas, Feb. 21.—Major General John J. Pershing received a message today from Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, announcing the appointment of General Pershing