## L CONFERENCE AT WHITE HOUSE LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS.

## PRESIDENT OF SENATE

RETURNED SUBS. REPORT

BIG SUCCESS.

(By Associated Press.)

❖ ville)—German submarines re- ❖

Make Inquiry to Look

For Poisons.

New York, March 7.-It is an-

Dr. George E. Hale, director of the

nevertheless, thought it wise to put its

Berlin, March 7 .- (Via Say-

Conference Held at White House This Morning With Senators.

SECRETARY LANSING WAS CALLED IN.

Cloture Rule Discussed and from their operations, made re-Democratic Senators Leave ports indicating the sinking of the Confer With Republicant vessels with an aggregating tonto Confer With Republican rage of 204,000, according to the Allies-Confident of Suc- Cverseas News Agency.

Washington, March 7-Some ministration officials today were urging on President Wilson their view that he may legally arm merchant hips now without awaiting express hority which Congress might give called in special session. They urgthat the old law passed in 1819 public armed vessel of a nation in mity with the United States," would apply to the present situation. Fresident heard these views with n interest, and indicated that he is king some legal means of acting mptly, but would prefer Congres-

t appeared quite probable today at the United States would not ress the issue created by Austria-; eres to Germany's principles of sub-

on, James and Hoke Smith, the com- cing of the work. A sum of over rum issue and that beat it. sed changes in the Senate's rules require as large an expenditure. mich would prevent unlimited debate! The proposal to make such an in ment created for progress. and filibustering such as killed the vestigation was brought forward by

hite House to see the President just chairman of the National Research server: fore the departure of the Senators.

d for quick action in the Senate. under which the Senate rules! ild be changed by a majority vote. the Senators agreed, however, would not haggle over details if!

the conference lasted an hour and ident told the Senators he was gard of the ordinary precautions, such ous for action as promptly as pos- as not allowing goods to stand in a He said the country was deep- can after bein gonce opened.

by some government experts case into the hands of an indepenhas the authority to arm ships dent research board, for although the hout waiting for action by Con-subject is one that has been investiess, others among his advisers be- gated to some extent before, there wait to see whether the Senate will of this problem. With a view to sup-

plying this deficiency, the National der the White House conference, Research Council has appointed a Democratic Senators hurried to committee to supervise the inquiry, pitol for a conference with Re- which will be undertaken by the Harin leaders to lay before them a vard Medical School in its department White House, they renewed their The results of the research will be Agency announcement.

ock as vice chairman and ex-officio pletly covered. With Senator Martin as chairman of has been named by the National Re-Senate, the following Senators search Council in conference with eorganize the Senate standing com- of the investigation is as follows:

(Continued on Page Eight.) Wells, University of Chicago.

Public Defender Act and Raise were. in Salaries Have Become Laws.

SOLICITOR BILL WAS ALSO PASSED.

Boiler Inspection Measure Failed in Senate—Grant Made Present by The Advocates For His Work.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., March 7.-Representative Grant and Senator Cranmer may not have composed all differences but the New Hanover man wins his point in the retention of Thomas E. Cooper as a member of the Board sturning between March 1 and 3 st

not fare the best, but he does win this city next week and indications his public defender act, by which such are that the event will prove to be a persons as cannot pay attorneys will big success in every detail and will, Cape Fear reached its highest point be allowed defense counsel in the Re. in fact, be the most auspicious ever at Fayetteville last night and was fallcorder's courts, and he won his sal held in this State. defining the duties of the solicitor. a beautiful cuff button set.

settlement of the fish law. this morning pound nets for edible tention. fish cannot be set in the Atlantic National Research Council to

nounced here by the National Re- ing cast for it. The newspaper advertising bill was city. niention has a reconciliatory tone danger of poisoning is involved in would pay the newspapers five cents is recovered and this will be done. points out that since Austrian sub- the use of canned goods. The Na- a line for first insertion and 2 cents arines operate only in the Adriatic tional Canners' Association, represent- subsequent. Ray, of Macon, alone Mediterranean, the chances of ac- ing practically all producers of stood in the way. Matthews said the ly violating American rights are canned foodstuffs in this country, is newspapers must defend the acts of to bear the entire expense of the in- the Legislature, many of which are rresident Wilson had a conference vestigation, which will be conducted indefensible, and "they get no pay my today at the White House with entirely independent of the associa- for it." Ray threatened, on losing his mators Owen, Reed, Walsh, Swan- tion except in the matter of the finan- roll-call demand, to raise the no-quo-

ittee named by the Senate Demo- \$100,000 will be appropriated by the Clarke, of Pitt, did get through his Tatic caucus and discussed the pro- Canners' Association, should the work resolution thanking the newspapers for able work done in public senti-

Cranmer Held Out to Last. Secretary Lansing was called to the Mount Wilson Solar Observatory and From today's Raleigh News and Ob-

Council, who believed there was The House also refused to concur in eretary McAdoo was also present. widespread interest in such an im- the Senate amendments to the ominconference continued for more portant subject as the danger of pois- bus educational bill, appointing the BRITONS OCCUPY oning from the use of canned goods. various members of the Board of Edu-Approaching the National Canners' cation and a conference committee of Association Dr. Hale found that organ-the two houses recommended that the ization eager to have such an indepen- Senate recede from its amendments French Regain Lost Ground dent investigation made, firm as it and that the bill pass as amended in was in the belief that canning meth-the House. The principal hitch in ods as generally used in this country the bill was the appointment of a thoroughly protect the public from member of the New Hanover board, the danger of poisoning. Many cases Representative Grant, urging Thos. E. of illness that have been attributed Cooper, of Wilmington, for the apto poisoning from eating canned pointment and Senator Cranmer holdgoods are believed by the canners ing out against him. On the recomalf and all the details of the Sen- to have actually resulted from en- mendation of the conference commitsituation were gone over. The tirely different causes or from disrettee, Mr. Cooper will be named."

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The Canners' Association itself has his interfere with the welfare of the his interfere with the welfare duct its own investigations, but has,

would be the better policy has as yet been no complete survey Badly Damaged in The Gulf with the clearing of the weather. of Finland and Had to Be Docked.

Berlin, Tuesday, March 6 (Via Tuckfor a modified cloture, which the of Preventative Medicine and Hy- eton, March 7).—The Russian arm- tented themselves with raiding operations in the Bouchavesnes sector, Line, it is asserted. ocrais hope to bring before the giene. The work has been entrusted ored cruiser Ryurik struck a mine in tomorrow. The Democrats to Dr. M. J. Rosenau, of Harvard, the Gulf of Finland and was badly front, after having effected a gain who is one of the most eminent phar- damaged, acording to reports from After the Democratic Senators left macological chemists in the country. Stockholm, says an Overseas News

lerence with the Republican clo- published through scientific channels News of the disaster to the Ryurik and the Germans are continuing to disfrom time to time, but it is expected was received in Sweden despite the Meanwhile the Democratic caucus that it may be a matter of three years Russian naval censorship, the Agenwhere the Crown Prince's troops efwarship was shortly afterward docked fected a considerable gain early this ting another railroad connection, dourned after electing Senator Hitch or more before the ground is com- cy's Stockholm advices state. The the steering committee. The advisory commission which at Cronstadt, on the Gulf of Finland,

williams, James, Reed, Dr. Rosenau and under the advice of The Ryurik (also spelled Rurik) is ons, Smith of Georgia, Walsh, Dr. William H. Welch, president of an armored cruiser of 15,190 tons, Omas, Chamberlain, Owen and Rob- the National Academy of Sciences, 529 feet long, 75 feet beam and 26 four 10-inch guns in pairs in turrets ports a lessening in the severity of necessary capital is subscribed local-They went to work at once to which will have supervisory charge feet depth. Her armament comprises Profs. John J. Abel, Johns Hop-and eight 8-inch guns similarly the cold, with some increase in ar-tins University; Reid Hunt, Harvard mounted, together with twenty 4.7the Senate met Senator kins University; Reid Hunt, Harvard mounted, together with twenty 4.7-Mish, of Montana, introduced a res- University; E. O. Jordan, University inch guns and four 3-pounders. She movement by the infantry arm. old of provide for re-adoption of of Chicago; Lafayette B. Mendel, Yale has two torpedo tubes, submerged. old Senate rules, with the excep- University; Frederick G. Novy, Uni- The Ryurik, which was built at Barof the rule concerning preced versity of Michigan; Eugene Opie, row in 1906, developed a speed of 21.5

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., March 7.-The & \* General Assembly adjourned this \* 🏶 afternoon at 3 o'clock after hast- 🛊 · ily amending the act passed yes. di terday placing the reprinting and & editing of destroyed Supreme + · Court reprints into the hands of · the Chief Justice and the Secre-\* tary of State. These reprints \* must now be as they originally

New Bern to Entertain The Head Camp of The Order Next Week.

(Special to The Dispatch.) ing of the head camp of the Woodmen The last batch of Grant's bills did of the World, which is to be held in

ary bill for county officials; also that The local Woodmen have made elab-field was at a standstill. The Tar orate arrangements for the entertain- river was slowly rising, but the crest ment of the visitors, of whom there of the flood was expected to pass Tar- were received by Southern Depart boiler inspection bill, which went will be more than two hundred, and boro tomorrow. No serious damage ment headquarters to "speed up" the through the House and failed in the they will be made to enjoy their visit has been reported in any of the river return movement of State troops from Senate, the boiler men in appreciato this city and to carry away with valleys. tion of his splendid fight gave him them a pleasant recollection of the

A number of business sessions will Grant also aided effectively in the be held and the social side of the By the conference committee's act gathering will also be given special at-

tine warfare, inasmuch as the com- termine to what extent, if any, the introduced late Monday an act which the body to New Bern in case that it road yards at Chattanooga were cov-

Push On Along Tigris.

Intense aerial activity prevailing on

The entente aviators are taking ex-

attack, according to Paris.

lin reports a repulse for them.

AIR FIGHTS APPEAR

SIGNAL NEARNESS

MUCH DAMAGE

Most of Them Are Now Falling and Other Almost at Standstill.

TENNESSEE ROADS FEELS THE EFFECTS

Floods Inundate Tracks and Made Bridges Unsafe-Yard at Chattanooga Covered With Water

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., March 7.-Rivers in eastern North Carolina, which for several days have been above the flood New Bern. March 7.—Practically all level, either were falling or were alplans have been made for the meet- most at a standstill today. The Roanoke river was rising slowly, but prospects were that the height of the flood would pass Weldon today, the local weather bureau announced. The ing today while the Neuse at Smith-

Traffic Delayed. Atlanta, Ga., March 7.-Railroads approximate 30,000 men. with lines in Tennessee today were It is understood that a shortage of One of the eleven members of the to reports received at railroad offices propriations bill to be passed before Ocean and purse-nets are prohibited crew of the coast guard cutter Yam- here. The Nashville, Chattanooga & adjournment of Congress, caused the craf, who were lost when they were St. Louis was operating its trains be- war department to quicken the rate Grant did not win all but he got attempting to give aid to the tanker tween Chattanooga and Dalton, Ga., of speed at which the State troops half. The House ratified the fallen Louisiana off Ocean City, Md., last of high water and the denser and the dense a women's home which had no better Sunday night, was a former New Bern- of high water and the danger of the orders. champion than Grant. It passed at 9 ian. This was Ross Harris, a former collapse of a bridge over Chickamauga Under the plan being followed in

vestigation is to be undertaken to de- to pass no bills. Matthews, or Bertie, the officers of the Yamacraw to ship ficiently to allow trains to pass. Rail- many of the organizations. (Continued on Page Eight.)

WHO BARRED WAY

Wilmington Engineer Company Due to Leave Border March 12th. (By Associated Press.)

the border so that all organizations will be home for muster out by April 1. State troops still on the border

feeling effects of the flood, according funds, due to failure of the army ap-

to start home today included: Third Tennessee Infantry, at San ed, by further peaceful overtures.

Squadron of the First Virginia Cav-OF A VITAL MOVE 1, at San Antonio, March 14.

HAVE SOUTHERN. WOULD BRING THE

Pan-Presbyterian Alliance is Holding Forth In Two-Day Session in Columbia.

(By Associated Press.) sion of plans designed to bring the the effect of which is or may be to debranches of the Presbyterian church prive it of the power, under any cirinto closer relationship was the an-cumstances, of bringing debate to a nounced purpose of the meeting of close, is void. the executive committee of the Pan- "I am not one of those who would Presbyterian Alliance which began a ruthlessly sweep the law aside to attwo days' session here today.

western section of the World Presby- fixing a time at which debate on any terian Alliance, embraces the United subject before this body shall close." States, Canada and South America, and many prominent ministers and the resolution, Senator Penrose anlaymen have assembled here for the nounced, was to provide that no

Des Moines, Ia., March 7.-A reso-

(By Associated Press.)

Senator Walsh Bitterly Denounced Those Who Prevented "Armed" Action.

ON THE SENATORS

ASKS MUST COUNTRY BE HELD AT BAY?

Presents Argument in Behalf of Cloture Rule For Senate. No Action Today, But Adjournment Until Tomorrow Noon.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 7.-Senator Walsh on the Senate floor today arguing for the cloture, said each new Senate was separate entirely and that it should enact its own rules.

Senator Walsh declared "a genuine alarm pervades the country lest some enemy may, in the near future, at-After advising the Senate to take

gency, Senator Walsh continued: "It is scarcely conceivable that war

champion than Grant. It passed at 9 iail. This was hoss harris, a former o'clock last night with the hands of member of the crew of the coast guard creek. The bridge today was weight sending bome the remainder of the phould be replicated or be impendently that the last of the last There was no objection, 62 votes be and sister, Mr. Martin Harris and Mrs. The Southern suffered a washout on that the last of them would be moved ident for hurried action by Congress. Charles Squires, now reside in this a fill between Knoxville and Morris-shortly after April 15. As a result of Such an appeal comes to this body. town, but it was reported here it the new instruction, it will be neces- It finds a ready response except from Hangary's notification that' she ad- search Council that an exhautive in- finally defeated and the House voted His relatives here have telegraphed would be repaired this afternoon suf- sary to advance dates of departure of a small coterie of Senators, who shell each other on the floor until the en-Officers are at work on new sched-emy thunders at the gates of our citules, but many dates can not be set ies and the Republic has had its death definitely until after advices regard-blow. They may be honest but mising muster out points have been re- guided peace-at-any-price men, who received from commanders of other de- fuse to believe that war is inevitable partments. Organizations scheduled and continue to hope that the awful horror of armed conflict may be avert-

"Multitudes of sagacious men believed in 1861 that the South would not fight and others that the North would never resort to arms. It is not alry at Brownsville, March 13; A. and inceivable that the obstructionists. companies, North Carolina Engi- filibusterers, may be actuated by neers, at Brownsville, March 12; Sec- traitorous sentiments. The revolution ond Alabama Infantry, at Nogales, had 'its Arnold. I trust I offend no March 17; Florida Field Hospital No. sensibilities in referring to the fact that in 1861 ten or more members of this body were expelled for treason.

"A vice president who, for four years presided over the Senate, was indicted and tried for treason and a Senator, charged with him for this capitol offense, escaped expulsion by but one vote. The Senate had already at that early day expelled one of its members for perfidious negotiations with the enemies of his country. We are all sworn to bear true faith and allegiance to the United States, a needless oath unless it be that some of us may, conceivably, require the aid of heaven to keep us true.

"What, say we, can the Senate make a rule under which it may be held at bay by treachery until a foreign foe shall have prevailed over a supine na-Columbia, S. C., March 7.—Discus- tion? I repeat a rule of the Senate,

tain his end. I shall vote with a clear The Alliance, which constitutes the conscience that we violate no law in The only change of importance in amendment shall be offered to a measure after the cloture has been voted by the Senate. This would prevent any efforts to offer a substitute after the cloture had been ordered.

CENSURING THEM. After Senator Walsh had concluded the Senate adjourned until Thursday.

TO MAKE ADDRESS.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Loris, S. C., March 7.-Dr. William Spencer Currell, the able President of the South Carolina University, will GIVES BIG DIVIDEND. deliver an address in the Loris Methodist church on Friday evening. March 9th.

urged to hear this eloquent speaker.

## ABANDONED TRENCHES Night—Cold's Grip Lessening in East—British Cavalry

to That Place.

the Franco-Belgian front indicates sale merchants of Wadesboro are being urged to give every encouragethe probability of important development to the promoters of the plan to extend the Southern Railroad from Norwood to this point. 'This town is tra hazardous risks in their insistent located at a point that makes it a natsearch for information of hostile ural distributing center. It is 52 miles movements and dispositions. This east of Charlotte, 89 miles south of STRUCK WINE s evidenced by Berlin's report of 18 Winston-Salem, 125 miles west of entente airplanes destroyed yester-wilmington, and 135 miles west of day. The aerial scouting, interrupted Raleigh. It has three railroad cons evidenced by Berlin's report of 18 Winston-Salem, 125 miles west of entente airplanes destroyed yester- Wilmington, and 135 miles west of by Monday's storm, was thus appar- nections giving an outlet in all direcently in full swing again on Tuesday, tions and with a chance for advantageous schedules. It is claimed that In the realm of infantry activity, the business men of Wadesboro either the British, while continuing to pick are indifferent to their interests or trenches abandoned by the Ger- their protests meet with little remans in their sustained retrograde sponse in the making of schedules on movement along the Ancre, have con- freights from here. Especially is this tented themselves with raiding opera- true in regard to the Atlantic Coast EXPUNGES RESOLUTION

British Press On. London, March 7.—British cavalry Caldwell, the Yankees' heaver, is ap- quarterly dividend of 3 per cent. This the Palmetto State. of motions and for the appoint. Washington University, and H. Gideon knots on her trial. Her complement had advanced within nine miles of parently the same old "Slim" as of extra disbursement is larger than any Everybody is cordially invited and (Continued on Page Eight.)

## Aviators Busy on The Franco-Belgian Front and Many

But Failed in Attack Last Wadesboro Wants Extension of Railroad From Norwood

Wadesboro, March 6 .- The whole-

north of Peronne on the Somme which is contemplating the extension along a front of nearly three quarters of its road from Norwood to this point of a mile there in a recent attack. In the Verdun region, the French C., Wadesboro will be in a position leading into the city.

In addition to the possibility of getweek, only to lose the greater portion there is considerable talk of the erecof it as the result of French counter- tion of a quarter million dollar cotton The factory in the near future. The pro-French made another attack last moters of this enterprise are meeting night to regain lost ground, but Ber. with much encouragement locally and they are assured that outside capital will be forthcoming as soon as the On the Russian front Berlin re-

previously declared.

(By Associated Press )

lution censuring Senators Cummins to dictate schedules on all the roads and Kenyon for their opposition to the President's armed neutrality bill, was HEAD OF UNIVERSITY expunged from the record of the Iowa House of Representatives today by unanimous vote. Representative Rayburn, its author, was absent.

TOBACCO COMPANY

New York, March 7.-An extra divi- Dr. Currell is a speaker of extraorddend of 6 per cent. on the common inary ability and force, a man of atstock was declared today by the P. tractive personality, and a leader in To be "losted" even before train- Lorillard Company, tobacco manufacthe world of education. He easily ing season starts shows that Ray turers, in addition to the regular ranks among the foremost orators of