

of The Germans Before St. Quentin—French Cut Two Railway Lines to The City. Hemming in The Turks in Mesopotamia.

Driving forward north and south t, Quentin, heart of the Hindenthe Allies have cut two of main railroads which feed he city, while a third is well within reach of the French guns. With Laere inundated by the retreating ermans and two of its dominating No Submarine Sighted-Many ets in the hand's of the French, the interest in the tremendous batwhich has been raging for a week in 80-mile front shifts to historic

The Germans are making desper London, March 26 .- (Delayed by and bloody attempts to wrest the French the Essigny-Benay Censor, from a Staff Correspondent of scene from LaPine and Luverne. au from which General Nivelle's the Associated Press) .- The St. Louis, southern ap thes to the city, and render its the first passenger vessel carrying the in the opiinon of military American flag to cross the Atlantic since Germany's declaration of unrees, one of grave peril. farther to the south the French. stricted submarine cestruction, and are forged well to the west of St. which hammering a great dent in the first armed American liner to en-German line between that town ter a European port since the war be-LaFere. The advance of this gan, arrived this morning. She car-French possession of the last di- ried a meagre number of passengersrailroad line between the two 33, all told-but her holds were filled to capacity with non-contraband freight.

South of LaFere the French troops between them and Laon, the any indications that German undersea colors. outhernmost fortress on the Hinden- boats were after the big liner. If any In the center of the curve of them saw the St. Louis they made eral Nivelle has forced a wedge no attempt to destroy here, but kept A. K. Geuting, secretary and treasurer fortunately was not among the few he forest, but about 10 miles of carefully away from the guns of the of the executive committee. "By next survivors from the Shark, who were vily timbered country must yet American ship. But signs of war were not lacking

onquered before he reaches his and the last three days aboard were

On the northern section of the great anxious ones for passengers and crew the line the situation is somewhat alike. On Friday and again on Satur-cure. Neither British nor German dy, after the St. Louis entered the for-cial communications throw much hidden zone driftwood was passed al communications throw much bidden zone, driftwood was passedght on the operations here. Some apparently parts of destroyed life rogress has been made in the direc-boats. Yesterday a great field of oil was encountered. Vague rumors of arently the determined resistance the sinking of ships, either ahead of or Germans has checked the Brit- near the St. Louiis, increased this sevance along the whole Arras nervouss tension.

France remains in doubt, the tain did not leave the bridge and never the issue of the titanic strugis set for sensational possi- in her 22 years of existence has the American ship been driven so furioushe blain of the Tigris five arm- ly as she was from the time she passin far-off Mesopotamia. converging on the Turks in ed into the zone until she was picked of dealing a death blow to up by a pilot.

The journey was virtually without inthe Eastern emcident until the war zone was reached.

The First Armed American

Liner to Enter an Euro-

pean Port.

Evidences of Marine Disas-

ters-Complete Prep-

arations Aboard.

(By Associated Press.)

EXCITING PASSAGE

Mussians are advancing from Unusual precautions were taken as in three divisions, driving the soon as the liner passed the Ambrose them, and have already light, but as she neared the danger Turkish frontier at two point even the life rafts and collapsible boats were made ready for im-

with General Maude, con- mediate use. Reflectors were strung Bigdad, is pressing forward fore and aft and carbide lights were and the Diala rivers. Itied along the rails for use in event the the possibility of a deci- St. Louis became the victim of a torthey over their encircling pedo or gunfire.

white people and nine negroes were in- noon of May 31, 1916, Commander stantly killed in a storm which prac- Jones, in the torpedo boat destroyer, tically swept the thriving little town Shark, led a division of destroyers to of Petrey from the map last night. attack the enemy battle cruiser squad- | ccck, member of the Senate foreign

ron. In this attack a shell hit the relations committee, discussed the The known dead are: J. M. Middlebrooks, prominent farm- Shark's bridge, disabling the steering situation with the President. Afterer; Mrs. J. M. Middlebrooks, Tom gear and shortly afterwards another ward he outlined the following three Bandy, school teacher, Ethel Bandy, shell disabled the main engine.

his daughter: Bob Jeger, well-known The commanding officer of another Congress: farmer. Every building in the town, destroyer, seeing the Shark's plight, including the Atlantic Coast Line de- came between her and the enemy and pot, three churches and the school offered assistance, but was warned OF THE ST. LOUIS. were carried away.

away by Commander Jones. Although of armed neutrality, and authorizing The storm swept practically all the wounded in the leg, Jones went aft to further preparedness moves.

crops between Providence and Petrey help connect and man the after-wheel. and tore down buildings in Providence, Meanwhile the forecastle gun with its the United States and Germany; and where several persons were injured crew had been blown away and the same fate soon befell the after-gun and considerable livestock killed. The storm continued in a north- and crew. Commander Jones then against Germany.

easterly direction and did damage at went to the midship and only remain-Shady Grove and Ansley, in Pike coun- ing gun and assisted in keeping it in action. Relief parties have gone to the

for taking the first of the three instead of declaring war or declaring, All this time the Shark was subject that a state of war exists.

ed to very heavy fire from enemy light Petrey had a population of about cruisers and destroyers at short range. Other advisers of the President The crew of the midship gun was reduced to three, of whom one soon was a declaration that a state of war ex- requesting the Interstate Commerce city was glad to have them back. badly wounded. A few minutes later, ists are examining precedents in or-Commander Jones was hit by a shell derto map out the best course to pur-

NOT YET AT TOP. which took off his leg above the knee, sue, but he continued to give orders to the The general expectation is that the

his own initiative.

gun's crew, while a stoker improvised (By associated Press.) New York, March 27 .- The execu- a tourniquet around his thigh. No- States went to war with Mexico will try are now represented in applicative committee of the National Shoe ticing that the ensign was not prop-Dealers' Association announces that erly hoisted he gave orders that an- uation. That resolution recited recloth as a substitute for leather will other be raised. be more generally used during the! Soon afterward, seeing that the ship of Mexico against the United States.

coming season. Cloth uppers will ap- could not last much longer and that pear in a bewildering variety of col- a German destroyer was closing in,

swung in a great curve around The St. Louis came through without ors. The association has decided to he gave orders for the surviving mem- final shape until just before delivering be sought. forests of Coucy and St. Gobain, interruption. No submarines were appoint a committee to instruct buy- bers of the crew to put on life belts. it. formidable natural barrier which sighted, nor were there at any time ers relative to proper combinations of Almost immediately after giving this order the Sharp was struck by a tor-

"The crest of the wave of high shoe pedo, and sank. "Commander Jones," prices has almost been reached," said stated the report in conclusion," unfall, I should say, a shoe costing \$5 picked up by a neutral vessel in the

today, will sell for about \$6 or \$6.50. , night."

KING ALBERT

Other Roads. Passage of a resolution endorsing steps already taken by the President **BECOME PARTIES** to place the United States in a state TO THE PETITION Adoption of a resolution declaring that a state of warvevrists between All Railroads of The Country Now Seek General Ad-Adoption of a declaration of war vance For Inter and In-

Senator Hitchcock said there was undoubtedly sentiment in the West

which details of preparedness meas-

courses, which he believed open to

ures were discussed, Senator Hitch-

(By Associated Press.) taking the view that the best step is joined eastern and western lines in to permit a general advance in freight rates.

Carriers in all sections of the countions looking to a general advance. In opening the railroads' presenta-The President is not expected to announced today that advances on in- small to be out alone promenaded put his message to Congress into trastate as well as interstate rates will promiscuously with the flag in their

Along With Lines of The

Southwest They Join

tra-State Rates.

Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern railway, appeared for the Senator Hitchcock made it clear that he went to the White House on southern roads, and B. F. Bush, receiver of the Missouri Pacific, for the

southwestern lines. Hale Holden, president of the Chithese grounds:

Increased wages to trainmen under the Adamson law. Increased wages to other employes, some already granted, and others likey to follow in the immediate future. Increased cost of locomotive fuel. Increased cost of materials. Increases in prices of equipment. Higher taxes.

Mr. Holden said the roads had come to the interstate commission first be-

(By Associated Press.) London, March 27.-King Albert of mission grant their petition there

vation Purposes.

London, March 27.-A Reuter's airplane flight under fire over the fight- authority to increase intrastate rates special from Petrograd says that a ing front, according to La Metropole, from the various State boards and special commission has begun an in- a newspaper published here. While commissions, Such applications, he cials in machines, followed by the ited supply of foodstuffs into Greece, vestigation of illegal acts committed visiting a new flying ground the King said, would follow a ruling in the pres- drum corps, the members dressed in

ments and other officials of the old vation officer. Accordingly he ascendregime. About 600 machine guns ed with the famous Belgian airman, materials already effective, Mr. Bush isfactorily executed, Lord Robert have been found hidden in different Captain Jacquet, at 8:15 p. m. Pre- told the commission advances would

At the first performance at the the King flew over the whole Belgian lines as followings:: Replying to a question whether any Marie Opera House since the revolu- Yser front at a height of 3,000 to 6,000 deaths by starvation had occurred in tion two members of the Duma execu- feet. He made many observations and Frisco, 20; Cotton Belt, 21.4; Mis-Greece, owing to the shortage of food, tive committee addressed the audi- took photographs with success.

(By Associated Press.)

Lord Robert said there were reports ence from what was formerly the im-of two deaths in January, but the perial box. Delegates of the workmen a sustained fire, but no German air-cent.

cause they felt that should the com-

ceded by a squadron of fighting planes have to be made by the Southwestern

souri, Kansas & Texas, 21, and Chi-

FREIGHT RATES Buildings Were Draped in Flags and Patriotic Banners Told Plainer Than Words How Glad The City Was to See Her Soldiers.

> Wilmington turned out en masse today at noon to welcome her returned soldier boys. Front street was lined with happy-faced individuals, who gave vent to their pent up feelings in shouts and handclapping as the Engineers, with shoulders erect and heads thrown back, swung up Front street to Market, and thence to the Wilmington Light Infantry armory, where a reception and luncheon was tendered them.

The reception was a royal one. As the returned soldiers swung up the

Washington, March 27 .- Railroads city's principal thoroughfare to the of the south and southwest today stirring music furnished by the Wilmington Frum and Bugle Corps, it was planly evident to them that the Commission to amend its rules so as One could almost smell the alkali, and there was that atmosphere about the boys that made it possible for one to picture the rolling plains of Texas

and the mountains in the distance.

Old Glory occupied her place. The proudest flag in all the world floated majestically from the many buildings tion of the situation their spokesman lining Front street, and urchins too

hands. It was a sight that one will not soon forget, for as the stiff wind that was blowing whipped Old Glory against the buildings the full realizaticn of what the flag represents dawned forcibly on the minds of all.

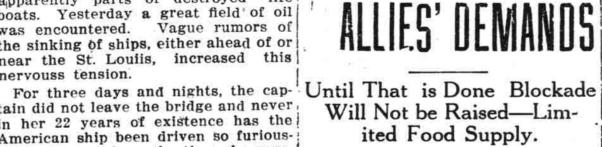
Frovidence was kind, for after showering all morning Old Sol peeped cago. Burlington and Quincy railway, out from behind a rifht in the clouds opened the argument for the western and shed his benign smile down on reads. Mr. Holden based his applica- the glad scene. The clouds lifted ention for an increase in freight rates on tirely just before the parade started at 12:20, and the whole city was

flooded with golden sunlight. As the parade moved up Front street it was cheered wildly by the crowd. Governor Thomas W. Bickett reviewed the grand spectacle from the upper balcony of the Orton hotel, and the camera man was on the job. busily grinding his machine and recording the varying emotions of the

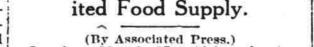
crowd. The parade was led by Chief Marshal Donald MacRae and his assistants, with the Wilmington police Belgium on March 18 made a long would be less difficulty in obtaining force coming next. The department made a splendid showing in its blue uniforms. Then came the city offi-

linen dusters and Uncle Sam hats. To meet increases in wages and with miniature flags waving from the crowns. Just in advance of the drum corps were three duster-clad men carrying a mammoth flag. The banner, reading "Wilmington for Wil-Missouri Pacific, 18 per cent.; son," was wildly cheered as it moved slowly up the street.

> The Wilmington Light Infantry made an excellent showing, it occuoying a position just to



SHOE PRICES



London, March 27.-Although steps have been taken to introduce a limthe blockade against that country by former ministers, heads of depart- expressed a desire to act as an obser- ent instance. will not be raised until the demands of the entente allies have been sat-

Cecil, minister of blockade, told the parts of Petrograd. House of Commons today.

ble time after it convenes. HIDDEN MACHINE GUNS FOUND

While Aeroplaning Over The German Lines For Obser-In Petrograd — Investigation Into Illegal Acts of Former Russian Ministers.

The President will be ready to go before Congress at the earliest possi-

resolution adopted when the United be followed closely in the present sitpeated acts of aggression on the part

