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## ADMIT MADE BOMBS TO GO ON VESSELS A GERMAN SPY.

Germans On Trial In New York Confess, But Deny They Knew The Object.

### MADE ON A NORTH GERMAN LLOYD LINER

They Were Fixed So As to Destroy Ships Carrying Munitions to The Allies-Worked Under Instruction of Dr. Scheele.

(By Associated Press.) New York, March 28.—Germans on ial in the government's prosecution nen under indictment on a charge doiting to destroy entence muni scarrying ships leaving American in 1915, testified in their own nse here today in Federal court. ries von Kleist, one of the deants, asserted that at the time assisted in the production of ids used to damage vessels he did know their character. These according to earlier testiwere made on the North Gernan Lioyd liner, Friedrich der Grosse

Ernest Becker, another defendant ead pipe into lengths, which were used as shells for bombs in the workinstruction of Dr. Walter T iecle, a chemist, The latter, one he defendants, escaped arrest and believed to be in Mexico.

### JEWISH WOMEN WANT PART IN PEACE WORK.

(By Associated Press.) New York, March 28.—Prominent rganizing to represent their sex at carried no passengers. American Jewish Congress. The

purpose of the Congress is to formu- way to France. late for presentation to the peace conerence, that will follow the war, a programme for the emancipation of Jews living in countries where they are now subjected to persecution. An important part of this programme, says a statement issued by the organzers, will be a call for the recognition the National claims of Jews in Palstme, with the possible creation of a wish administration and an inter-

### AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY FOR WESTERN UNION.

(By Associated Press.) New York, March 28 .- An eightur work day will be put into effect he Western Union Telegraph empany, beginning May 1, in its principal offices, it was announced

### GALLED ON LABOR

Issues Call to The Members To Stand By Wilson.

(By Associated Press.) sued today by James P. Hol- ed to the United States." Federation of Labor.

hajority of New York's Commit-business. on National Defense, copies havbeen sent to public schools, clubs, urants, hotels and all public where hundreds of thousands ignatures have been affixed. in explaining the action, Mr. Hol-

# LINER TO SAFELY

The Freight Steamship Manchuria Arrives at Her Destination.

### A BRITISH SHIP ALSO SAFELY OVER

Manchuria Sailed Day Before The St. Louis—The Adriatic The Same Day.

(By -ssociated Press.) New York, March 28.—The American Line freight steamship Manchuria has arrived at an English port after n electrician on the same ship, told a voyage across the Atlantic, it was anhe and other electricians sawed nounced here today by P. A. S. Franklin, head of the International Mercan- Disappeared Last November hop on the vessel. He did not know | tile Marine, owners of the vessel. A what purpose the shells were to cablegram received here announced put, he testified, and worked under the Manchuria had reached her destination. The Manchuria left an American port about 24 hours before the sail-

Navy Department at Washington. Among the Manchuria's crew of 159 wish women throughout the United men were 90 American citizens, all ates, it was announced today, are native born except three. The vessel

are for this Congress will be fixed Pacific trade, is of 13,638 tons gross. Causland and that their representconference held here April 1. The British passenger steamship atives took photographs of a man in Mrs. Nathan Straus has been elect. Adriatic of the White Star Line, which honorary president of the women's left the United States on the same day er. The photographs were sent here rganization and Mrs. Joseph Fels, on which the St. Louis departed, also and were reported to have been idenwe president. It is the plan of the has arrived safely at an English port. tifled by friends and members of the man of the Southern Pacific board. Organizers to choose representatives Among the Adriatic's 65 passengers family as likenesses of McCausland. the ('ongress by Democratic elec- were six American citizens, members hased on universal suffrage. One of a Harvard surgical unit on their

### SUCH REPORTS

Only Small Number of Germans Have Crossed Into Mexico Since Feb. 3rd.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 28.-Official reports from the Southern Department made public today say reports that many Germans have crossed into Mexico since diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany were

broken off are without foundation. The records of the immigration authorities and of the army intelligence service along the border show that only three Germans have passed into Mexico since February 3, in the STATUE OF LINCOLN Brownsville district, and 78 in the Laredo region, 34 of the latter having returned to the United States.

The statement follows: "Press reports have stated recently Head of New York Federation that many Germans are crossing into Mexico. Reports from our intelligence officers, which include the records of of it made by Premier Ribot. the immigration officials at various points, do not confirm these reports. Since February 3, there have been but York, March 28.—Official ap- three crossings in the Brownsville disorganized labor to join in trict and 78 in the Laredo district, and honored with such an offer, in which counties were swept by the storm, but ity of Democrats and a number of nage carry cargoes to British destiden in pledge to support the Presi- none at other points. In the Laredo we see a new and precious pledge the heaviest loss of life occurred at Republicans that he never had a nation and the Dutch government in protecting American rights district, 34 who crossed have return-

president of the New York; El Paso reports show many crossings back and forth, but only those of pledge is being circulated by residents in the usual transaction of

### SPECIAL ELECTION FOR CONGRESSMAN

(By United Press.) New York, March 28.—Democrats am not unmindful of the noise of the Fifteenth New York Congreshas been raised by some people sional district today will name a canare opposed to any action for the didate to seek the place of the late convinced that in the ranks of Conry, at the special election called vice commission officials today called houses. A new public school building bit roughly. I do know, however, steamship line said today that more ments of Caesar and Cleopatra, after such a policy of surrender is for April 12. The Republicans will upon heads of American universities was blown down at Greensboro, but that the country will not stand for than 200,000 tons of Swedish ship are drawing lots for distribution of them, ored by only a small fraction. As name a man, but it is expected, on and colleges to permit senior techni-there were no fatalities. body, working men and women are account of the Democrats' strength cal and scientific students to receive The Confederate Home at Mountain zation at this time." behind the President in this in the district, that the Democrats diplomas at once, so the government Creek, north of Montgomery, was partstand for resistance to foreign ag- will win. This will leave the House if necessary, may quickly obtain their ly unroofed. None of the veterans non-partisan organization would not more than one month ago with forty was playing at a town about 20 miles lineup as it was before.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 28-Orders \* \* were issued today by the War \* \* Department calling all National \* Guard units which have partially \* \* demobilized back into the Fed- \* \* eral service.

The order applies also \* troops demobilized within the \* \* last few days which the de- \* \* partment understood still to be \* \* in the Feedral service when its \* \* previous orders were issued. \* \* There are about six regiments \*

## ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Caught With Damaging Documents on His Person.

(By Associated Press.)

Rochester, N. Y., March 28 .-Adolph Vattes, a German, is under arrest in Geneva, on the technical charge of attempted suicide, pending the arrival there of Federal officers from Buffalo. The discovery of a letter he had written, telling of visits to plants at Springfield, Mass., and other cities, where he found conditions all right, and had flashed a notice to the German agent for transmission to Mexico, led to his arrest Later he attempted to kill himself

A search of his personal effects revealed maps, clippings, photographs Conference in Wilmington today. and other suspicious documents.

### DETERTIACY LIVE MISSING BANKER

and Supposed to Be Dead.

(By Associated Press.) Baton Rouge, La., March 28.-Inforing of the American Line passenger mation has been received here indicatsteamship St. Louis. The safe arrival ing that William M. McCausland, forin England of the St. Louis, which mer Baton Rouge banker, who mystersailed armed because of Germany's tously disappeared while hunting near U-boat warfare off the British coasts, Mobile last November, and was supwas announced on Monday by the posed to have been drowned, is alive and well in Seattle, Wash.

Representatives of life insurance companies in which McCausland was reported to hold policies aggregating about \$100,000, stated the companies The Manchuria, formerly in trans- hired detectives to search for Mc-Seattle resembling the missing bank- brotherhood officials were criticised No attempt has been made to collect the life insurance and no charges have resulted from McCausland's dis-

### REPORT ON COTTON SEED AND PRODUCTS.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 28—Cotton seed and cotton seed products statistics for the laws.' for seven months ending February 28 announced by the census bureau yes-

terday include: Cotton seed received at mills, on hand at mills, 815,008 tons.

Crude oil produced, 1,044,354,498 the railroads." pounds; on hand, 6,807,871 pounds. Refined oil produced, 808,184,809 on hand, 18,560 bales.

Oil imports, 2,807,961 pounds; exports, 80,539,008 pounds. Linters exports, unbleached, 90,411 running bales; bleached, 73,068 bales.

### PRESENTED TO FRANCE

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, March 28.—The statue of Lincoln, which America is giving France, will be erected in Paris, the en persons were killed and three probcity council having accepted the offer ably fatally injured in the storm that

council, in his letter to the premier the latest reports available here. Six

of the known dead were negroes. on the subject, says: "The city of Paris is happy to be Crenshaw, Pike Hale and Chilton so personally obnoxious to the major. percentage of Dutch merchant ton- Bandits Draw Lots For The of traditional friendship, and I beg Petrey, a small town in Crenshaw chance of being Speaker, and almost has rei you to transmit to the organizing county where four persons were kill- everyone knew it but Mr. Mann. He

dial thanks. "As to where the statue will be put, Petrey was demolished, the school but our American friends may be sure ed and the Atlantic Coast Line depot the Republicans a few committee unofneral sources that the Entente dent Lincoln a location worthy of it." Some suffering is reported.

### COLLEGE STUDENTS

(By Associated Press.)

Governor T. W. Bickett.

Progressive North Carolinian, speak

MADE ON HEADS

Southern Pacific Official Calls

Brotherhood Chiefs

"Arrogant"

Scathingly Denounced Them

Before Committee—Be-

lieves in Compulsory In-

vestigation.

(By Associated Press.)

mittee by Julius Kruttschnitt, chair-

evidenced "absolute contempt of the

public, of the President, Congress and

and the courts and his fellow-citi-

REACHES ELEVEN

In the Storm-Swept Section of

Alabama—Great Damage

to Property.

(By Associated Press.)

Montgomery, Ala., March 28.-Elev

iswept a portion of Central Alabama

were injured.

the Supreme Court."

Washington, March 28.-Railroad

"CONTEMPT OF THE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 28.—Hopes 💠 🏶 for a non-partisan organization of 🛊 • the House of Representatives, at • the special session next week, were virtually abandoned today ♦ by Representative Mann, Repub-♣ lican leader in the last House and ♣ r proponent of the plan.

By Order of Supreme Court "Prize Ship" Given to English Today.

(By Associated Press ) Norfolk, Va., March 28.—The United States District Court here today, on order of the Supreme Court, turned over the prize ship, Appam, to Floyd Hughes, representing the British-African Steamship Navigation Company, owners of the vessel prior to her capture by the Germans. What disposition the owners will make of the Appam is not known here.

The court also ordered that \$590,000, the proceeds of the sale of the cargo, be paid to the English owners. The Danish Islands to be Formally money is in Norfolk and Richmond

Thomas H. Willcox, of Norfolk, was apponited by the court special commissioner to ascertain the costs and PURCHASE PRICE

The unsold portion of the cargo, consisting of ore, is ordered restored er at the Live Stock Exposition and to the owners. The German defendants are ordered to pay all costs in connection with the case.

## INITI. INITITI O ULLLII

and Evidence of His Belief in Democratic Victory.

(By George H. Manning.) of Congressman James R. Mann, Republican floor leader and candidat.

Minister,

Tor Speaker of the House, upon his Tortifications will be con-PUBLIC," HE ADDED and co-operate with the Democrats ization, an admission that the Demo- itary purposes. crats have the votes to elect Speaker

Champ Clark and organize the House. tion of the House along nonpartisan the transport Hancock and crusier today before the Newlands joint comlines. The international situation, Mr. be wasted in partisan dickering. In reviewing the recent strike controversy, he said the brotherhood

heads took an "arrogant attitude" and State of Illinois and in Republican naval officer. territory, but about the Capitol, where "Anyone with contempt for the law publican leader saw he had no chance and firing of salutes by the two ships. to win against Champ Clark and zens," said Mr. Kruttschnitt, "should gracefully withdrew with a show of be taught respect by some regulatory patriotic motives.

Compulsory investigation of labor or bipartisan lines. So far as I am disputes, but not compulsory arbitra- personally concerned, I am ready to tion was advocated by Mr. Krutt- withdraw from the contest for the schnitt, who said the "involuntary Speakership. I have not consulted 4,218,402 tons; crushed, 3,417,723 tons; servitude of brotherhood members is with my Republican colleagues since vastly greater to the unions than to my return. I have given the matter serious reflection, however, and am Great Britain Said to Have tention is particularly attracted to willing now to co-operate in a nonpartisan organization of the House. This, of course, would mean the reelection of Champ Clark. Other details would have to be worked out. If we are going to war we do not critical juncture."

House, and the Democrats have lands legation. Adrian Mithouard, president of the early Tuesday morning, according to House. Mr. Mann, although an able six to eight weeks. parliamentarian and a man with The British government for some unequaled ability as a legislator, is time has been insisting that a certain committee our acceptance and our cor- ed, among them Robert J. Jeter, a would have had an awakening on wealthy planter. Every residence in April 2 if he had not had it today.

Mr. Mann is now bluffing and try- tives here o. Holland steamship lines it will be decided when we receive it, house and Masonic lodge were wreck- ing to effect a compremise to give we will give to the statue of Presi- was blown across the railroad tracks. chairmanships and better committee Allies were negotiating with the Dutch dust, according to Edward and Lotplaces, to say nothing of a good slice Two churches were destroyed at of the House patronage.

about Petrey, Milo, Ansley and Troy, Mr. Mann's attitude, said: "I do not lines at the State Department and The ARE NOW IN DEMAND many farm-houses were damaged. know whether a bipartisan organiza- Netherlands legation at Washington Greensboro, in Hale county, and Clan- tion can be worked out to operate and by cable to Holland has so far to commandeer the circus horses and ton, in Chilton, suffered heavy prop- smoothly or not. It is possible, of brought no reply. Washington, March 28.—Civil ser-erty damage in the destruction of course, but it probably would work a a long deallock over partisan organi- held in ports controlled by England and captured also a 23-year-old lion,

be practicable.

## ATTACK OF FRENCH AS GOVERNOR OF

Transferred to the United States Next Saturday.

**NEW POSSESSIONS** 

To Danish Minister by Secretary McAdoo—Hoisting of and Salute to Stars and Stripes.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 28.—Rear Admiral James H. Oliver, chief of naval in- traverse it, but an important railroad telligence, today was named by Secre- sweeps around its southern border

The chief ceremonies of transfer the north, the French are about two will take place at St. Thomas and in miles from the town of the tobain Washington on the same day. Secre-Washington, D. C., March 28 .- The tary McAdoo will deliver the govern-Democratic leaders in the House of ment warrant for \$25,000,000 in pay-Representatives recognize in the offer ment for the islands to the Danish neighborhood of St. Quentin, where

return to Washington, to put aside his structed and the islands used as a ed possession of which will, accordambition to be the presiding officer naval base for further protection of ing to military critics, render the fall in a nonpartisan or bipartisan organ- the Panama canal and for general mil-

announced he was willing to retire until a permanent form of government interfered with operations on this from the Speakership contest and pro- is fixed by Congress. Secretary Danceed immediately with the organiza- iels announced that two naval vessels, Mann said, is such that no time should Olympia, have been ordered to St. Thomas for the transfer ceremonies. Mr. Mann's announcement may Captain B. B. Bierer, commanding the sound nice and kindly in his own Hancock, will officiate as the ranking the northern front towards Petrograd

Mr. Mann's bitter partisanship is well the lowering of the Danish flag and were recently issued in the Russian known, it will be realized that the Re- the raising of the Stars and Stripes capital based on German concentra-

### authority. We cannot get good service from men who have no respect for the laws." patriotic motives. "I have come to the conclusion," said Mr. Mann, "that the House ought to be organized along nonpartisan REPORTED TAKEN

Confiscated Such Vessels in Port.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 28.—Dutch want any partisan politics. If we are steamships in British ports were reto have peace we should not bring ported here today to have been conit about by partisan politics. Unanim- fiscated by the British government. The Germans, for instance, are disity is needed in this country at this The information is understood to have playing notable activity in the Chamreached here from a grain house, pagne region, and today Berlin reports Aside from Mr. Mann's announce which sold the Dutch government the ment, the Democrats have 215 votes grain aboard many of the vessels. It of Ripont in this district. and the Republicans 215 votes in the could not be confirmed at the Nether-

pledges of support of three of the. About 40 Dutch ships now are in five independents. There are now, ports belonging to Great Britain, and and have been for some months, many a fleet of 15 grain-carrying vessels Republicans who would not vote for is understood to be on its way from the Republican floor leader, even a Holland port to the United States. though it should result in defeating Many of the Dutch ships now in Britthe Republican efforts to control the ish ports have been detained for from

ounly Negotiating.

New York March 28.—Representawere informed yesterday through government to take over all freight tie McGinley, members of the show, ships detained in ports controlled by Ansley and in the country districts | Speaker Clark, when appraised of Great Britain. Inquiry made by the

> The representative of a Swedish and her allies. Among these ships is

Southern Wing of Teutons' Hosts In France Is Slowly Recoiling.

DER THE TERRIFIC

### FIERCE STRUGGLE TO HOLD FOREST.

Germans Trying Hard to Wrest Plateau Near St. Quintin From The French Bad Weather Interferes With Operations.

The southern wing of the German army is slowly recoiling along a tenmile front under the furious onsection of the great Coucy-St. Gobain TO BE DELIVERED forests has been completely cleared of the invaders, and General Nivelle's troops are now face to face with the last formidable natural barrier which lies between them and Laon-the plateau of St. Gobain.

This densely wooded plateau lies between the Oise and the Ailette, and ing from about 80 to 200 feet in height. No railways or highways center of the m tories in Euror

miles northwest Laon No change has aken place in the the German; are pill making desperthe Essigny-Benay plateau, undisputof the city inevitable. Further north the British have made some slight progress, but no material change in Rear Admiral Oliver will leave Sat- the situation has taken place. Bad urday for his new post. He will serve weather is reported to have seriously

> Sporadic fighting has occurred in several of the other war theatres, but nothing to indicate the commencement of major operations.

Apparently the Russians have no need to apprehend a German drive on in the immediate future. The acquisition will be marked by that such an attack was impending tions along this front, and it had been thought that Berlin might take advantage of the possible disorganization of the Russians, due to the recent radical change in the form of government, and press an offensive. The spring thaw has now set in along the whole front, however, and operations on a large scale will be impossible there for some weeks.

Meanwhile the other fields where the expected big Teutonic drive may be inaugurated are being scanned. Atthe Austro-Italian front. An attack of the heaviest character here has been hinted at, and the probability of its taking place is being widely discused in Rome. Some consideration in this connection is also being given points on the Franco-Belgian front outside the zone of the great retreat. the capture of French trenches south

### STEAL A CIRCUS

Garments of Caesar and Cleopatra.

(By Associated Press.) New York, March 28.—Cuban revolutionists stole an entire one-ring circus except the tents and the sawwho arrived here today on a steamship from Cuba.

The rebels, ordered by their chief food supplies, made off with the garand Hattie, the elephant. The circus