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Carolina: Fair and  
continued cold to-  
night; Tuesday, partly  
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## CARPENTERS GO BACK TO THEIR WORK

Strike In The Atlantic Coast Shipyards Is Declared At An End

THEY RESUME WORK PENDING ADJUSTMENT

Men Of Today Had Not Been Advised Of Brotherhood's Response To President's Request

New York, Feb. 18.—The strike by carpenters in the Atlantic seaboard shipyard engaged on government contracts is over, John Rice, national organizer of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners said today. Several thousand men who are still idle are expected to be at work tomorrow morning. About 3,000 of the strikers returned to work this morning, Mr. Rice estimated.

In yard at Philadelphia, Baltimore, Jersey City, Elizabethport, Newark, and New York, about 6,000 carpenters quit work this morning, Mr. Rice announced, because they were unaware of the fact that William L. H. Hutcheson, president of the brotherhood had responded to President Wilson's letter of last night by announcing he would endeavor to influence the strikers to resume work pending settlement of their grievances by the wage adjustment board.

## CONSIDER BILL GIVING PRESIDENT FREE HAND

Designed To Give President Authority To Reorganize Executive Branches

Washington, Feb. 18.—Consideration of the administration bill to give President Wilson blanket authority to reorganize the executive branches of the government was begun today by a sub-committee, headed by Senator Overman, sponsor for the measure.

## POLAND'S ACTION IS RESENTED IN BERLIN

London, Feb. 18.—"Nothing less than a declaration of war upon Germany and Austria," the nations which released Poland "from the yoke of Czarism," is the way that Berlin Lokal Anzeiger characterizes a recently published proclamation by the Polish government council, which, like the Polish ministry, was recently reported to have resigned, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

## TWO AIR ATTACKS ON LONDON TAKE TOLL OF 27 LIVES

Eleven Were Killed Saturday Night and 16 Sunday Night

FORTY-ONE PERSONS ON LIST OF INJURED

Majority of the Victims Were Women and Children—Six or Seven Machines In Last Night's Raid

London, Feb. 18.—Eleven persons were killed and four injured in the aerial attack on London on Saturday, it is announced officially. The casualties in Sunday night's air raid were 16 killed and 37 injured, it was officially announced this afternoon.

## GOETHALS COMPLETES REORGANIZATION

Washington, Feb. 18.—Re-organization of the quartermaster general's department along the lines proposed by Major General Goethals soon after he took charge as acting quartermaster general, has been completed and some official statement soon will be issued explaining the duties of the new branches created.

## TROTZKY WITHDRAWS REED'S APPOINTMENT

Washington, Feb. 18.—Foreign Minister Trotsky, of the Bolshevik government of Russia, has withdrawn the appointment of John Reed as Russian consul general at New York, Ambassador Francis at Petrograd notified the State Department today.

## Railroad Employees Present Side

Washington, Feb. 18.—In response to the invitation of the railroad wage commission to present any information pertinent to the demands of all classes of employees for wage increases, many railroad executives today gave their side of the question.

American Fighters Get Observation Training in French "Sausage" Balloon



This sausage balloon is being used by American observers in France. The Americans are getting a thorough training doing actual work, which is the only sure method of instruction. This sausage is one of the captured type.

## THE OVERMAN BILL IS DENOUNCED BY SENATOR WATSON

Declares It Gives The President Unconstitutional And Autocratic Powers

FOR SENATE DRAFT OF RAILROAD BILL

Says It Is All Right To Limit Control Of Roads To 18 Months After The War—Favors War Measures

Washington, Feb. 18.—Provisions of the Overman bill giving President Wilson wide powers to re-organize the war branches of the government, were denounced as "unconstitutional and autocratic" by Senator Watson today in the course of a speech in support of the Senate draft of the administration's Railroad bill.

## THE DISMISSAL OF ROBERTSON STARTS ROW IN ENGLAND

Some Of The Newspapers Declare That Lloyd-George Should Get Out

GOVERNMENT FACES A POLITICAL CRISIS

Parliament Is Expected To Take Action, Which May Cause Premier To Quit The Government

London, Feb. 18.—The controversy as to the position of General Robertson, whose resignation as chief of staff was announced last week, was the principal subject of discussion of the morning newspapers, which give various versions of the causes which brought about a situation that is generally regarded as a political crisis.

## PERSHING MAKES TWO-DAY TOUR OF AMERICAN SECTOR

Commander In Chief Splashes Through Mud And Ice Of Trenches

SOLDIERS MUST BE WELL CARED FOR

Pershing To See That His Men Are Properly Protected—Soldiers Say They Are Well Fed

With the American Army in France, Sunday, Feb. 17.—General Pershing has completed a two days inspection of the American sector northwest of Toul. In a "tin hat" with a gas mask swung over his chest at the alert position, the American commander-in-chief walked through all the first line trenches, splashing through the mud and slipping on the ice.

## DISORDERED CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA

### A SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE FOR THE NAVY DEPARTMENT

House Asked to appropriate an Additional Sum For Next Year

MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED MILLIONS

Considerable Increase For Norfolk and Charleston Navy Yards—More For Other Branches

Washington, Feb. 18.—Supplemental estimates for the navy for the next fiscal year aggregating \$280,077,152 for ammunition, reserve supplies, pay and other purposes, were submitted today to the House.

Civil War Tearing Out Vitals and Germany Threatening From the Outside.

### SEVERE FIGHTING IN THE UKRAINE

Estimated That 4,000 Were Killed and 7,000 Wounded in the Battle at Kiev Many Killed at Odessa

Belated dispatches from Russia furnish further revelations of the disorderly conditions prevailing throughout the former empire, ravaged by civil war and apparently about to be subjected by another military attack by Germany.

### TELEGRAPH WIRES TO PETROGRAD REOPENED

First News in Two Weeks Comes From the Capital of Russia

Petrograd, Feb. 8.—(Friday)—A battle was begun yesterday between the Bolsheviks and a wing of the Cossack army of General Alexieff, which is advancing toward Kharkov (in the Ukraine, 420 miles south of Moscow).

### WHEATLESS WEEKS MAY SOON COME

Washington, Feb. 18.—Wheatless weeks instead of wheatless days are imminent unless production is increased, the Senate Agriculture committee was told today by C. H. Hyde, representing the Oklahoma State Council of Defense who said that price fixing by the Food Administration should be extended to wheat substitutes.

### A GERMAN ATTACK ON FRENCH LINE

Paris, Feb. 18.—The Germans last night made an attack on the Champagne front, today's War Office statement says. They gained a footing in the French positions, but after a spirited engagement were driven out.

### RENEWS WAR ON RUSSIA

Stockholm, Feb. 18.—The Germans resumed war against Russia today, the Social Democratic states. Their first objective is the seizure of Esthonia and Livonia, it declares.

### NO DEVELOPMENTS IN HERGENROTHER'S CASE

Department's Findings Will Hardly Be Known For Several Days

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—There were no new developments today in the case of A. E. Hergenrother, a postal clerk at Wilmington, N. C.

### Corporation Bill Amended

Washington, Feb. 18.—Amendment of the war finance corporation bill, so as to give President Wilson, instead of Secretary McAdoo, the power to appoint the directors of the corporation, was unanimously decided upon today by the Senate Finance Committee.

### General Hudson Returns

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 18.—Brigadier General William V. Hudson, formerly head of the American Military Mission to Russia and recently recalled by Washington, arrived here today on a Norwegian steamship.

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