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# STORIES OF GERMAN ATROCITIES NOT PROVED, SAYS AMERICAN WRITER

The Chicago Tribune prints a long | upon the first German invaders. The col ighted dispatch from James inference that the shooting was done nell Bennett, staff correspondent, by Belgian civiliane may have inat Aix-la-Chapelle, Germany, flamed the Germans to reprisals. in specific detail disputes and the charges of cruelties and had been burned and one was still ies lodged against the Germans ablaze, as I passed on Wednesday. Mr. Bennett, in company Aug. 26, with John T. McCutcheon of the Chicastar bune, Irvin S. Cobb of the Sat- which had been the scene of an union, Evening Post, Roger Lewis of portant skirmish between the Gersociated-Press and Harry Han- mans and English on the previous extraordinary opportunity of traveling the Chicago Daily News, tray- Sunday, was riddled with rifle shots. for days with the German columns, miles through 20 towns and The small number of windows intact the cobservations lead him to the firm showed that the Germans had made a dred miles through a dozen important conscion that the reports of bar-

Roger Lewis, is in substantial agree- gun until English soldiers who had short range. At other times I trailed nome with Mr. Bennett's story in the concealed themselves in the houses | Mehind through the desolate waste (meago Tribune:

By the Associated Press. New York.—An Associated Press lowing story of his experiences: German empire.

The night before the Germans enment of old men and children, and the or soldiers. violation of women.

prehension. Within an hour the gay-The radiance of the cafes was exgroups of residents broke up hurried- lodged. y and locked themselves into this ters and drew in their tri-colored Belgian flags.

Fears of Brussels Quieted.

The historic Belgian city went tion, remarkably like that from which had learned to discredit. It ought to pleasant word, and treated them with it suffered on June 18, 1815, when it be said to the credit of the Belgians every consideration. Not a single extrembled with the fear of a French victory at Waterloo.

"In less than 24 hours the Belgian citizens were chatting comfortably moniacal torture dissolved into one of

ther in Brussels nor in its enas a single offensive act, so far as I know, committed by a German lion people, invaded by a hostile army of perhaps a quarter of a milfion soldiers, no act sufficiently flagrant to demand punishment or to awaken protest came to my attention.

None Knows of Outrages. The frightful reports that had preceded the German army into Brussels included the disemboweling of old then and the impaling of children on lances just outside Louvain. Investigation not only failed to substantiate these rumors, but could not even discover any one in the immediate vicinity who

An eve witness of unimpeachable havior he had observed during the first German entry into Louvain (August fire. 19) was that of a German soldier who leaned from his horse and kissed a

man columns, often only one day behind the fighting, with the houses that had been burned still smoldering, the trampled by horses and men, and the in the minds of the inhabitants.

No Proofs of Murder. "I interviewed an average of twenty persons in each of a dozen towns and the evidence did not clearly prove that upon a retiring German train. the man had been wantouly murdered He lived in one of the typical small Relgian countryside houses which comlite of a small public bar. This house as at the north of Merbes-le-Chateau, own through which a large part of the German army passed on the road to Maubeuge:

A son of the murdered man whose blood clots on the floor marking the lace where Nicodem fell, his throat by a saw-edged German saber.

English Fired From House. "It was said by some inhabitants hat the murdered man showed a pair war, the general said, he punished the too complete subordination. It is im- change their course in Galicia and in- victoriously repulsed. binoculars; but a more probable offender by burning the houses from possible for any one who has seen stead of continuing on to Berlin they There is confirmation of German flight of the enemy at Semlin can be vplanation is that English outposts which the shots were fired. and concealed themselves in the house, ; um which they poured a rain of fire of reported outrage or reprisal which dations and unsoldierly conduct."

Rotterdam,-The Cologne Gazette reports that the German emperor de- you. I have often seen your regiment withdrawing in flight. then he visited his son, Prince Oscar, quered land. who is commandant of the grena-

blased his son and then walked along tory of the war.

#### JOFFRE HAS CLOSE CALL: **ESCAPES GERMAN AMBUSH**

London The Daily Mail corre- guns were trained shells fell all to date has been \$11,265,000,000 epondent in Paris wires:

teered his motor car and is now driv- the general nor the driver was in- gust f, has been \$166,500,000. ing it for officers of the general staff, jured. Boillet dashed on at full speed hear that General Joffre had a nar- and was out of the danger zone below escape some days ago. He was fore the Germans could fire again." being driven by Boillet, a French racing driver, and the Germans seem to have laid an artillery ambush for him of orange flowers.

deliberate assault upon the residents cities and towns. barriles alleged to have been perpe of the town. But the inhabitants by German troops are false themselves admitted that all of the the front to see the white artiflery shooting had been done by a com- smoke spurt into clouds along the The following dispatch to the Asso: paratively small number of Germans, horizon and hear the double detona-Press, evidently forwarded by and that the firing had not been be- tions which came from artillery at river Meuse, north of the Verdun. had fired first upon the Germans.

"In that neighborhood four houses

"This town of Merbes-le-Chateau,

News of Incident Goes Far. "I have emphasized the one fatality sufficorrespondent of American birth of the noncombatant because the and antecedents, who was sent from news of it traveled up and down the merous cases of the most careful courthe New York office and was caught Sambre and across to Hantes-Wiberie tesy on the part of German soldiers. to Brussels at the time of the Ger- and Soire-sur-Sambre, multiplying as In Brussels they not only paid their man invasion, held as a prisoner for it went and developing ghastly and in- cafe bills, but tipped generously. several days, and who finally escaped human details until it seemed an un- Along the road, when a German officer to Holland, has sent by mail the fol- asswerable reproach to the whole or soldier entered a Belgian house for Marne. The battle ended when the

"With this one possible exception, I mand but a request. In spite of the tered Brussels, when the Belgian civil did not encounter in Nivelles, in confusion and errors which arose from guards and refugees began pouring Binche, Buissiere, or Soire-sur-Sam- a strange tongue there was almost no thato the city from the direction of bre, or any of the other towns I friction of any sort. Louvain, they brought stories of un- visited, a single incident of mistreatspeakable German atrocities, maltreat- ment or any sort by German officers

"Bruissiere-particularly the lower discomfort they were causing. Upon "The Belgian capital reeled with ap- part of the city—had been virtually leaving a house where they have been destroyed by a cross fire from French ely, the vivacity, and brilliancy of the and German artillery. Tops of brewcity went out like a broken arc light. eries had been hurled bodily to the ground, and walls had either disap- gentlewoman of a Belgian villa, as changed for darkness; whispering peared or become grotesquely dis- pleasantly as if they were bidding

Burgomaster Denies Reports.

and more than a hundred wounded at hand that a recital of them would were brought in a single day. Au- be tedious. he knew of no cases of German cruel. their, soldiers, the German officers althat they have not allowed their bit-1 ception to this civility toward prisonterness toward the Germans to carry ters has come to my attention. them into unfair recrimination.

"Robert J. Thompson, American consul at Aachen, visited Liege during prison train from Beaumont to legations of German brutality and det and after the capture of the forts. It is the opinion of Mr. Thompson that over thirty-six hours. The train was the myths which have accompanied all no outrage was committed by Ger- crowded with German wounded and mans during the several days' fighting | French and English prisoners, and

account of their vagueness or because it is impossible to weigh the provocation. It is known, for instance, that coffee. Since there was not enough not far from Ardennes: German soldiers' say that they were killed because they fired upon them from the

roofs and windows of the houses. Differ on Louvain Incident. "The history of the absolute de the approach of the soldiers and abanstruction of the historic city of Louvain with its cathedral and its univerburgomaster, established themselves! in the church, where they also installed a machine gun. They proceed fer additional support to a point that

pretty Fiemish girl who brought him mistaking one of their own retiring di-"I have not been able to acquire any

memory of the German advance vivid erally credited by disinterested per- prisoner, a swaggering petty officer of event they are successful in defeating sons is that the Belgians, who had laid some sort, lunged toward me and down their arms, according to the bur- showed me the sharp convincing edge gomaster's proclamation on the en- of his sword, insisting that I run my trance of the enemy, took them up hand across it. again when it looked as if the Gerbatant who had been killed without mans were retreating from the town. a justifiable provocation. In this case and opened fire from their windows training seem to have put into the

Jarotzsky Tells Outrages. "The most authoritative German denial of German offense comes from Maj. Gen. Thaddeus von Jarotzsky. formed me that in numerous cases he charge of us, giving instructions to roof tiles. This was done, he said, ly way to drink only moderately, stating the citizens against any show of years in the penitentiary.

"I can only say that in every case lieve in the tales of deliberate depre- siege the capital of the dual-monarchy. long extended battlefield

said:

and as your fathers fought in 1871. generals were taken prisoners.

with his suite in five automobiles. He inscribed in letters of gold in the his- thank but one-that is our God, who members of the reichstag.

"As soon as the car reached the por

tion of the road on which the German

Tunis yearly distills 200,000 pounds

would have to travel.

quartered in the village. Standing in also fought gallantly, also the army of the middle of the square, the kaiser the crown prince. The fourth army. "I greet you as your chief. I thank vanced victoriously. Our enemies are been widely distributed and bears the over muddy roads and they have won-

Warned to Avoid Drinking.

which is nothing less than remarkable

Before I fell asleep on the floor of the

Beaumont cafe, with two German sol-

diers' guns slanting almost over me.

the guards, which included the state-

"German discipline and German

is ever over us." . -

### along the road by which they knew he WAR COSTS ENGLAND

London.-The cost of the war up around it. One fragment as large as The cost to England alone, based From a Frenchman who volundateacup struck the bonnet, but neither on figures covering 43 days from Au-This is at the rate of \$3,872,093 day, \$161,337 an hour, \$2,689 a min-

> ute and \$44.80 a second. Spain devotes 3,584,720 acres to ficial bureaus, cafes and other places. his plan for final victory. olive growing.

## found either that the outrage was a figment of the Belgian mind or that tice of sniping from the houses was

was susceptible of investigation I have

t was more than half excused by cir-

"The prevalence of the Belgian prac-

for five American correspondents, in-

as prisoners from Beaumont to Aachen

lie down on the floor of the car as the

Belgian snipers would shoot at us from

the houses. But there was no firing.

the German'army: it is an account of

German conduct as it appeared to an

impartial observer who had the rather

over a distance of more than a hun-

which a victorious army leaves be-

Pay All and Tip Well.

"On the contrary, I witnessed nu-

food or shelter, it was not with a de-

"The German soldiers were punctil-

iously considerate and polite to wom-

en and children, apologizing for the

given shelter. I have seen them shake

hands with the concierge, peasant

woman, or in some cases with the

"So many instances of this sort are

"Naturally inclined to be gruff with

ways gave the French prisoners a

"A French lieutenant and two Eng-

lish officers traveled with us in the

except a few fragments of rve bread

gium masquerades under the name of

house party.

"This, of course, is not a brief for

perhaps indicated by the warning of the German officer who acted as guard Pushed Back Near Belgian Border By Allies Germans Make Despereluding myself, who were being taken ate Stand in an army train. We were advised to

## RUSSIANS ARE IN CONTROL

Of Situation in Galicia and Are Progressing in Poland and Russia Against Germans

The second great battle between the allied armies of Great Britain and France against the Germans in the northern part of France is in progress. It is the battle of the Aisne. The "Sometimes I was near enough to Germans are strongly entrenched in the mountains in the region of the Noyon on the river Oise, northwest of Paris. Their battle line extends to the Strong reinforcements, probably from Lorraine, has strengthened their lines.

Allies Win Battle of Marne. When the German armies invaded France from Belgium they swept the allies before them and pushed steadily. forward until they were almost under the walls of Paris. Then the tide ofthe battle turned. The allies were the pursuers and the Germans the pursued. This was known as the battle of the Germans had been driven north of the Aisne river and the allies were the

Three Million Men Engaged. It is predicted that the battle of the Aisne will be even more appalling than the battle of the Marne. Military experts estimate that there are nearly 3,000,000 men assembled on a battle to push the invaders out of France. The Germans have left a sufficient been no change in the situation." adieu to their hostess at a week-end

> from the north of France and Belgium acting purely on the defensive, having pops his Britanic majesty's submarine rush of the Czar's armies through The German official reports are al- them all on board, shuts up again, East Prussia, and will send them to most identical with those of the allies. dives and brings them home 250 miles! the assistance of the Germans in They say no decision has been reach-

for peace have given little encourage- from Verdun have been repulsed. "Germany," he said, "wants permanent of lords, "the right moment," peace and protection from further warwould continue his efforts along this

even of this disheartening fare to go Russians Moving Forward. food so that the prisoners might be fed. According to dispatches from Rome and Petrograd, the Russian capital, the "In a little cafe in Beaumont, conarmies of Austria in Galicia are in a doned their business. Two officers forts surrounding Prezemsyl, but the found them in hiding, brought them Russians have surrounded this locaback, and in a day they had taken in | tion and are expected to make an at-German version of this is that the in- more money than in any previous tack at any time. The German troops "These incidents could be indefinite. Austrians falled in their mission and ly prolonged, but they would only of themselves were forced to fall back.

that were sent to the assistance of the Undaunted by the former defeat at ed to greet the Germans with a deadly I think I have already established- Konigsberg, in East Prussia, the Rusof the withdrawal of a large portion of cases of drunkenness in observing who have been ordered to the relief nearly 1,000,000 soldiers, and these of the Kaiser's armies in France, and upon them, whereupon, deluded into few were only good-naturedly maud are planning another assault on Kothinking this an assault by Belgian lin. In Beaumont while I was detained nigsberg. The Russians are also encivilians, the Germans razed the city. for 24 hours in the small cafe pre- joying victories against the Austroviously mentioned, with an armed German armies in Poland. The armies direct evidence in regard to these last guard at the door, although specifical of the Czar in Galicia and Poland are two instances, but the explanation gene ly told that I was not an ordinary already marching on Berlin and in the he only a short time before there will general staff: be three great armies pushing their

> way to Berlin. Fighting Spreads to Asia The European war during the past

against the Germans in Africa. Austria in Deep Gloom

The deepest gloom overspreads Auss riendliness by Belgian civilians, who ment that any one of us who stirred tria. The government has called the ater fired upon the German soldiers outside the door should be shot. Then last reserves to the colors. News of victories over the Servians was given! much of the German system to be will encircle the Carpathians and be successes at several points of the estimated by the quantity of provis

kinds of publications; the latest be of the German siege guns is limited "The Truth About the War."

Belgians Call on President Washington.-The Belgian commission, sent to protest against alleged \$44.80 EACH SECOND German atrocities, was received at of the Daily Mail explaining General radiographic proofs made by Charles the white house by President Wilson, Joffre's success says: "The reward of Vaillant of the Laribosiere hospital Accompanying them was the Belgian praise must be chiefly Joffre's. It and submitted to the Academy of Sci minister, E. Havenith.

Banishes Joseph's Portralt of Emperor Francis Joseph in Czerno think confidence never had wavered. from 8 to 10 seconds for wounds in witz, capital of the Austrian crown He has had the courage to expose him- the elbow or leg, 15 seconds for

**AUSTRIAN SHARPSHOOTERS HOLD BACK SERBS** 



Austrian sharpshooters along the Danube river checking the advance of the Servian troops.

Thrilling Rescue by Submarine

living in this country.

exchanged.

frontier.

Peace Move Appears Hopeless

Washington -- Great Britain has re-

Coincident with the receipt of this

information from Great Britain it was

learned authoritatively that President

Wilson had not pursued either with

Great Britain, France or Russia the in-

formal suggestion of the imperial Ger-

man chancellor that "it was up to the

London.-The Daily Telegraph's

Rome correspondent says he learns

Servians Capture Semlin

movement continues successfully on

ant developments along the lower Dri-

fensive. The hurried nature of the

British Victory in Africa

Radiograph Locates Bullets

in surgery in the field has shown by

thigh or thorax.

Paris.-The services of radiography

ions equipment and arms found."

Nish, Servia - The Servian offensive

Battle of Aisne in Progress

London. For five days the British and French armies have been trying matic and piquant episode that modto dislodge the Germans from the strong line of defenses which they Heligoland fight. His letter reads: line about 110 miles long. Theusands stretching from the Oise to the Meuse my, lowered a whaler to pick up her of lives will be sacrificed in the at- rivers. There have been attacks and swimming survivors; before the whatempt of the armies of the defenders counter attacks, but, in the words of the official communication, "there has up and chased the Defender, and thus force in Belgium to protect their re- The allies claim to have made slight their feelings; alone in an open boat

treat through that country in the progress at some points against the without food, twenty-five miles from event they are forced to fall back. German right wing north of the river the nearest land, and that land the en-Word has been received that Ger- and Rheims, while they say in the cen. and foes around them. many has recalled the armies she sent ter and on the right the Germans are swirl alongside, and up, if you please. ed, but that the allies' power of resist. would dare face the critics with an ance is weakening, that a French at | episode like that in it, except, perhaps. The negotiations that have been go tempt to break their right has failed; ing on between the United States and that in the center the Germans are Germany with regard to a movement gaining ground slowly and that sallies

imperial chancellor of Germany, has the commanding generals have not yet Chicago, who came to present mesdor Gerard at Berlin that the United ents' dispositions and that each is organizations protesting against the States secure terms of peace from withholding his determined blow for, charges of atrocities made by the Bel-

> London.-So little has appeared regarding the movements of the British aerial forces that the following excerpts from a discussion of its activities by one professing to be closely connected with this branch of the ser-

Speaking of the sending of thirtysix British aeroplanes across the chan-

some time, he says:. "As a combine flight, that surpassed anything ever done in aviation; but it was only part of a big movement; othvious day, and at the present moment | directly or indirectly, from Germany three full squadrons, Nos. 2, 3 and 4, or Austria, and therefore, has nothing transport, are with the expeditionary sage received by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice. two fatal accidents, and the appear- ward Grey, British foreign secretary, ance in the casualty lists of an air- The ambassador had inquired whether man's name among the wounded, noth- any peace proposal was before his gov ing authentic has been published con-ernment in view of persistent fumors cerning the doings of the royal flying from Berlin that proposals were being

Petrograd. The following communication was issued by the chief of the

"On the front in Eastern Prussia the armies of General Rennenkampf dennitely stopped the offensive movement of the Germans. At several points the

"On the Austrian front the pursuit gun an attack on the German posses- of the enemy continues. . The Russions in China. The British forces sians are approaching the defensive that eight German army corps left in Africa have begun a campaign positions of Sienawa, Jarosau and France and Belgium for the Russian Przemsyl (Galicia)."

Germans Deny Defeats Washington.-The German embassy

out to the people of Austria, but this victories of battles in France are un- na have been reported since the Serafter a declaration of surrender by the ing that if they became drunk he has not helped to dispell the depres true. The German retreat of the west- vians victory on September 9. The burgomaster and a proclamation warn- would recommend a sentence of 15 sion caused by the continual defeats ern wing was a practical maneuver not following official statement was is lage). In the Vosges, the enemy has orders and on lea s. suffered by their soldiers fighting the affecting the strategical position. The sued: "On our northern front, after "If the conduct of the German sol- Russians in Galicia. Vienna lives in French attempt to break through the taking Semlin, our troops still con- neighborhood of St. Die, but without dier errs at all it is on the side of a constant fear that the Russians will center of the German position was linue successfully to pursue the of success.

to influence public opinion with all of the Daily Telegraph says the value under the duke of Wurtemberg, ad- ing a pamphlet in Italian which has to two points. They can be dragged manded by Colonel Daetson, after two night marches, surprised the German force which had occupied a drift sixty derful armor-piercing qualities when miles from Steinkopf, in the Mamaa speech to his troops after on parade and now it gives me parthe battle of Virton, near Longwy, ticular pleasure to greet you on conRussian corps over the frontier. Two Russian corps capitulated on the open the navat expert; Mathlas Erberger, thied positions their effect on the sol- Germans were compelled to surrender. "Your regiment fought as I expected field. Sixty thousand men and two leader of the clerical center in the diers is terrible; some of the Belgi. Another Cape Town dispatch reports German reichstag, and Joseph Freder ans in the Liege forts were driven that the action took place at Ramon's The kaiser appeared in the evening The battle of Virton will be eternally For all these victories we have to ich Nauman and Count Oppendorf, also crazy. But the French laugh at their Drift, an important strategic postion. effect in the open.

> Joffre the French Hero London.-The Paris correspondent

was not always kindly that the name ence. The proofs, which were remarkof Joffre was mentioned during the ably clear, were obtained by an exretreat from the frontier, though the tra rapid process in from four to six Petrograd.—The display of portraits chorus of praise now would make one seconds for a wound on the hands.

TROOPS SLEEP IN FLOODED TRENCHES

RAIN MAKES ARMY LIFE WORSE THAN EVER-RIGORS OF

Both Sides Report Losses of Vessels to the Enemy on the Seas. Italy Reported Prepared.

Reports differ as to the progress of the great battle in Northern France between the Allied British and French armies and Germany. Some indicate that there is extremely heavy fighting while others tell of great masses of troops lying in flooded trenches, many of them utterly exhausted.

At some points, at least, flerce engagements have been fought with the tide flowing first in one direction and then in the other. The Allies have that there is much fighting yet to be | will be in the senate. done before any material advantage can be claimed by either side. The British in the trenches say:

London .- "The most romantic, draattacked by superior forces and obern war can show." says a naval lieuliged to yield some ground this was gallon. regained almost immediately. Berlin officially announces that the Franco-"The Defender, having sunk an ene British forces have been obliged to take the defensive in entrenched positions and that therefore the result ler got back an enemy's cruiser came of the German attacks are slow. Interesting information has been given she abandoned her whaler. Imagine out by the British Admiralty regarding British successes and misfortunes in various waters. The British merchant cruiser Carmania has sunk Suddenly a but the German cruiser Koenigsburg E-4 opens his conning tower takes has disabled the British cruiser Pegasus, while the latter was overhauling her machinery in Zanibar harbor. Is not that magnificent? No novel killing 25 men and wounding more than three times that number and the German Cruiser Enden has sunk six Jules Verne; and all, true! Magnifi-British merchant streamers in the

Bay of Bengal. German-American Protest Rejected In fighting around Rheims the mat-Washington.-President Wilson de destruction of the famous cathedral, the world, dating back to the Thirteenth Century, which is reported to have first been pierced by many German shells and then to have burst

Against the destruction of the cathhe had already refused to permit natives of other belligerent countries livcided to send through diplomatic channels a protest to all the Powers. of the German-Americans were not of the same nature as those brought Island of Halker, by the Sultan, of the Turkish fleet, including the former by the Belgian commissioners. He on neutrality addressed to the Ameri-Constantinople for coal. can people should apply equally to all

Italy, according to reports from men under arms.

ALLIES MAKE SLIGHT GAINS.

"On our left wing we again have at customs houses, according to made a silght advance along the right | values, is renewed. bank of the River Oise.

"A division of Algerians captured another flag. "All efforts of the Germans, supnorted by strong artillery to smash

"Near Rheims the hill of Brimont. portion of which we had occupied, 1898. has been retaken by the enemy. In return we have taken possession of the defenses of La Pompelle (about five miles East by Southeast of Rheims.)

"The Germans have roused themselves to a condition of such fury that without military reason they have attorney to sell. 25 cents: protest of fired on the cathedral of Rheims, a note, bill of acceptance, etc., 25-

"On the western side of the Ar gonne our gains are maintained.

enemy has been driven back beyond reference to stamp tax on checks, the frontier, evacuating in particular tried to resume the offensive in the

"Our attacks progress slowly on that side because of the difficulty of the ground, the defensive works en- drowned when a steam schooner was countered there and the bad weather. pounded to pieces in a gale 60 miles ation of the reduction of the forts not and even indicate that its governor

will be interned at Torgau (Prussia.) "The Saxon army has been broken Hausen, has been relieved of his com- sage from the British cruiser Suffoll ed heavy losses."

Fighting in Water. London.-Rports from the front, says the Exchange Telegraph's Paris correspondent, show that the French and British troops are fighting waist deep in water the rains having flood. plies to belligerent war ressels off the ed their trenches.

Austrians Surrounded.

Paris .- The Rome correspondent of The Echo de Paris states under reland of Bukowina, has been prohibit self to the danger of contempt and wounds in the shoulder or knee, and serve that reports from Petrograd in ed. The prohibition extends to the of the criticism of his country to realize 25 to 30 seconds for wounds in the dicate that General Dankl's Austrian questions, but officials made it plain Russians.

## DEMOCRATS AGREE ON FULL WAR TAX

NO. 20.

REPUBLICANS ARE FIGHTING

SHIPS ARE DESTROYED WILL TAX ALL THE BANKERS

Theatre Tickets, Pullman Berths, Pool and Billiard. Rooms, Legal

Papers, Circuses, Tobacco, etc.

Washington.-An emergency reve nue bill to provide \$105,000,000, taxing beer, wines, gasoline, sleeping and parlor cars tickets, insurance, telegraph and telephone messages, amusements and a variety of decuments was agreed on by Democrats of the house ways and means committee and was introduced by Democratic

Leader Underwood early this week. Republicans of both house and senate have already gone on record won a position here and the Germans in opposition to any war tax meas have gained one there. But all re ure. Democrats hope to rush the ports, official and otherwise, agree bill through the house. The big fight

The committee increased the internal revenue tax on beer by 50 cents a barrel, making the new tax total We are slowly beating them back." \$1.50. Domestic wines are to be tax-The French official statement de- ed 20 cents a gallon on sweet wines clares that though furiously counter- and 12 cents a gallon on dry wines. Gasoline is to be taxed two cents a

Stamp tax provisions and the tax on tobacco dealers brokers bankers. ule A, will continue in effect until December 31, 1915. The remainder of the bill will be in force until repealed.

Bankers are to be taxed two dollars on each \$1,000 of capital, surplus; and undivided profits; brokers will pay \$50 each, pawnbrokers \$20; commer-Proprietors of theaters, museums and meats \$10 and proprietors of bowling alleys and billiard rooms \$5 for each

Tobacco dealers and manufacturers bacco dealers not specifically provided for" the tax is to be \$4.80 each. er of greatest interest has been the in 1898 there yas a \$12 tax on to-50,000 pounds or more

Bonds and certificates of indebtedness are taxed five cents for each \$100 one cent each with a mandatory provision that the shippers must pay edral the French Government has de | be taxed one cent on all tolls of 15

The bill carries taxes of 50 cents on each indemnity bond, two cents on each certificate of profits, 25 cents German cruisers, Breslau and Goeben, on each certificate of damage and 10 after which the warships proceeded to cents for each certificate not especially provided for

Life insurance policies are to be Rome, has more than a half million taxed eight cents on each \$100 and fire, marine, casulty, fidelity and guaranty insurance policies one-balf cent on each dollar, as in 1898. Goods withdrawn from sustom houses will pay a stamp tax of 50 cents as in 1898, but the 25 cent tax on each warehouse receipt imposed in 1898 is omitted. The 1898 tax of from 25 cents to one dollar for entry of goods

> for each berth in a sleeping car the tax now is to be two cents against

to a foreign port will be taxed from one dollar to five dollars each, accord-

Other provisions are: Brokers' contracts, 10 cents; deeds and other con veyances, 50 cents when not exceedeach additional \$500; mortgages 25 cents for each \$1.500; nower of et-

Because of constitutional questions. foreign bills of exchange, charter "On the right wing in Lorraine the bills of lading and also struck out all bills of exchange, drafts and deposit certificates and . - ostoffice money

> Loose Lives in Schooner Wreck. eighty men, women and children. coastfise passengers and crew, were

May Close Wireless Station.

Washington.-Unles sa prompt and satisfactory explanation is forthcomless Telegraph Company of America up and its commander, General Von in receiving and forwarding a mesmand. The cavalry division of the to a British Admiraity agent in New same nationality, which had fought | York regarding supplies for the war. in Lorraine at the opening of the ship, the company's station at Siascampaign and later was sent to Rus-sia, has shared the downfall of the communication." This was the reply Austrian army and must have suffer of Secretary Daniels to protests of the company.

United States Outlines Attitude, Washington.-How American off cials shall deal with armed vessels visiting United States ports and merchant ships suspected of carrying supcoast was set forth in memoranda issued by the State Department with the approval of President Wilson, Shr Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, has conferred often at the department concerning neutrality any agreement on the subject.