DIRECT FEDERAL **WATERWAY CONTROL**

SENATOR NEWLAND'S PLAN SUB-MITTED TO INTER-DEPART-MENTAL CONSIDERATION,

TO SUBMIT AN AMENDMENT

To the Rivers and Harbors Arppropriation Bill Providing For the Commssion.

Washington. - Senator Newland's plan, generally approved by the President and the inter-departmental committee of the Cabinet, for a commission to direct Federal waterway control and improvements, was the subject of an extended conference at the White House recently. Whether the plan should be pressed at this session of Congress was considered but left undecided. The question will be taken up again at a date not fixed. Cabinet officials reported on their investigation of the subject and Secretary Lane announced their approval of the general plan.

Conferring with the President were Secretaries Garrison, Redfield, Lane and Houston Sepator Newlands and George H. Maxwell of Chicago, exectrics chairman of the National Irrigation Association.

The proposed commission would have authority over questions relating to development, improvement and control of navigation as a part of interstate and foreign commerce; and related quest, is of irrigation, forestry, fisheries, swamp land reclamation clarification streams, flood regulation and water power utilization.

amendment be submitted in the Senate to the rivers and harders appro-priation bill provide g for the organization of the commission to investigate the broad waterway scheme out. The reports showed that the situalined. Such an amendment was de-feated when the blg rivers and har-change, although little firing was in were advan last session by a fillbuster. Appropria-Newlands bill, would amount to \$60,-000,000 a year for 10 years or a total of \$600,000,000.

Honors For Americans.

Vienna, via London, - Emperor Francis Joseph has conferred on the American Ambassador Frederic Courtland Penfield, Rear Admiral Aaron Ward, U. S. N., retired, commander of American Red Cross ship Red Cross and the American minister to the Netherlands, Dr. Henry Vandyke, the Red Cross medal of merit for their services in connection with the American Red Cross mission to the dual empire. Recently the emperor decorated Mrs. Penfield with the grand cross of the Order of Elizabeth for establishing a hospital at Vienna. The Red Cross order was founded by the emperor in commemoration of the semi-centennial of the Red Cross Society, organized in 1864.

Is Subject to Inquiry.

Washington,-Great Britain has addressed a note of inquiry to the state department in regard to charges which that government alleges Colonel Goethals had admitted were baseless against the conduct of certain British colliers in the waters of the Canal Zone. The communication implied that the British ship captains were harshly treated. So far Secretary Daniels has not learned just what led to the recent dismantling of the radio apparatus of a British collier at Panama ,even the name of the ship being

Money For Withheld Salute. Washington.-The house passed an pregent deficiency bill carrying \$4,730,-905, including \$554,371 to cover unexpected expenses incurred by the Army in the occupation of Vera Cruz. During the debate Republican Leader Mann attacked the Administration's Mexican policy. "This bill," he said. lied countries, but military men ex- Germ "carries half a million dollars to pay the expenses of our troops at Vera Cruz, sent there to obtain a salute of 21 guns, which has not yet been given."

Thaw Back to New York.

Washington.-Harry K. Thaw lost his fight in the supreme court of the United States against being extradited from Hampshire to New York. New York authorities to answer an infrom Matteawan asylum. Whether his escape, while, as his counsel contendcorpus proceeding.



New photograph of the Duchess of Westminster, who, at her own exthe annual appropriation bill. depense, equipped and took to the war flection of democrates defeated sim-

ARMIES NEAR THE BORDER

GENERAL BLISS REPORTS THE RESULT OF HIS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

Denies to Secretary Garrison That He Has Made Definite, Final Demands on General Maytorena.

Washington. - Secretary Garrison gave President Wilson the latest re-It has been suggested that an sports from Brig. Gen. Bliss on the sit- bate here, Representative His deuation at Naco, where the Mexican bounced Mr. Moon's statens as generals have not yet moved their forces to avoid firing into American ferritory.

bors appropriation was blocked at the evidence. While the United States is determined, if necessary, to open fire tions for the scheme, according to the on the two Mexican forces to compel them to stop shooting into the State of Arizona, it was feared that no decisive action was planned, pending efforts to Naco to influence the floor," he two factions to adjust the situation.

The general belief in official quarters was that some satisfactory understanding would be reached.

Agents here of the Gutierrez Government to which General Maytorena is loyal, claims that he is preparing gate the to move his force down the railroad south of Naco, so that he can continue to besiege the Carranza force under General Hill with the American border out of the range of fire.

While reports from General Bliss | fluence e the War Dapripment were not made public it is believed they indicated that he thought he had persuaded General Maytorena to stop firing across the line. Until there is a definite understanding on the whole situation, it is thought General Bliss has warned General Hill not to take the railroads offensive, which would draw the fire of the Maytorena troops.

RUSSIAN ARMY RETREATING.

Falling Back From Poland to Get Better Base of Operations. London,-"The Russians are retiring along the entire front in Galicia and Poland."

This statement officially issued at Vienna is the outstanding feature of news from the battle fronts. While there is no confirmation from other sources, such a move on the part of the Russians would be in line with the announcements in Petrrograd dispatches that the Russians threatened on both flanks had decided to take up new positions where they could better | teresti meet the Austro-German onslaughts neight from the Carpathians to the East severe

Prussian frontier. The Russian delay in fulfilling ex- by th pectations that they would prove a bourg serious menace to German territory latest is diappointing the peoples of the Al- This press the view that it is better for offens Russia to fight in her own territory, annil where means of communcation would Lihor be more on an equality.

Admiral Fisher Talks of Efficiency. Washington.-Five years would be required to put the United States have been repulsed in all mpt to Navy in the highest state of efficiency to meet a hostile fleet, accord- river in Poland and figil in the ing to a statement by Rear Admiral Brura river district is de-The court held that the celebrated Fiske before the House Naval Com- garding the victory wh Germany prisoner should be turned over to the mittee. The Admiral, who is chief was reported to have we Poland, of the Bureau of Operations, member dictment for conspiring to escape of the general board and a former president of the Naval Institute, said in the battle of Limarall the Navy was deficient in air craft, where 26,000 Russians at d to have ed, he was insane, constituted a crime, mines, scout cruisers, torpedo-boat de fallen into their hands the court dismissed with the comment stroyers, submarines and in number of that they could not enter in a habeas trained officers and men and had no peror William has paid sit to the mine aweepers.

DUCHESS OF WESTMINISTER ALMOST A SCRAP IN LOWER HOUSE

REPRESENTATIVES HEFLIN AN MOON COME CLOSE TO AGTU AL BLOWS.

DISCUSSION OF POSTAL BL

Rule for Amendments Made Suject of Bitter Passages, Involvis Several Members.

Wash igton,-After two days chot wor's which culminated in excluse of their tions to personal combebe-tween Representatives Heffin o'Alabama and Mooh of Tennessee the house adopted a special rule ticonsider legislation for reforms demaded by the postoffice in connectionwith zone a corps of trained Red Cross ilar rule, which provided for iconsideration of an amendment dreasing postmasters' salaries, elimation of assistant postmasters, expenental substitution of contract serve for the rural delivery service, incree of *laries for rural carriers, chaes in the compensation paid railros for carrying the mails and other reganization plans of the departmen

The rule was passed late wi provisions for cutting postmaste salaries, abolishing assistant postaters and the rural service substition scheme eliminated.

A speech by Representative Moon after defeat of the original le, in which he intimated that "so railroad influence" had operative shift Democratic votes caused a bir de-"false and untrue." Mr. Mq chaldensed him to make the same ted his willi des Mr. Heffin

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A Berlin dispatch what Emwounded soldiers at Pota



Representative Kahn of California is president of the National Defense league and holds that preparedness for war is the only insurance against

GERMANS MAKE BIG RAID

WHITBY, SCARBOROUGH AND of the Potomae and Ohio rivers, were HARTLEPOOL ATTRACTED BY SWIFT CRUISERS.

Casualty List Totals 110, Dead 31; Big Property Loss-Unusual Excitement.

their guns against the Britons.

When day broke they began bombardment of three important towns-Hartlepopl at the mouth of the Tees, Whitby, noted as a pleasure resort, 15 miles beyond. Hartlepool suffermost. There two battle cruisers

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ranza, from a general h. Four hun-Hill's forces of Sonora are eld by a small hundred Car-Coahulla recently Blanca, Texas, on larez.

Goethals Again Asks for Fleet. Panama.-Governor Goethals has again cabled to Secretary Garrison setting forth need for destroyers in canal ports to preserve neutrality. Colonel Goethals says he has no means of preventing the use of canal or Panaman ports as a means of communication and that these ports apparently are being used to that end. Colonel Goethals expressed opinion that there was as much necessity for destroyers at canal ports as at any other American ports where they were stationed to prevent breaches.

JULIUS KAHN

EASTERN RAILROADS ARE AL SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE LOWED INCREASE OF FIVE PER CENT.

THE PRESIDENT IS PLEASED

Wilson Expects Decision to Mave Immediate Effect on business, Will Add \$30,000,000.

Commerce Commission in a decision from which Chairman Hallan and Commissioner Clements dissented vigorously.

Except on lake and rail traffic, coal, coker iron ore and certain other trafn which the commission heretofore has fixed rates adjudicated 'reasonable," all railroads operating in the territory between the Atlantic seaboard and the Mississippi, north allowed the flat five per cent increase for which they have been asking for four years.

The railroads hoped to get increases which would add to the annual revenues some \$50,000,000. The commission's decision is expected to give them additional revenue approximating \$20,000,000.

The roads east of a North and South London.-For the first time in line drawn through Buffalo, Pittscenturies England has been struck burg and Charleston, W. Va., won by by a foreign foe. A squadron of swift today's decision from the increases German cruisers crept through the other than upon the traffic excepted fog to the eastern coast and turned which were denied them in the commissioner's decision last August. The roads west of this line, which got partial advances in the August decision, received further advances; so that now all the roads in which is described as official classification territory will enjoy uniform advances in both

> or of dead at Hartle-diers and 22 civilians. that the roads had established in the shelled by a battle latest hearings a greater need of adrmored cruiser, 13 ditional net income than ever before. eported while at This was due, the decision held, to exe killed and two igencies arising out of the war and to an already existing necessity for addichildren of the tional revenues to maintain the railroad properties.

Chairman Harlan in his dissenting opinion, held that sufficient aid had according to the of. been given the roads by the August of whom 31 are decision and that the findings of the majority was "morally wrong." Comchurches were dam- missioner Clements based his dissent as works and lumber upon what he regarded as the inabilafire, while the ab- ity in law, of the commission to take was struck. The Bal- cognizance of anything in the making Scarborough received of rates other than their justice and

UP AND AT 'EM NOW.

on escaped in England Rises in Anger-Would

Avenge Scarborough. London.-Although there seems no doubt the Russians are retreating, and that for the present any expectation the Allies may have held of an early invasion of Germany must be dismissed, considerable mystery surrounds the reported decisive German

victory which Berlin celebrated. Vienna gives a few details of fighting in the East. The claim is made that the Russians have been driven from their positions north of the Carpathian mountains from Krosno to Zaklicyn which would indicate that part of the Southern line of railway in Galicia again is in the hands of the Austrians and that Piotrkow and another Central Poland town have been stormed, but silence is maintained as to North Poland where the German vicotry is said to have been

"Avenge Scarborough! Up and at

Mexican Bullets Still Flying. Naco.-Five Bullets from the Mexi-

can fighting around Naco, Sonora, struck near shelters built by United States troops on the border. Many other shots fell on United States territory.

Intermittent firing on the Mexican side continued all day. Hill's Carranza troops, defending Naco, seemed to by doing most of the shooting.

Methods Still Asunder.

Atlanta,-No definite action on the proposed amalgamation of the Northern and Southern branches of the Methodist Church was taken by the Church Commission on Federation. which adjourned here after three days of deliberation. Three bishops from the Southern Church, four bishops of the Northern Church, six ministers and six laymen comprised the commission. All sessions were strictly executive, but it was stater that more progres was made than at any time

INCREASED FREIGHT NEEDS OF SOUTH RATES ARE GRANTED TOLD BY HOUSTON

SPEAKS TO SAND HILL FARM-ERS ON BETTER FARMING.

GREAT CROWD AT ABERDEEN

Native Carolina Man From President's Cabinet Talks, Diversification, Livestock, Etc.

Aberdeen. Diversified agriculture, the curtailment of the cutton crop. Washington.-Further increases in the raising of beef cattle, hogs and freight rates were granted to the poultry, dairying, and the co-operative astern railroads by the Interstate work of the people were emphasized as the need of the South by Secretary of Agriculture D. F. Houston, who made a forcible address here, full to the core of valuable suggestions for farm and community life. This was his first address in the South on agriculture since he became a member of

President Wilson's cabinet. The occasion was one planned by the Sand Hill Farmers' Association, an aggressive organization with a membership from fifteen towns and surrounding territory in this section Secretary Houston, a native of North Carolina, was secured to make the address at the rally and was accompanied here by Congressman Page. Nearly four hundred people were in the auditorium of the Aberdeen school



HONORABLE DAVID F. HOUSTON.

in the afternoon and the address of Secretary Houston met with close attentio nand frequent applause. It deserved both.

Congressman Page was happily introduced by Roger A. Derby, chairman of the executive committee of the association, and in a brief speech, in which the work of the association was praised and solid advice given, Congressman Page introduced Secretary Houston, commending him for the service he has rendered the country, declaring that wisdom had guided President Wilson in calling Mr. Hous-

ton into the cabinet. Secretary Houston made no set address, but directed the attention of his hearers to the urgent needs of farm life. The Department of Agriculture, he said, wanted to be of serice. He set forth the possibilities in agriculture and presented as a great need co-operative effort in crop making and in marketing. He commended the work of the Sand Hill Association, and, following his declaration for cotton acreage reduction, he set out the need for other crops, that there are vast possibilities for them in North Carrolina. He urged, too, the upbuilding of the citizen, of schools and of roads. Marketing the crops, he declared, could well be done by cooperation.

Sells \$75,000 Bonds at Par.

Asheville. - City bonds to the amount of \$75,000 take care of Buncombe's floating indebtedness and to enable the beginning of much good roads work in the county were sold recently. The 35-year, five-per-cent bonds were bid in at par, there being but two bidders.

Amateur Journalists to Meet.

Rocky Mount.-In preparation for the twentieth annual session of the United Amateur Press Association, which is to hold its national convention in this city in July, 1915, the local organization, The Blarneys, in session inaugurated the preliminaries for a royal entertainment and incidentally started a fund for this purpose. The United Amateurs of the United States is representative of the great work by amateurs in journalism throughout the nation, and there are enrolled more than a 1,090 members,