

Russians hammering their way westward since the fall of Przemysl.

Berlin is celebrating the victory. though it is admitted flags have been flown before full details are at hand. England and France make no claim to gains in the West, the British merely saying that the German attacks on Hill 60 in Flanders have been beaten back; the French confirm this. The Germans maintain they are pushing forward to the northwest of Yntes and toward St. Julien, which they captured after the attack following their extensive use of gas, but which they were forced to yield under counter-attacks.

In the fighting in the Baltic provinces also Berlin finds cause to rejoice. Rejecting the Russian contention that it is only a sporadic cavalry rail. Berlin wireless com ment says it seriously threatens the Russian right and the fact that troops could be moved so far northwest before they encountered resistance is considered a reflection on the Russion intelligence system.

Se far as claims go, it was an Austro-German day. A number of vessels, neutral and otherwise, have fallen victims to German submarines, Norway being a particularly heavy loser.

## INVESTIGATE GULFLIGHT LOSS

## Department Officials Look Into At tack on Gulflight.

Washington .- Pending an official investigation after the circumstances of the wrecking of the American steamer Gulflight in the English Channel in the United States will defer dipiomatic representations as well as any pronouncement of policy.

Two messages were received from American Consul Stephens, at Plymouth, England, representing the Gulflight was torpedoed off the Scilly Islands, that her captain died of hear failure and two sailors were drowned The texts of the messages fellow:

"American tank steamer Gulflight torpedoed off Scilly Islands first instant. Captain died of heart failure. Body landed. Two of crew drowned. 34 saved. Vessel afloat, patrol boats attempting to tow her into Scilly.

"Gulflight towed into Crow Sound, Scilly, by British patrol. Torpedo struck bluff bow. Vessel down by head. Freeboard forward about two feet, forehold full. Cargo apparently undamaged.

"Blowing gale southeast."

J. P. Morgan is Summoned. Washington.-J. P. Morgan has been summoned by the supreme court to answer the state of Virginia's suit to recover the will of Martha Washington, taken from the Fairfax County when he lands in New York from Europe during the next few days.

IS PROPOSAL OF DAVID LLOYD GEORGE IN THE HOUSE OF

COMMONS.

There is Some Opposition to the Measure .- First Division in House Since War Began.

London .- Resolutions introduced in the House of Commons by David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to double the duty on spirits, quadruple the duties on wines and to institute an increase by graduated tax on beer-to encourage the use of lighter beers-were strongly opposed and it is generally believed that the new takes will have to be moderated before Parliament will accept them. The O'Brienites, as protest against an additional taxation on Irish whis kies and beers, brought about the first division in the House since the outbreak of the war, by voting against the provisional resolutions which would . bring the taxes into force at once so as to prevent spirits being taken out of bond while Parliament is dealing with the resolutions.

The resolution relating to spirits was passed by a vote of 89 to 5, the minority being composed of O'Brienites. The Nationalists also protested against the measure, but did not vote. The Unionists who withheld criticism until all the facts could be placed before them also abstained from voting.

The provisional resolutions imposing taxes on beer and wine also were passed, the Unionists abstaining from voting and the O'Brienites opposing the beer tax.

Usually these provisional resolutions are carried without division, for should Parliament refuse to sanction the taxes, they are refunded to those who may have paid.

The Laborites promised to reply to the Chancellor's charges that a minority of the workmen, lured away by drink, were not putting their best into the work of producing war material.

GENERAL MANAGER RED CROSS.

President Appoints General Carroll A Deval.

Washington .- President Wilson as head of the American Red Cross has appointed Brig. Gen. Carroll A. Devol, U. S. A., general manager of the Red Cross, a newly-created position.

and 30 feet deep. She was aquipped with wireless apparatus.

Washington .- Press reports of the torpedoing of the American steamer Gulflight and the loss of her captain and some members of the crew created a stir in official circles here.

The course of the United States in the case of the Gulflight is not likely to be determined for several days as some time probably wil be required to get the facts. The possibility of any action other than a demand for damages is considered remote because of the belief of officials that the attack on the Gulflight probably will be found to have been accidental.

#### FIRST PLACE IN FINANCE.

America May Lead World at End on Great War.

Philadelphia.-First place in the field of international finance may come to the United Stats as a consquence of the European war, W. P. | cept 136 members of her crew, accordsession of the American Academy of number of the crew was not given, Political and Social Science. To obtain the pre-eminence in international finance, however, Mr. Hard. that about 600 men perished.

ing warned his hearers that the United States must resist any tendency did not say by what the cruiser was ward inflation, and a wild temporary torpedoed an official from Vienna said boom, such as history has shown fre the warship was sent down by Ausquently follows the conclusion of great wars. He declared the nation Lieut. George Ritter von Trapp. now was in a commanding position as the only great world power not in- Ministry of Marine was as follows: volved in war, and pointed to the big trade balance that has been in favor betta, cruising at the entrance of the

by the end of 1915.

### Conditions Are Better.

Washington-General improvement ing confidence" is announced in the cued by vessels sent out promptly to Federal Reserve Board's digest of reports of agents in the 12 reserve dia ed. Development of considerable ac- rine." tivity in certain industries in connec-

Colon Fire Loss \$2,000,000. Colon .- The city of Colon, half on which was destroyed by fire, presented a scene of desolation. According to police records, 10 persons, two ov whom were Panama policemen, perished and many were injured. The loss is still estimated at \$2,000,000 The American consulate was amony

Charles E. Littlefield Dead.

itor in chief of The Nation's Business, the official magazine of the Chamber of Commerce of the United

States issued in Washington.

FRENCH CRUISER IS SUNK

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE SENDS CRUISER LEON GAMBETTA TO BOTTOM.

Graising at Entrance of the Otranto Canal .- All Officers Perished at Their Posts.

Paris.-The French armored cruiser Leon Gambetta has been torpedoed

and sunk in the Ionian Sea with the loss of all of her officers and all exbut it was believed the warship carried 750. From this it was estimated

While the French communication tria submarine U-5, commanded by The communication issued by the

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of the United States. This balance he Otranto Canal, was torpedoed the predicted might reach \$2,000,000,000 night of April 26-27 and went to the

bottom in 10 minutes. "All the officers on board perished

at their posts. One hundred and thirty-six members of the crew, inin business conditions with "return- cluding 11 under-officers were res-

their help by the Italian authorities. "The list of survivors has not yet tricts into which the country is divid- been received at the Ministry of Ma-

SUFFERS FROM LONG DRUGHT.

Forty-Year Record Broken .- Truck Crops Suffering.

spring drought in more than 40 years now exists over eastern United States, anounced The National Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin. Cotton and truck crops in the

Southeast are suffering.

"In Texas and Oklahoma. excessive rains greatly hindered farm work." says the bulletin, "fields were badly

heavily in the operation. Six points were selected for the landings, which began at daylight of

April 25. At five points they were successful immediatery but at the sixth near Seddul Bahr the troops were unable to advance until the evening. The Australians and New Zealanders landed on the west coast of the Gallipoli Peninsula, directly across the country from the strongly fortified Narrows. The other British troops disembarked at the sextreme end of the peninsula and by the twenty-eighth when it was decided to give the men a rest and time to enable the positions to be consolidated, they had reached Krithia, on the road which runs along the peninsula and over which they will join their comrades from the dominions.

The French took possession of Cape Kum Kaleh after they had previously attacked toward Yeni Shehr to the south on the Asia-Minor coast.

While this was proceeding the G. Harding, member of the Federal Re- ing to an official announcement by fleet, besides covering the landing of serve Board, said in an address to the the French Ministry of Marine. The the troops kept up a bombardment of the forts in the Dardanelles and prevented reinforcements from reaching Turkey from the Sea of Marmora. One Turkish troop ship was sunk by the Queen Elizabeth which is believed again to have fired her big guns across the peninsula, directed by airmen. The troop ship was sunk off Maidos a town well inside the Narrows, which later the battleship Triumph bombarded and set on fire.

# FLETCHER PRESIDENT AGAIN.

Re-elected Head of Southern Commerical Congress.

Muskogee, Okla .- Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida was re-elected president of the Southern Commercial Congress here by the board of directors. The other officers also were re-elected.

Senator ·Fletcher had served three previous terms, Dr. Clarence J. Owen, Washington, was re-elected managing director; T. S. Southgate, Norfolk, Va., first vice president; Albert P. Bush, Jr., Mobile, Ala., second vice president and William H. /Saunders, Washington, treasurer. Mrs. Louis G. Lindsley, Nashville, Tenn., was reelected president-general of the women's auxiliary to the Congress.

Views regarding the effect of governmental influence upon business widely at variance with those expressed by George W. Perkins of New York were voiced by Edwin F. Sweet, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, at the final session of the Congress.

England Must Pay Losses.

by any exercise of constitutional thority."

The committee recites that it is in evidence "and the committee so finds" that Judge Carter had a serious nervous collapse and breakdown just before he went on the bench and that since assuming the duties of judgeship he has had an occasional return of nervous disorder which in the opinion of the committee, seriously affects his emperament, provokes irritation and a derangement of his accustomed mental equipoise; that since he assumed office he has held court in 56 counties of the state and while holding courts in at least six of these counties, he has exhibited some evidence of a return of his nervous troubles.,

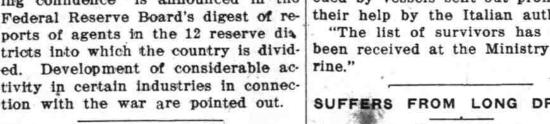
The report of the committee was filed with Governor Craig by Representatives Stacey and Vann, the other members of the committee having left for their homes with the understanding that various clerical corrections should be made by Messrs. Vann and Stacy before filing the report with the Governor. The document consists of 37 typewritten pages, a large part of it however, being a recitation of the legislative proceeding that terminated in the appointment of the committee to investigate, and a complete reproduction of the contempt record filed against Solicitor Abernethy on the minutes of the Craven county court by Judge Carter that brought about the investigation and on which it hinged.

Members of the committee have made it plain that the report as filed really represents the complete views of no member of the committee, but is a compromise of views from seven angles, representing the seven membrs of the committee, individual members having manifested at the outset of the conference widely divergent views as to nearly every phase of the case. However, the report is signed by all the members of the committee.

The committee does not indicate what course Solicitor Abernethy should take to clear the contempt records at Newbern of any reflection on his official conduct and private character, which the committee holds that he is entitled to have. It is understood that the idea entertained is that a bill of equity can be brought by which the court can make an order for the correction of the entries to this end.

#### Will Have Health Exhibit.

Hendersonville. - Hendersonville will have the state's big health exhibit on display on June 2-8, inclusive. The health authorities and oth-Washington .- Senator Hoke Smith, ers interested in the campaign for after a call at the state department, a more sanitary and attractive city are anxious to create greater interest from the United States now held in in the health campaign and it was thought that an exhibit for several days in a convenient place in this city would result in stimulating more civic pride and interest in health matters.



Washington .- The longest early

the buildings destroyed.

Italy's Actions Indicate War. Washington .- Advices reaching the United States government through official and unofficial channels within the last few days indicate that Italy's preparations clearly tend to her participation in the war at an early date. Aside from her extensive military preparations and orders for war supplies, the unexpected public appearance of King Victor Immanuel at the Garibaldi celebration in Rome is regarded there as of much significance and demonstrations then in favor of war would not be surprising ...

General Devol, now attached to the General Staff, was given three months leave of absence on May 1 to assume his new office and become active court house during the civil war and head of the Red Cross. He has not now in the collection of manuscripts determined whether he will remain of the financier. He will be served in the position permanently. To do so he would have to resign from the army at the expiration of the three months leave as he will not reach the age of retirement for several years.

Expects Early Recognition.

Washington. - Unofficial advices that General Carranza expected early recognition by the United States attracted widespread attention in official and diplomatic circles here, Carranza representatives here have been very active recently. The United States, it is said, has been advisd in detail of the Carranza plans. It was said at the state department, however, that the question of recognition had not been formally considered.

New York.-Charles E. Littlefield, died in a hospital here, after an operation Mr. Littlefield was born in 1851, He was a Republican.

Switzerland Preparing.

Berne, Switzerland.-The Federal Council decided to call out the sixth division of the Swiss army.

Increase Rural Mail Service.

Washington.-Plans for a general readjustment of the rural postal service through the country by July to drought." provide mail facilities for a million persons not included in the present routing system, were announced by Postmaster General Burleson. \* Motor vehicles will be provided under the new plan where highways will permit. "Rural service will be extended to exery farmer reasonably entitled to it," said Mr. Burleson, "as rapidly as the new adjustments can be made." South.

washed, bottom lands were flooded, former representative from Maine, and much land already planted to cotton and corn will have to be replanted, while the wet soil will further delay cotton planting which is generally declared that unless the cotton ships cosidered as several weeks late.

"In the principal trucking districts English ports were allowed to proceed to the eastward of the Mississippi on their neutral destinations Great most crops are suffering for rain, Britain "would be forced to pay very especially in the South Atlantic heavy damages."

coast districts.

Wilson Will Stay in Washington. "Early planted corn is coming up, but later planted over the Southern Washington. - President Wilson States east of the Mississippi has not plans not to establish an office at the summer White House at Cornish, N. germinated well on account of

H., but to spend most of his time in Washington. He will make several brief trips to Cornish to visit his fam-Labor Must Co-operate.

Muskogee, Okla .-- Closer relations ily, and short cruises on the yacht between the employer and employe, Mayflower. It was said at the White House that these plans were made not crop diversification and more liberal because the president looks on the treatment for the small farmer were urged by speakers at the Southern European or Mexican situations as Commercial Congress as essential to specially critical, but because hy the commercial development of the thinks it his duty to remain in Wash ington as much as possible.

Demonstration in Terracing. Reidsville .- A practical demonstration in terracing under the auspices of representatives of the Department of Agriculture, will be given at the farm of A. D. Ivie on the Leaksville-Price road, three miles west of Leaksville, Friday, May 7. The work in the field will be under the direction of E. S. Millshaps of Statesville, district agent farm demonstration work, United States Department of Agriculture, who will lecture while the practical side of proper terracing of our farm land is being shown.