

The Weather:  
Fair and Colder To-  
day; Thursday: In-  
creasing Cloudiness.

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## Subscriptions Are Real Vote Getters

Candidates in New Bernian's  
Contest Are Paying Little At-  
tention to Ten-Vote Coupons  
—Now is Most Opportune  
Time To Get in Best Work.

## SECOND DIAMOND RING PERIOD IS JUST STARTING

As each day passes in the greatest  
rivalry contest that New Bern and  
surrounding territory has ever seen,  
the candidates themselves, as well as  
the entire public, are beginning to  
realize that it is the subscriptions  
that count the most votes after all.

There are some candidates who as-  
sumed leading positions at the start  
by clipping the ten-vote coupons in  
the paper each day. These coupons  
will be reduced soon, and then these  
same candidates will be at a loss to  
know just how to keep up in the list  
unless they get out and hustle for  
subscriptions.

If you are one of these candidates  
now is the time to start your cam-  
paign for subscriptions. The first  
subscription turned in by or for a can-  
didate will give 25,000 extra votes,  
and the first two yearly subscriptions  
to THE MORNING NEW BERNIAN  
or seven yearly subscriptions to the  
Semi-Weekly will give 50,000 extra  
votes.

Some of you candidates have been  
wanting an automobile all these years  
and have been wondering how on  
earth you would be able to save up  
enough money to buy one. Some of  
you have been hoarding your money  
because you hated to pay out so much  
for a car. But in the meantime you  
have been letting your friends enter-  
tain you with their cars, then you  
have to figure how in the world you  
are going to entertain them in return,  
without hiring a car or working an-  
other friend.

Now here is your opportunity to  
get that car you have been wishing  
for, and still keep all your money, and  
let it work for you while you are  
sleeping or making more.

Don't it make you feel just a little  
bit envious to see a friend or acquain-  
tance, who has a car, ride past with  
all her friends, when you might be  
having the same good time with the  
same people if you only had a car.

THE NEW BERNIAN is going to  
give away a \$845.00 Overland Touring  
Car, and a Ford Touring Car, on  
March 19th. You can win either one  
of them without a penny of expense,  
if you will only spend a little of the  
spare time securing votes that you  
usually fool away.

Never mind who you are—business  
woman, professional woman, wife or  
daughter of a farmer, or just plain  
folk—you can use the car alright. So  
use your head that nature gave you  
for such purposes, and ride in your  
own car after March 19th.

There are eight other prizes in ad-  
dition to the automobiles, and each  
candidate who remains active until the  
close of the contest will receive ten  
percent commission on all subscrip-  
tion money turned in by them during  
the contest. Those who entered be-  
fore Feb. 10th have already received the  
commission due them up to that  
time.

HOW THEY STAND	
ALLIANCE	
Lela Dawson	26,920
ASKIN	
Mrs. W. C. Ernul	26,360
AURORA	
Mazel Allen	2,100
Mrs. Morgan Guilford	2,020
Anna Ola Hollowell	2,490
Manda Hollowell	1,390
Mrs. M. L. Hollowell	1,200
Miss L. O. Pickering	26,500
Laura Walker, R. F. D.	10,140
BAYBORO	
Nona Moore	5,710
BEAUFORT	
Ross Hubanks, R. F. D.	2,000
Martha Carrow	2,410
Vera Hill	3,140
Margaret Skarren	1,620
BONNEBTON	
Mrs. Samuel Tuten	1,950
BLOUNTS CREEK	
Mrs. Ida Martin, R. F. D.	2,020
Nettie Stiley, R. F. D.	2,010
BOGUE	
Bezie Taylor	26,590
BRIDGETON	
Ada Holton	23,130
Sophie Ryman	5,400
CLAREE	

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## PERSHING MAY BE SUCCESSOR TO FUNSTON

His Knowledge of Mexican Sit-  
uation Fits Him For High  
Military Post.

## FUNERAL AT SAN FRANCISCO SATURDAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—  
Major General John J. Pershing suc-  
ceeded Major General Frederick Funston in  
command of the Southern Department  
of the army. Secretary of War Baker  
today formally announced that Gen-  
eral Pershing, as the ranking officer,  
had automatically assumed tempo-  
rary command. The question of mak-  
ing his appointment permanent will  
soon be considered by Secretary Baker  
and President Wilson. Although the  
President can name any one of the  
major generals of the army for the  
post, General Pershing is regarded  
by the War Department officials as  
the logical choice. The peculiar na-  
ture of the border situation, they said,  
makes it necessary that the new com-  
mander be thoroughly familiar with  
conditions there.

General Funston will be buried in  
the national cemetery at Presidio, San  
Francisco, in accordance with the re-  
quest of his widow. Colonel Barnum,  
aide to General Funston, so wired the  
War Department today. His message  
said:

"In accordance with Mrs. Funston's  
request communicated by General  
Bell, General Funston will be buried  
at the national cemetery at Presidio,  
San Francisco, by the side of his  
son, Arthur McArthur Funston.

Captain Lee, aide to General Fun-  
ston, and a guard of two commis-  
ioned officers and six privates will ac-  
company the remains on a special  
car to San Francisco, leaving San An-  
tonio tonight, arriving at San Fran-  
cisco at 10 p. m. Friday. Funeral in  
San Francisco Saturday."

The War Department was also ad-  
vised that funeral services for Gen-  
eral Funston were held at 3:30 p. m.  
today at Fort Sam Houston.

The funeral escort, commanded by  
General Grain, consisted of the 39th  
United States Infantry, two troops of  
First Alabama Cavalry, and one bat-  
tery of field artillery. General Fun-  
ston's remains lay in state at the Al-  
amo in San Antonio until the depar-  
ture of the funeral train for the Pa-  
cific coast.

## JOHN HUDSON HELD FOR CRIMINAL COURT

Negro Must Answer to Charge  
of Shooting Father Some  
Time Ago.

John Hudson, colored, was given a  
preliminary hearing in police court  
yesterday morning on a warrant  
charging him with shooting his  
father, Dave Hudson. Probable  
cause was found and in default of  
a hundred dollar bond was committed  
to the county jail.

The shooting occurred several  
weeks ago but the victim was unable  
to attend court and the hearing was  
postponed until yesterday. However,  
the defendant, who at the time of  
the shooting, assaulted his brother,  
Mack Hudson, and was arraigned in  
court the day following the trouble to  
answer to this charge. He was con-  
victed and fined.

John Turner, colored, was held for  
superior court in default of bonds  
amounting to two hundred dollars.  
He was charged with carrying a con-  
cealed weapon and an assault with a  
deadly weapon, and probable cause  
was found in each case.

"Henry, how much did you give  
that girl in the cloakroom?" "Only  
a dime, my dear." "I don't believe it.  
I've never seen one of those odious  
creatures smile the way she did for  
less than a quarter."—Brooklyn  
Eagle.

## U. S. TAKES STEPS TO TIGHTEN ITS CONTROL OVER POSSESSIONS

Senate Rushes Measures Ex-  
tending Citizenship to Inhab-  
itants of Porto Rico, and Pro-  
vide System of Government in  
The Island; To Appropriate  
\$25,000,000 to Pay for Danish  
West Indies.

## FORCE RATIFICATION COLOMBIAN TREATY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—  
Under administration pressure to  
bring the West Indian possessions of  
the United States as close as possi-  
ble to the home country to meet the  
present crisis, the Senate today rushed  
two emergency measures. It was  
apparent that the determination of  
the administration to tighten the con-  
trol of the United States over its out-  
posts in the Caribbean and to forest-  
all any maneuvers by a foreign  
power in that vicinity was responsi-  
ble for haste in passing the bills.  
They were:

A bill extending citizenship to the  
inhabitants of Porto Rico and provid-  
ing for a system of government in the  
island.

A bill appropriating \$25,000,000 to  
pay for the Danish West Indies and  
establish a temporary provisional  
government in the new possessions.

In addition to these measures the  
administration influence will be put  
to work to force the ratification of  
the proposed treaty with Columbia  
which would pay her \$25,000,000 for  
her share in the Panama Canal zone.

The administration believes that all  
dissatisfaction in Columbia should be  
placated lest it form a basis of a plot  
that would be of immense benefit to  
any nation inimical to the United  
States in attacking the Panama Can-  
al.

## ARMED GUARDS FOR COSTLIEST POTATOES

FORT WAYNE, IND., Feb. 20.—  
Armed guards were sent as agents of  
safe conduct to a carload of potatoes  
received here by a grocery firm from  
Michigan. The wholesale price of the  
carload was \$3,250 for the 1,500 bush-  
els, which is the highest price record-  
ed in Fort Wayne.

## FORCE ENGLAND TO HER KNEES, IS GERMAN AIM

Press of Central Powers Sees  
Victory Within a Few  
Months.

## SHIPS CHALLENGE FATE IN BARRED ZONE

BERLIN, via Sayville wireless, Feb.  
20.—Close scrutiny of the German  
press since unrestricted U-boat war-  
fare went into effect divulges three  
main points which are again and a-  
gain emphasized. One—absolute  
certainty that the U-boat will force  
England to her knees within a few  
months; two—warning the neutrals,  
particularly the United States, that  
ships entering the barred zone "are  
challenging fate"; three—increasing  
glee over the refusal of Dutch and  
Scandinavian shippers to risk their  
vessels in the forbidden areas and  
gratification over every line of anti-  
British comment in those countries.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Nation-  
wide activities are planned by the  
Women's Military Reserve of the  
United States, just organized here.  
The organization will specialize in  
military training and tactics, camp  
sanitation and first aid.

## COMMISSIONERS SEEK POWER TO AID BRIDGETON

Bill To Be Presented to Legisla-  
ture Would Overcome Com-  
plex Situation.

## TO DONATE \$10,000 FOR PAVING WORK

The commissioners of the town of  
Bridgeton, which is situated just  
across Neuse river from New Bern,  
have made several propositions to the  
Craven county board of commis-  
sioners in which they were seeking as-  
sistance from the county in paving  
some of the principal streets of that  
town. The board was compelled to  
reject all of these propositions be-  
cause the plans conflicted with the  
State laws.

The commissioners desire to assist  
in paving the streets as will be  
seen from the fact that the board  
at a recent meeting instructed the  
county attorney to prepare a bill to  
be presented to the State Legisla-  
ture, through the county's represen-  
tative, which would give them the  
power to donate ten thousand dollars  
to be spent on Bridge and B streets.  
The parts of these streets to be pav-  
ed are between the county bridge and  
the beginning of the graveled parts  
of the Vanceboro and Fowler roads.  
The bill would empower the board  
to pay this amount out of the general  
fund of the county or to issue bonds  
or notes and borrow the money, but  
the matter of spending the money,  
and terms and conditions are left at  
the discretion of the board.

## FARMERS TO MEET TO STUDY FEDERAL LOANS

Prof. Wm. R. Camp, State Spe-  
cialist on Federal System, to  
Be in Attendance.

## TO FORM COUNTY- WIDE ORGANIZATION

There will be a big Federal Farm  
Loan meeting in the court house next  
Wednesday afternoon February 28th,  
at 2 o'clock. Prof. Wm. R. Camp,  
State specialist in this line of work,  
will preside at this meeting and full  
information regarding the farm loan  
system will be given and a county-  
wide farm loan association will be  
organized at this time, which will  
incorporate all local associations in  
the county.

Mr. J. W. Sears, farm demon-  
strator, has been trying for some time  
to obtain the services of Mr. Camp  
for this purpose and he is very for-  
tunate indeed to get him at this  
time, since he has dates for several  
months ahead in all parts of the  
State. He especially urges all citi-  
zens of this county who are at all  
interested in the Federal Farm Loan  
movement to attend this meeting, so  
the organization can be perfected at  
once. The Federal Farm Loan bank  
for this district, located at Columbia,  
South Carolina, expects to be able to  
furnish money by the middle of  
March or the first of April.

Mr. D. E. Henderson, county attor-  
ney, has agreed to be present at this  
meeting and answer all legal ques-  
tions regarding the Farm Loan Act  
free of charge.

## DRY WAVE HITS HOP GROWERS; PLANT BEETS

DALLAS, ORE., Feb. 20.—Prohi-  
bition in the Northwestern States has  
hit the hop growers a serious blow  
and the majority of them are plow-  
ing up their hop fields and will plant  
other crops this year. The chief crop  
of many will be sugar beets.

"You can't get around the fact that  
counterfeiting money is a crime."  
"Certainly not." "But the average  
counterfeiter might give valuable les-  
sons in thrift." "How is that?" "He  
never spends more than he makes."  
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## GREATEST NAVAL BUDGET FOR U. S. AGREED UPON BY COMMITTEE

House Bill Carrying \$268,000,-  
000 Increased to \$533,000,000  
By Senate Committee; To Be  
Presented for Passage Today  
—An Increase of \$35,000,000  
For Submarines, One of The  
Features.

## TO SPEED UP WORK OF SHIP BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—  
The greatest naval budget ever pre-  
sented to Congress was agreed upon  
today by the Senate Committee on  
Naval Affairs. The measure increas-  
ing to \$533,000,000 the House bill ap-  
propriating \$268,000,000 will be re-  
commended to the Senate tomorrow  
for passage.

The most important item inserted  
by the Senate Committee is an ap-  
propriation of \$115,000,000 for speed-  
ing up the work of construction of the  
navy. This provides for the conclu-  
sion in the coming two years of the  
work originally proposed to have been  
accomplished in three years. It cov-  
ers such necessary expenditures as  
might follow in the commandeering of  
shipyards and plants manufacturing  
material needed in naval construc-  
tion and in the manufacture of ord-  
nance and munitions.

The Senate has increased the House  
appropriation for submarine construc-  
tion by \$35,000,000 to be immediately  
available in inaugurating the work  
upon forty coast defense submarines  
and ten sea-going cruisers of sub-  
mersible type. The appropriation  
represents about half the ultimate  
cost. The item contains the specific  
provisions that twenty of the coast  
defenders and five of the cruisers  
must be constructed on the Pacific  
coast.

All this increase of the navy is in  
addition to the increased program as  
initiated by the House. Also the bill  
contains the provision for the con-  
struction of three speedy scout cruis-  
ers, fifteen destroyers, one destroy-  
er tender, an esubmarine tender and  
the original eighteen coast defender  
submarines.

Provision is made for two maga-  
zines for torpedoes, one at Pensacola,  
Fla., and one at Charleston, S. C.,  
to cost about \$125,000 each.

## BILL TO MEET SPY SITUATION PASSES SENATE

Measure Designed to Prevent  
Espionage and Conspiracy,  
Gets Vote of 60 to 10.

## THREE DEMOCRATS OPPOSED MEASURE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—  
The administration bill to prevent  
espionage and conspiracy was passed  
today by the Senate by a vote of 60  
to 10.

The measure included fourteen sep-  
arate measures framed by the De-  
partment of Justice and revised by  
the Senate Judiciary Committee so  
that they might be embodied in a  
single statute. It was opposed by  
Senator Cummins, of Iowa. When  
the vote came the following senators  
were found aligned against the bill,  
holding their negative position on the  
ground that the measure was subver-  
sive of the rights of citizens of the  
United States in certain respects:  
Senator Cummins' supporters were  
Senators Borah, Kenyon, Gronna, La-  
Follette, Norris and Works, Republi-  
cans; and Lee, of Maryland, Land and  
Vardaman, Democrats.

The design of the promoters of the  
measure was to prevent espionage and  
conspiracy.

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## SCANDINAVIAN STEAMER SHELLED WITH CREW ABOARD

## FIGURES SHOW DEATH RATE HERE EXTREMELY LOW

Statistics Published Recently  
Do New Bern Injustice, Says  
Dr. Patterson.

## 40 NON-RESIDENTS DIED HERE IN 1916

The death rate in New Bern per  
thousand, as recently published, was  
more than twenty. According to the  
rate in other North Carolina cities,  
this is extremely high, in fact, it is  
a great deal higher than the actual  
rate of deaths among the citizens of  
the city. In compiling this report  
the death of persons brought here  
from elsewhere for treatment and  
who died here but who were not res-  
idents of the city, and all still-borns,  
were included. Too, in figuring out  
the report, the population was esti-  
mated at twelve thousand, or at least  
three thousand less than the actual  
number of people residing here. Fig-  
uring on a basis of fifteen thousand  
population and not including still-  
born and the deaths of non-residents,  
the rate will be very materially re-  
duced.

Feeling that the city had been done  
an injustice by the publication of  
these figures, Dr. J. F. Patterson, city  
physician, has prepared the follow-  
ing statement, which is considered a  
very conservative estimate of the  
death rate:

"A study of deaths occurring in New  
Bern during the year of 1916, as fur-  
nished by the local register, Mr. D.  
G. Smaw, is most interesting, as it  
discloses the fact that instead of the  
death rate of New Bern being high  
as reported, it is extremely low.

"In computing the death rate of a  
community it is necessary, of course,  
to know the population of that com-  
munity. The population of New Bern  
is debatable. Nine-tenths of the citi-  
zens of the city claim 15,000 popula-  
tion for the city; others claim 13,000.

"If 15,000 is taken as the proper  
estimate, there are approximately  
7,000 whites and 8,000 blacks; if 13-  
000 is accepted as the correct figures  
there are 6,000 whites and 7,000  
colored people. So the death rate  
will be given both for a population of  
15,000 and 13,000.

"The death rate of the white and  
the colored races differ, and the death  
rate of a town in which there is such  
a large colored population as in New  
Bern of course is higher than the  
death rate of a town in which the  
whites predominate. So the only fair  
way to determine the death rate of  
a town is to determine the death rate  
of the two races separately.

"The United States Government in  
the mortality statistics, in estimating  
the death rate of the cities and the  
country at large, always eliminate  
still-births, which is proper, and they  
give the death rate for the residents  
of the town who have died during the  
year and the combined death rate for  
the residents and non-residents who  
have been brought to the hospitals  
and institutions for treatment, having  
died there.

"In New Bern during the year of  
1916 there were 64 whites other than  
still-births who died in the city. Of  
these 45 were residents of New Bern,  
and 19 non-residents—that is people  
who were brought to the hospitals or  
private homes to undergo treatment  
and who were taken sick elsewhere.  
It really is not fair to place these  
deaths against the community be-  
cause these people were taken sick  
elsewhere and the community had  
nothing to do with it. It is the prac-  
tice of Raleigh and the other cities of  
the State in sending out their health  
bulletins to eliminate both still-births  
and non-residents in estimating the  
death rate of the city.

"Estimating 7,000 whites in the  
city of New Bern, the death rate in-  
cluding both residents and non-resi-  
dents was only 9.14 per thousand  
during the year 1916. Estimating the  
white population at 6,000 the death

rate was only 10.14 per thousand.

"The design of the promoters of the  
measure was to prevent espionage and  
conspiracy.

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## AMERICANS WERE ENDANGERED BY ACT OF U-BOAT

Incident Causes Grave Concern  
Among State Department Of-  
ficials; Serves to Tighten the  
Gradually Relaxing Internat-  
ional Tension.

## SECRECY SHROUDS PLANS OF OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—  
Out of the German war zone tonight  
came another report of relentless sub-  
marine warfare that tightened the  
gradually relaxing international ten-  
sion in Washington. Consul Frost at  
Queenstown reported the shelling of  
the Scandinavian steamer Balbeatie  
while the crew was abandoning the  
vessel. The Americans in the crew  
were saved.

The significant statement in Con-  
sul Frost's report that the Balbeatie  
was shelled without cause while a-  
bandoning the ship caused grave con-  
cern among the State Department of-  
ficials, although the department flatly  
declined to discuss the incident in  
any way. It was pointed out, how-  
ever, that the Balbeatie case would  
add weight to the long list of cumu-  
lative violations of American rights  
which the President has now before  
him and which, it has been said,  
might become the basis for the next  
step in the controversy with Ger-  
many. The report of Consul Frost  
on the sinking of the Balbeatie was  
received by the State Department  
yesterday. It was not given out, how-  
ever, until cable reports of the sink-  
ing of the vessel were published to-  
day.

President Wilson and his entire  
cabinet discussed the international  
situation today, but their delibera-  
tions were shrouded in complete se-  
crecy. Both the White House and the  
President's advisors flatly refused to  
make any statement as to the matters  
considered by the cabinet meeting.  
It was understood, however, that no  
final decision as to the course of the  
President in seeking further authority  
from Congress had been reached.

While State Department officials  
declined to discuss the Austrian sit-  
uation or to comment on cable reports  
from Ambassador Penfield, it asked  
the Vienna foreign office to state de-  
finitely Austria's position on the sub-  
marine question. It was learned that  
such a request had been directed by  
the State Department. Ambassador  
Penfield was instructed by the de-  
partment some time ago to ascertain  
definitely the Austrian position and it  
is probable that he has been pressed  
to hasten the matter. It was stated  
unofficially tonight that the President  
was anxious to avoid a break with  
Austria, if possible. He fears that  
such a break would alienate Bulgaria  
and Turkey.

Further assurances as to the safety  
of Americans in Germany were re-  
ceived tonight. The State Depart-  
ment reported the arrival on Swiss  
soil of a train load of consular offi-  
cers and other Americans left in Ger-  
many by Ambassador Gerard.

On the principal of the survival of  
the fittest, a man must either make  
a way for himself or make way for  
others.

- WOMAN'S CLUB CALENDAR •
- Music Department, February •
- 22, 4 P. M. Practice in club •
- rooms. •
- Music Department, February •
- 23, 8:30 P. M. Reciprocity •
- meeting. Hostesses, Mrs. C. D. •
- • • • •

Life is compensatory to this ex-  
tent: When a man reaches the point  
at which his wife is compelled to  
make the living for the family he has  
also reached the point at which the  
fact ceases to humiliate him.—Topeka  
Capital.