IGRESSMEN

MMITTEES ARE MEETING AND ORGANIZING FOR A BUSY SESSION.

HOLD DAILY SESSIONS

ittee Assignments Are Being de and Other Work Preparatory to the Opening.

Washington. - Organization of the dixty-fourth Congress, which renes next Monday, has begun. con-Sento Democrats hold their caucus Monand at the same hour the Ways Means Committee Democrats of House undertook the task of parelling out committee recommenda-

The Senate Democratic caucus were lled to order by Senator Kern, conrence chairman. It is expected that re will be daily sessions throughat the week, the question of revising he rules and providing for cloture of debate promising to enliven the procoodings. For several months a special committee headed by Senator Owen of Oklahoma has had rules revision under consideration.

Organization of the Senate majority is not expected to precipitate any clashes. Although there have been rumors of change in leadership, so definite contests have developed.

No change in chairmanship of important senate committees is confemplated, the leaders say. Senator Tillman of South Carolina will retain chairmanship of naval affairs; Cham-berlain of Oregon, military affairs; Stone of Missouri, foreign relations; Simmons, North Carolina, finance; Overman. North Carolina, rules; Owen, Oklahoma, banking and currency; Myers, Montana, public lands; Hitchcock, Nebraska, Phillipine Isinds; Culberson, Texas, judiciary; wlands, Nevada, interstate comand Martin, Virginia, appro-

the retirement of Senators Root Burton, two important Republivacancies occur in the foreign reons committee, but there are no spocratic vacancies. Most of the ortant yacancies to be filled in r committees, also occur on the blican side. Committee places it be found by the Democrats for new members, Underwood, Ala-ns; Phelan, California; Beckham, Broussard. Louisiana mson, South Dakota, and Husting

ENDORSE NAVY PROGRAM.

Security League Thinks Step

is in Right Course. Thicago.—The preparedness pro-um of President Wilson was enorsed as a step in the right direc-on in committee reports on the army, the navy and the militia read conference of the National League here. On each asof the problem, however, the nittee findings were that the administration had not indicated a de-sire to go far enough to make the safe from attack. untry safe from attack.

The proposed army increases,

nted out, should be broadened provide for extensive and continu education of officers and for colon of large reserve stocks of supof all kinds.

The navy plan was criticised as exg over too long a period for etion and as making no provifor adequate personnel on ships building and proposed.

ilding and proposed-project for a "continental project for a endorsed merely as a "first d a suggestion was made that men between the ages of 18 and hould be enrolled and have milieducation.

erican Killed by Turks. Switzerland, via Paris-Mr. e, an American citizen and sevforeigners were killed by Irfa Mesopotamia while to defend Armenians from the rding to a story printed in

spaper Nonvelles de Basle. int Takes Canadian Wheat. Ont -The Canadian governcommandeered all high-grade elevators from Fort William Superior to the Atlantic tion was taken by the ain commission under the r act. The wheat seized grades No. 1 hard and 1, 2, It was the property of rs and millers. ces the amount at about shels, a cosiderable part

o property of Americans.

Hold Only Fringe. greater portion of of the Serbian North wed to have crossed ains of Albania and nere the Serbs are conaid of King Nicholas terner resistance to and Bulgarian in Belgians, however, id only a fringe of hich widens as it hwestern corner, of is the center. THE MISSES CHASE



The Misses Suzanne (left) and Elizabeth (right) are the daughters of Capt. and Mrs. Volney O. Chase, U. S. N., and are among the prominent debu-tantes in Washington society this

TRAIL LEADS TO EMBASSY

CAPTAIN BOY-ED CHARGED WITH HEADING CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE LAW.

Mr. Wood Said Defendants "Rode Roughshod Over Laws and Treaties of the U. S."

New York.-Capt. K. Boy-Ed, German naval attache with headquarters at the German embassy in Washington played a leading role, according witnesses in Federal court here, in the alleged conspiracy of several Ham burg American Steamship Line offi cials to deceive and defraud the United States by sending neutral ships with supplies to German men-of-war at the beginning of the European war

One of these witnesses swore that Captain Boy-Ed personally directed the expenditure of approximately \$750,000 which, unsolicited and unex pected had been deposited to the witness' credit in a New York bank in September, 1914. The witness testified that \$350,000 of this money was elegraphed to the Nevada National Bank at San Francisco: \$213,000 was paid, in several amounts, to the North German Lloyd Steamship Lines here about \$75,000 to the Hamburg-Amer-ican Line here and by cable money order in Hamburg and some of the mainder was still on hand. All of these disbursements this witness as erted were made by order of Boy-Ed

This witness, Gustave B. Kulenkampff, a German importer and porter with offices here, and others testified in the trial of Dr. Karl Buenz Adolph Hachmeister, George Kotter and Joseph Poppinghaus, all officials of the Hamburg-American Line, who are charged with conspiracy in having directed the loading and dispatching of 16 vessels to the relief of the half dozen or more German warships in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The testimony which virtually opened the government's case followed a short address to the jury by Roger B. Wood. assistant United States district attor ney, in which Mr. Wood said that the government would show that the delendants "rode roughshod over laws and treaties of the United States contemptuously as if these laws and treaties had been mere scraps of paper."

NUMBER OF BANKS FIX

Attorney General Says Number Can't Be Reduced or Location Changed. Washington. — Attorney General regory has given an opinion to Pres dent Wilson holding that the Federal teserve Board has no authority to re luce the number of reserve districts or to change location of reserve banks The opinion was sent to the meetng of the board where the question of changes were taken up. It was not read, however, and it became It was tnown later that a supplementary

pinion might be sought It was pointed out that if the board cted in accordance with the Attorney leneral's decision the appeal Pittsburg to have the Cleveland bank hifted to it and that of Baltimore to e given the Richmond bank would iave to be thrown out without con-

ideration of their merits. It was said that several mem if the board did not know that Mr regory had been asked for the opinuntil it was mentioned at the neeting.

Diversification Campaign. New Orleans,-Inauguration of eneral campaign in every cotton lucing state for crop diversification and organization of a permanent con erence of Southern bankers are unong the projects planned for the conference of cotton states' bankers New Orleans, December 6 and 7. this information is conveyed in a comnunication from Joseph Hirsch of Cor-us Christi, Texas, chairman of the onference, received here. Mr. Hard-ng and Dr. Knapp will be leading

PEAGE ADVOCATES TRY TO WIN WILSON

MME. SCHWIMMER OF HUNGARY AND MRS. SNOWDEN SEEK SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT.

FOR A PEACE CONFERENCE

Urge President to Initiate Cnoference or at Least Appoint Delegates. Wilson Doesn't Promise.

Washington,-Efforts to win Presi ient Wilson's support for a conference of neutrals to initiate peace proposals in Europe reached a climax when Mme. Rosika Schwimmer of Hungary, and Mrs. Ethel Snowden, wife of a member of the British Parliament called at the White House with a personal appeal and word that they definite information that the majorty of the belligerent nations would not turn deaf ears to suggestions from a neutral gathering. The ladies talked with the presdient for more than an hour and went away much pleased over their reception, though the Presi dent had made no promises. About 400 peace advocates from a mass-meeting at a loca theater, ac companied the President's callers to the White House, applauding them as they entered and left the Executive offices

The President was urged to initiate a peace conference, or at least to sig-nify that he would appoint a delegate from the United States if another neutral nation caled one. He was told that women peace advocates who have visited every beligerent and neutral nation in Europe believe from talks with officials abroad that practical results would follow. He also was informed that Henry Ford, the Detroit manufacturer, here to co operate with the women, had in his COossession statements, some of them signed from officials in some of the principal countries on both sides of the European conflict, to the general effect that they would interpose no objection to the caling of a confer ence of neutrals to make peace pro-

Mme. Schwimmer, who saw the resident several months ago on the same subject and who was not optimistic then, said that she believed the President was deeply impressed with the information laid before him

"The President made no definite romise," she added, "but I think you will hear something from the White House before long."

Addresses were made at the meeting by Mme. Schwimmed, Mrs. Snowden, Mrs. Louis Post, wife of the Assistant Secretary of Labor, Henry Ford, and other peace advocates.

Henry Ford's address was very rief. "Out of the trenches by Christmas and never back again is my motto," he said, and sat down.

THREE AMERICANS SHOT.

Villa Soldiers Kill One Tar Hell and Wound Another.

Nogales, Ariz.-Three United States soldiers were wounded, two of them probably fatally, and a score of Mexicans are reported to have been killed when Villa troopers evacuated Nogales, Sonora, across the border from here, before the advance of Carranza troops under Gen. Alvaro Obregon, ex-changed shots with United States troops across the international boun-

General Obregon was in Nogales and measures were beng taken to re store order after the looting and rios All supplies of liquor were being destroyed by Obregon's order.

Rumors that two American ders had been killed during the exchange of shots remained unverified Carlos Randall, Villa governor of Sonora, and General O subordinate, remain under guard at a local hotel. Randall and Acosta cros

American soldiers Three anded, two probably fatally. Stephen Littles, 23, shot through

ed the nternational boundary line

when it was decided to evacuate the

head, and died later; home, Fairmont, Enlisted February, 1914. Herbert L. Cates, 25, shot twice

abdomen and hip, recovery doubtful. Home Swepsonville, N. C., second en-

Arthur L. Saupe, 19, shot right foot. Home Vernon, Ind.

Five Mexicans, including a woman also were wounded. Whether any were killed was undetermined. A Carranza courier, sent to apprise Col. W. H. Sage, commanding the American troops of the routing of the Villa forces was shot off his horse,

Bryce Tells of Armenian Horrors. London.-Viscount Bryce made pub lic the details of further Armenian massacres, which, in a letter accompanying them, he says, "surpass in horror, if that were possible, what has

een published already."
"I feel," his letter continues, "that such crimes ought to be exposed to the utmost, and that the charity of other nations will more than ever be drawn to the unhappy refugees when it is known what their friends and fellowcountrymen have suffered." THOMAS 1. PENCE



Thomas J. Pence, who managed the publicity campaign of Woodrow Wilson in the preconvention campaign of 1912, is probably the next secretary of the Democratic national committee Mr. Pence is at present the acting sec retary, Joseph E. Davies having signed the office when he became com missioner of corporations.

ARABS PLAN A REVOLT

GOVERNMENT EXE CUTES 11 MEMBERS EGYPT-IAN SECRET SOCIETY.

New Independent State Would Have Asked Great Britain to Become Sponsor.

Washington.-Execution at Beirut of an Egyptian secret society which it is claimed, had for its object the dismemberment of Turkey and creation of an independent Arabian state under protectorate of Great Brit ain was announced here by the Turk Embassy. The members of the society, the Embassy alleges, planned to assassinate high officials and many other prominent people.

announcement says:

"The Ottoman Government having bee ninformed of the existence in Egypt, with branches in Syria and Irak of a secret society whose aim is the creating of an independent Arabian state under Great Britain's protectorate, ordered a most thorough inquiry be made. The purpose of this was to discover who were the promot ers of this society, the object of which under the instigation of a hostile pow er, was the dismemberment of Turkey notwithstanding the strong ties which bind all Arabs to the mother country

"The inquiry conducted with the utmost care and earnest desire of finding out the truth, brought out the most undeniable proof of the exist ence of this society. The aim of the conspiracy was to create disturbances in the country by committing criminal acts such as the assassination of high dignitaries as well as a great number

of prominent people. 'The unearthing of important docu ments having been the means of dis covering the promoters of the con spiracy, several arrests took place and the matter was brought before the court martial in Belrut. was tried with all due precaution. The culpability of the accused having been established, some of the traitors, most of them by default, were sentenced to death in virtue of Article 54 of the Ottoman criminal code.
"Out of 13 culprits sentenced, and

who were actually arrested, 11 were executed in Beirut

SERBS HOLD ENEMY AT BAY.

Austrian Report Says Little Army Loses 5,000 Daily.

Austrian Headquarters, via London The troops of the Central Powers are encountering the bitterest opposi tion of the entire Serbian camp and every battle become a hand-to hand conflict. The Serbians appa ently are planning a final stand the Kossovo Plain.

The Austrians and Germans estimate the Serbian army now numbers between 130,000 and 150,000 but that it is diminishing by 5,000 men daily.

The Bulgarian War Ministry pub-lishes the names of 12 Bulgarian officers now serving with Russian army who are branded as deserters. The list includes General Radko Dimitrieff former Ambassador to Russia. Majo General Srafow, Captain Luxkanoo; and First Lieutenant Torkof, who challenged Pierre Lott, the French author, to a duel after the Balkan wa because of Loti's criticism of the But garian army.

Six Killed in Collision

Columbus.—The bodies of six per-sons had been recovered, 18 others were missing and 30 injured as a result of a head-on collision six miles west of here between Central of Georg gia passenger train No. 2 and a special train of 28 cars, carrying the Con T. Kennedy Carnival Company. Kennedy said he believed the list of dead would reach 24. The known dead; Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Kempf of Kansas City, Mo.; A. Kennedy, showman; O. H. Hawkins. Peoria, Ill.; George Chad-meter and Johnson

GREECE AND ALLIES REACH AGREEMENT

ENTENTE POWERS PRESENT COL LECTIVE NOTE WHICH IM-PROVES CONDITIONS.

WAITING FOR A GUARANTEE

Austro-German-Bulgarian Forces Enter Kossovo Plain and Occupy Latest Serbian Capital.

London .- There has been a distinct improvement in the diplomatic relations between Greece and the Entents Powers, following the presentation of a collective note by the representa-tives of the Allies. The Greek pretives of the Allies. The Greek pre mier is reported to have stated that while Greece put forward theoretical objections to Allied troops entering Greece territory and using it as a victualizing base she would not raise

finger against them.

That the Entente Allies purpose to operate through Greece indefinitely is apparently indicated by the statement in a news agency dispatch that ma chinery for an electric power plant is being landed at Saloniki and that con tracts are being awarded for the construction of extensive barracks.

On the military side in the Balkans on the other hand, especially so far as the Serbian northern army is con cerned, the situation cas grown grav er, Austro-German and Bulgarian troops, operating in three separate columns have entered Kossovo Plain where the Serbians were expected to make their last stand, and have occu pied Mitrovitza, the latest Serbian cap ital, as well as Pristina and at one point at least have driven the Serbians across the Sitnica river, which drain the valley.

TWO KILLED, 22 INJURED.

Southern No. 38 Strikes Football Spe cial in Rear at Salisbury.

Salisbury-Striking the rear sleeper of the Richmond-bound football specia which had just stopped on the Sal isbury yards, Southern passenger train No. 38 plowed one-third the way through the wooden Pullman, killing Henry C. Severs and Charles Edwin Hall of Charlotte. Twenty-two were injured, those more seriously hurt being passengers on the special, but several of No. 38's travelers were bad ly shaken up by the force of the colli-

The injured are: J. M. Smith, Char lotte, slightly hurt; O. Max Gardner Shelby, broken ankle, bruised about the face, back badly wrenched; For Estridge, Shelby, ribs broken; S B. McCall, Mrs. B. E. Smith, G. H. Holton, Mrs. F. T. Purse, W. R. How ell, C. S. Stone, Harry Tally-all these passengers of the special—are burt, Mr. Tally probably the most serious He has an ear cut off and other slight injuries.

On No. 38 the injured are: Mrs. H. D. Noble, Bridgeport, Conn., neci strained; Mrs. P. J. Nevins, West Or ange, N. J., neck sprained; B. S. Pas chal, Charlotte, neck sprained; A. L. Popley, Baltimore, elbow cut; J. A Brasman, Baltimore, right arm ince-rated; C. E. Lacy, Charlotte, right hand cut; H. N. Furnold, Pensacola, Fla., fractured arm; N. G. Tatum. New York, dining car waiter, scalp wound; D. H. Hollebroough, Charlotte, haggage master, leg sprained; L. H. Lewis, New Jersey, scalp wound; Mrs. R. P. Ireland, Cleveland, O., shoulder sprained; Jesse Arnold, negro, scalp

Thangegiving Football Results. At Philadelphia: Cornell 24; Penn

At Richmond: Virginia 14; North At Atlanta: Georgia Tech 7: Au

At ashville: Vanderbilt 28; Se At Birmingham: Alabama 53; Mis

ilssippi 0. At Athens: Georgia 13; Clemson 0. At Norfolk: Washington & Lee 48; North Carolina A. & M. 13. At Roanoke: V. P. I. 27; V. M. I. 9.

At Lexington, Ky.: Kentucky 6; Tennessee 0. At St. Louis: St. Louis, 0; George town 90.

At Austin, Texas: Norte Dame 35; Texas 7. At Missouri, Mont.: Syracuse 6;

Montana 6. At Columbia: Citadel 3; South At Bristol: King College 13: Emor

At Chattanooga: Chattanooga University 30; Kentucky Central 0.
At Greenville, S. C.: Furman 26;

ad Henry 14.

McAdoo Plans For More Revenue Washington,-Increase in axation rather than issuance of b to meet the first year's expenses of the administration's defense program advocated by Secretary McAdoo the treasury in a statement giving an estimate of the federal government's revenues and expenditures up to the end of the fiscal year beginning next July. Assuming that Cougress will continue in effect the tax and duty on ngar, the Secretary estimate 112,606,234 in additional reven mercic.

THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

flov. 29, 1914. Allies captured important post

ons near Ypres. Montenegrins defeated Austrians Russians split German army and

efeated rollef column at Gor German aviators bombarder Princes Abbas and Osman ban

ished from Egypt for anti-British conspiracy.

Germany paid \$37,500 indemnity to Luxemburg.

Nov. 30, 1914.

Three big battles were fought in Russlans captured ten miles of

German trenches near Lowicz, but falled in attack on Darkehmen. Russians won successes in the

Carpathians and Galicia. British ships again bombarded eebrugge. Germans were expelled from Pe

trograd for raising funds for war

Dec. 1, 1914. Germans prepared for new dash ward the sea in West.

Battle on the Yser was renewed Germans broke Russian wing near Lodz, capturing 12,000 prison-

Russians seized German ammuni tion barges on the Vistula.

Serbians captured 1,500 Austriins on River Dild. Premier Rushdi Pasha of Egypt

eciared for Britain.

\$20,000,000.

Dec. 2, 1914. British, re-enforced, took over

Austrians took Belgrade. Russians won at Szczercow and ntered Wieliczka.

Montenegrins repulsed Austrians. Hungarian chamber of deputies oted war bills Prince of Wales fund reached

Dec. 3, 1914. Germans took offensive in Flanlers but lost heavily trying cross the Yeer on rafts.

French occupied Le Mesnil. Tete de Faux in the Vosges and Burnhaupt in Alsace taken by the rench.

Germans attempted to flank Rus lan right wing. Austrians repulsed assaults on

rzemysi. Russians took Bartfeld.

Riots in Belgian concentration Italian parliament opened, Prenier Salandra saying Italy would

reserve armed neutrality; gium was cheered.

Dec. 4, 1914. Allies made repeated attacks on erman line in Flanders.

Russians won a victory at Lodz. Allies landed troops in Montene-

France called youthe eighteen years old for military examination. Mohammedan soldiers from Tuis sent to fight in army of allies
Turkey proclaimed hely was

Turkey proclaimed holy was against Serbia and her ailles; riot ing in many towns. American students at Oxford took up relief work in Beigium.

Dec. 5, 1914.

Allied aviators bombarded Ba

chamber of deputies assed vote of confidence in British steamer Batiscan sailed

from America with food for Bel glans. French made gains in Alsace and ttacked Germans at St. Mihiel. Germans in Poland, re-enforced

formed new battle line and move

Dickens Drew From Life. Smike, Charles Dickens' character in Nicholas Nickleby, seems to have been drawn from the life. Said the

author in a letter apropos of that novel: "The rascality of those Yorkshire schoolmasters cannot be easily exaggerated. I have kept down strong truth and thrown as much comicality over it as I could rather than disgust the weary reader with its fouler as-

Case of Hating Oneself. Proprietor of a Concert Party (en-

-"Now, I want you gaging a soprano)gaging a soprano)— Now, I want you to understand, Miss Deerly, that t like my boys and girls to be one big family—no quarreling, no jealous Miss Deerly—"Oh, that's quite all family—no quarreling, no jealous Miss Decriy—"Oh, that's quite all right, I've never heard anything in the work of any other singer to give me the slightest cause for jealousy."

Fool's Paradise.

Originally, in Christian mythology, a region "near the abode of the blessed," but not a part of it, a sort of borderland, "where dwelt the praise-less and the blameless dead." Today used to denote the mental condition of those who, by their vain hopes, are "fooling" themselves.

Stretching Steel.

By the incodern process of spirm metal thread it is possible to make single pound of steel stretch a sace of 76 miles.