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ORDERS INQUIRY INTO SINKING OF STEAMER EVELYN

Secretary Daniels Asks Naval Attache at Berlin for Report on Loss of American Cotton Ship in German Waters.

WILL HAVE BILL FOR DAMAGES

If Mine Which Sunk Vessels is Identified Nation Planting It Will Be Asked to Pay.

INSURED BY FEDERAL BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.-Secretary Caniels today ordered Commander Walter R. Gherardi, American naval attache at Berlin, to investigate and make a full report on the destruction of the American steamer Evelyn. So far advices merely have reported the sinking of the vessel and its cargo, but gave no Wants Technical Information.

Secretary Daniels explained that his purpose in directing an inquiry after the State department had called upon the ambassadors at London and Berlin for a report was to get technical information, which might perhaps might not be included in the ambassadors' replies. It was, of course, understood that Commander Gerhardt, as an American attache at the American embassy at Berlin, would be guided entirely by Ambassador Gerard in making his investigation.

It was said at the Navy department secure exact information of what ac- fortifications. tually destroyed the Evelyn.

Senator Simmons, one of the framers of assumed an effort would be made first at the next session. establish the responsibility for the sinking of the Evelyn and that if the nationality of the mine could be discovered, the government war risk bureau would make efforts to collect damages.

Warning Applied to Submarines. The American note to Germany, warning that country against attacks on American vessels in these zones of war applied only to submarines. Since the outbreak of the war the North Sea has been mined by both German and Great Britain and an added warning was given to neutral commerce by the German reply to the American note last week in an nouncing that mines would be strewn in the waters surrounding Great Britain and

Ircland and in the English channel. Hitherto in the notification of areas mined, pilots have been offered for neutral vessels. Whether the Evelyn had an opportunity to obtain a pilot or whether it struck a mine with a pilot aboard were questions on which officials expected to receive definite information temorrow Gerard at Berlin, to both of whom the State department had directed inquiries. The only measage before the department early today was from American Consul Fee at Bremen, who reported that the Evelyn had been blown up, but did not give the cause. His cablegram stated that the ship and cargo had been lost, but that the crew was safe. Officials believed the crew had been landed in Ger-

Diplomatic Action Improbable.

many, as Borkum is near the German

It was considered unlikely that there would be any diplomatic action resulting whether for offensive or defensive purheld by the Russians. Similarly the care of." Japanese laid mines in Viadivestok waters across Peter the Great bay for a distance of forty miles. While the laying of mines in offensive operations, such as the recent German note proclaimed, has not been acquiesced in as a belligerent right, it is believed in official quarto make further diplomatic protest.

The prevailing opinion in administration circles today was that that the United States government would stand firmly on its warnings to Great Britain and Germany, respectively, concerning the it twice and is not favorable to it. misuse of neutral flags and possible attacks on American vessels or lives by submarines. This policy was regarded as significant of a possible critical turn of it is desirable. This power would be exaffairs, should any violation of the warn- pected to be used only in emergency in

Carries Federal Insurance. The Evelyn is the first ship insured with the United States bureau of war (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

The Weather

Forecast until 7 p. m. Tuesday. For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinty Unsettled, probably snow flurries; colder east portion of state.



Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday. Lowest yesterday. Mean temperature. Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.

PART OF THE KAISER'S MOSQUITO FLEET-Flotilla of German torpedo boat destroyers, ready to dash against English coast at any time.



War and Preparedness for War Debated in House and Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.-War and pre- | take the country in two weeks. paredness for war were the sole topics of difficult for the Navay department to the house working for a bill for coast

military committee gave notice that furnish an inviting base from which it as laid down in the German instructhe bill which created the war risk bu- legislation for an army of 250,000 men could be attacked. reau, a White House caller today, said he and a reserve system would be taken up

> "With reorganization along these lines," he said, "the United States will be in a by the house. position to meet all dangers within or without the nation."

be eighteen years before coast defense \$30,000,000. guns and sufficient ammunition for an cations could be taken from the rear.." United States was for war he would more than anything else.

discussion today in congress, the senate developed in Mexico similar to that as a advice of a British naval boarding that from present indications it will be debating the army appropriation bill and result of which the French established Maximillian on a throne. Should the United States be drawn into the Eu-Chairman Chamberlain of the senate ropean war he declared. Mexico would mines instead of the northerly course

Senate republicans intend to put a larger submarine building program in the pending naval bill than has been provided

Senator Smoot today introduced as amendment for fifty submarines of a sea-'In the house Representative Gardner going type and twenty-five smaller ones declared that at the present rate it will For the first year it would appropriate

"The European war has demonstrated hour's engagement and the coast fortifi- beyond any question, said Senator Smoot introducing his amendment, "that sub-Mexico figured much in the senate de- marines are invaluable for defense of haven. bate. Schator Norris suggested that if coast cities and coast line. That is the General Villa knew how unprepared the sort of defense we want in this country

HITCHCOCK ADMITS NO HOPE FOR BILL

Passed This Bession.

It is likely that the shipping bill In congress will now be displaced by a flood of appropriation bills that must be handled in this session, in the opinion of Senator G. M. Hitchcock, who is in Omaha for the day. 'We were given a breathing spell unfil Saturday," said the senator. "Then when we reconvene there is a possifrom the loss of the Evelyn beyond bility that the shipping bill will be claims for damages, inasmuch as there taken up again, but it is my opinion is now no international convention in that when it is reported from the conforce prohibiting the laying of mines, ference committee it will be displaced poses. In the Russo-Japanese war the by appropriation bills, for all are very Japanese strewed mines across the har- anxious to avoid an extra session and or entrance to Port Arthur, which was the appropriation bills must be taken

In regard to Senator Hitchcock's bill reeking to prevent the sale of munitions that there is not much hope for the pas- her dead husband's insurance. sage of the bill in this session of congress. "I offered it a short time ago as testified, but she declared that she failed ters that this and other precendents would en amendment to the shipping bill." he to get back about \$1,000 of the amount, make it difficult for the United States 5atd. "and it was beaten by a vote of even after the minister, Rev. A. D. Harto make further diplomatic protest.

57 to 50. That was a closer vote than I mon, and a committee of churchmen had bill is still in the foreign relations com- of straightening out the matters. mittee. That committee has considered

> "There is a possibility that the bill may be amended so as to give the president power to levy an embargo on arms when which we might be having some difficulty with a power, in which case it would be used as a kind of lever."

The senator says there is nothing new to offer in the way of appointments for the larger federal positions in Nebraska. mmendations have been made and are still pending," he said, when asked whether there is any indication that the long overripe-plums are soon to drop. "Of course about 100 postmasters Evelyn Owner Will in the smaller offices in the state have been appointed on my recommendation, but the big plums don't fall so readily."

Knows Not of Postoffice. Regarding the recommendations made by the efficiency board for numerous charges and reductions in salary at the rise of the firm which owned the steam Omaha postoffice, Senator Hitchcock dis- ship Evelyn, sunk in the North sea yesclaims any inside information. "I only terday, said that his firm would make no know," he said, " that an efficiency board protest to the State department, as he was appointed, went over the office and made recommendations, but further than war risk, which he had taken that I know none of the details.' The senator expects to return to Wash

CELEBRATE LIBERATION

aucton today.

OF PRUSSIA FROM RUSS AMSTERDAM (via London), Feb. 22. A dispatch received by the Telegrant from Berlin says that Thanksgiving services for the liberation of East Prussia from the Russian invaders were held in all the Berlin churches yesterday.

Emperor William, Empress Augusta Victoria and the duke and duchess of Brunswick attended the service in the cathedral. On their way to the cathedral the emperor and empress were enthusiastically cheered.

MORE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MATTERS

tions of War Bill Will Not Be | She Received Unpaid Certificate from Matters

KNOWS NOT OF POSTOFFICE OFFERS TO INVEST HER MONEY

Sensational allegations wer brought out in testimony for the government during the morning trial of Attorney Thomas H. Matters in federal court on charges growing out of the failure of the First National bank : of Sutton. The trial has been reattack of erysipelas.

morning witness and was on the school class she attended he obtained of war to the belligerents, he admitted \$2,560 which she had received from

Matters was to invest the money she bill. the bill is growing all the time. The said prayers in his office, with the idea

Offered to Invest Money. "At a church dinner." Mrs. Johnson testified, "I happened to mention in Mr. Matters' presence that I had my husband's insurance money to invest. Mr. Matters after the dinner spoke to me aside and offered to invest my money and double it for me on a Dakota land proposition, without it costing me a postage stamp. I gave him my money and be gave me a receipt for it."

Then she told in detail and at length (Continued on Page Four, Column Three.) posed. The paper adds:

Not File a Protest; Loss Part of Game

Mr. Harriss said that all his company's ships were under orders not to go through the English channel. The firm at the present time has the four-masted bark Pass of Balhama and two steamships, the Vincent and the Brynhilda, bound eastward.

French Deputy Killed.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—The death in battle of M. Chevillon of the Chamber of Deputies for Bouches-Du-Rhone, was announced in the chamber today. M. Chevillon was serving as a lieutenant of infantry and feil in battle Sunday in custern France.

Captain Smith Follows Advice of English Officer Instead of German Instructions.

STOKER DIES FROM EXPOSURE

BERLIN (By Wireless to Sayville, the American Steamer Evelyn, has cannon numbered 150. informed the German authorities that Senstor Fall declared a situation had his ship came to grief through the the course on which he struck the remained unsuccessful.

Drift in Rowboat. The disaster occurred at 4 o'clock Friday morning and the Evelyn sank seven hours later. Captain Smith, a Dutch pilot and thirteen men drifted in a row boat until Saturday afternoon when they were rescued by a German patrol boat. A Spanish stoker in the row boat died meanwhile from exposure. The other men in the boat are all recovering. They are now at the Sailors' home in Bremen-

The mate and the remainder of the Evelyn's crew are understood to have innded in Holland.

Find No Trace of Crew. THE HAGUE (Via London), Feb. 22.oldiers of the coast guard stations in north Holland have brought the reply today along the coast.

The Dutch marine department is also been captured. ing men of the Evelyn's crew.

House and Senate Are Working Upon Appropriations

observing George Washington's birthday and in the Widimer sea. Eight cannon sumed, since Juror H. F. Kohlmeier by grinding out the long-delayed appro- of heavy caliber were dug up or pulled Mr. Hurley is a business man and trade of Wakefield has recovered from an priation bills. Only nine working days out of the water yesterday. of the present session of congress remain and both house and senate are centering eral Baron Sievers, is considered as hav-Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, now a resi- their whole attention on pressing big ing been destroyed. dent of South Omaha, was the only supply bills to a conclusion. In the sen- "New battles appear to be developing ate work was resumed on the army ap- at Grodno and to the north of Siechstand for over an hour. She testified propriation bill, while in the house con- awolas. It is reported that the battles sideration of the fortireation bill was to the northwest of Ossowetz and Lomza, that while she was a member of the renewed. The latter measure furnished as well as those at Przagnyze are taking First Christian church of Omaha and the text for a discussion of military pre- their regular course. Matters was teacher of the Sunday paredness, Representative Gardner of "There is no news from Poland to the Massachusetts having given notice of his south of the Vistula river. ntention to speak on the subject. With the fortifications bill out of the way, the house will take up the general deficiency Indian Warehouse

Only two of the larger supply billsthe legislative, executive and judicial and the sundry civil bill-have been passed by the senate. Eleven yet remain to be expected, however, and the sentiment for waited on the accused attorney and had acted upon. All of the supply bills have been passed by the house except two.

Pope Again Makes Effort to Initiate Peace Negotiations

ROME. Feb. 22.-Reports received by the secretary of the Vatican says the Giornale d'Italia show that Germany, although maintaining an excellent military position, feels seriously the consequences her version of the affair during several of the war, and therefore has modified years. She testified in effect that after its views on peace conditions to be im-

The pontiff considers such a conditi of affairs lends itself favorably to diplomatic steps. He is reported again Zeppelin Bombards know on what conditions Garmany would be disposed to negotiate for peace, observing that in any case the military honor of Germany is safe."

The National Capital

Monday, Pebruary 22, 1915. The Scunte.

Met at 11 a. m.
Senator Root read Washington's faro-well address.
Conferees on the scamen's bill com-posed all differences between house and nenate.

Debate was resumed on the army appropriation bill

The House.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—The death in battle of M. Chevillon of the Chamber of Deputies for Rouches-Du-Rhone, was announced in the chamber today. M. Chevillon was serving as a lieutenant of infantry and fell in battle Sunday in eastern France.

Jap at Frisee.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—Admiral Baron Sotokichi Uriu arrived today to represent Japan as a commissioner at the France of The Ways and means committee put action on the repeal of the tax on mixed from the Charges and means accommended by his wife and personal staff.

The House.

LARGE BUILDING IN

PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 22.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the four-story building occupied by the Holmes Hardware company here early today, entailing action on the repeal of the tax on mixed flour over until Wednesday.

Adjourned at 5:60 p. m. to 11 a. m. the fire, but no one was injured.

The House.

LARGE BUILDING IN

PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 22.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the four-story building occupied by the Holmes Hardware company here early today, entailing a loss estimated at \$200,000. Cartridges a loss estimated at \$200,000. Cartridges at 15,000 taken. Connections left in the light fixtures showed the safe had been drilled by electricity.

DESTROY ENTIRE RUSS ARMY; TAKE 100,000 CAPTIVES

Germans Wipe Out Tenth Corps of Czar in the Battle of Mazurian Lakes, in East Prussia.

PETROGRAD ADMITS THE LOSS

Muscovite General Staff Confesses Story of Extermination of Great Body of Troops True.

MANY GENERALS PRISONERS

PETROGRAD, Feb. 22 .- The Russian general staff admits the loss of recent retreat from East Prussia. The main Russian army has succeeded in escaping from the German a statement regarding the nature or scope trap and has in turn taken the offen- of the measures to be taken."

Hundred Thousand Russ Taken, The German official statement is- a joint one. sued today announces that the caplakes district of east Prussian have in the House of Commons this afternoon L. I.), Feb. 22.-According to ad- been increased to seven generals and by Harold J. Tennant, under secretary of vices received here, Captain Smith of more than 100,000 men. The pieces war. Mr. Tennant stated that when the

The text of the statement reads: "Western theater: Another hostile trench was taken by us yesterday to the tude must be revised from time to time. east of Ypres (in Helgium). The enemy's officer, who instructed him to follow counter attacks on the captured position

> Quiet in Champagne "In the Champagne district there was comparative quiet yesterday. The number of prisoners taken by us during the last battles in this region has been increased to fifteen officers and more than 1, 00 men. The sanguinary losses of the enemy have been extraordinarily high. "The enemy made an unsuccessful attack on our positions to the east of Yerdun during the night.

> "In the Vosges the villages of Hochrad and Stossweir were taken by us after a short engagement. Otherwise nothing of importance occurred.

Many Generals Captured.

"Eastern theater: The pursuit after the winter battle in the Mazurian district has come to an end. During the clearing up of operations to the northwest of Grodno and in the battle reported during the last few days in the Bober and that nothing had been seen or heard of that part of the crew of the American steamer Evelyn, who were reported to have proceeded for Holland after the steamer was blown up. A very dense for prevailed threutshout vertexely and Nebraska Senator Says His Muni- Mrs. Mary Johnson Tells in Court for prevailed throughout yesterday and tained, and much other war material har

"The total booty taken in the winter battle in the Magurian district, as a regult of these additions, has been increased to date to seven generals, more than 100,000 men, upwards of 150 cannon and quantities of other materials of all descriptions, the amount of which cannot yet be approximately estimated.

Cannon Sunk in Lakes. "Cannon of a heavier caliber and ammunition frequently are buried by the WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.-Congress is enemy or sunk in the lakes near Loctzen

"The tenth Russian army, under Gen-

Very Likely to Go

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 72 .- (Special Tele gram.)-The Interior department, through the Indian office, having recommended that there shall not be more than three Indian warehouses in the country, the senate committee on Indian affairs will report late tonight or tomorrow the Indian appropriation bill with the recommendation of the department uppermost. This means that Omsha will lose its Indian depot unless the bill is amended in the senate. Secretary Lane of the Interior department is desirous that Sai Francisco be retained; Chicago will fight for its warehouse, as will New York and Calls on Germans St. Louis. If Omaha is to be retained, the senators from Nebraska will have to stir themselves, otherwise another government institution will leave the Gate City under the present administration.

Calais; Five Killed

PARIS (Via London), Feb. 22.-A Zeppein airship bombarded Calais this morning, according to an official statement issued tonight. It dropped bombs which killed five persons, all civilians.

A dispatch to the Havas agency from Calais says that a German dirigible airship dropped a number of bombs today, which did slight damage to the St. Omer, Hazenbrouck & Dunkirk railroad line in the vicinity of the railroad station of over the line was re-established immediseveral dwellings in the village.

LARGE BUILDING IN

ALLIES DISCUSS REPRISAL PLANS

Consider Retaliatory Measures to Be Taken Against Submarine Policy.

ASQUITH MAKES STATEMENT

LONDON, Feb. 22,-The allied governments have not yet decided upon the precise attitude which it is proposed to adopt in retaliation against Germany's recently initiated belligerent policy, but a speedy agreement is expected. Replying to a question in the House of Commons this afternoon, Premier Asquith said:

"The allied governments are considering what action it would be proper to take in the way of reprisals against the German policy of attacking and destroying British, allied and neutral merchant vessels, without warning and without an atalmost an entire army corps in the tempt being made to save the lives of civilians and innocent crews.

"Pending a decision which I hope will very soon be announced, I cannot make

"As to the form in which the decisions will be published," Premier Asquith said, "there certainly will be a note from BERLIN, Feb. 22 .- (Via London.) Great Britain, and I hope there will be

The British government may reconside tures in the battle of the Mazurian ton into Germany. This was intimated its ruling permitting the entrance of cotdecision was reached not to make cotton contraband the government believed that the requirements of Germany were already satisfied, but he added, "this atti-

Requests Are Made That Mulct Repeal Bill Be Approved

DES MOINES, Feb. 22,-The repeal o the mulct law, establishing statutory prohibition in Iowa, which has been passed by both the senate and the house, will reach Governor Clarke for signing to morrow. Although he has authorized no announcement as to what he will do with it, it is safe to predict that he will affix his signature to the measure.

Nearly 500 telegrams requesting the governor to sign the bill were received from various cities in the state today. Many were from ministers telling of the action of their congregations asking that the repeal be signed.

Wilson Nominates Trade Commission

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—President Wilson nominated the following members of steamer Belridge.

the new federal trade commission: Joseph E. Davies, Madison, Wis.; Edward N. Hurley of Chicago; William J. Harris of Cedartown, Ga.; William Parry of Seattle, Wash., and George Rubles of Cornish, N. H.

Politically the commission has three

democrats, one progressive republican and one progressive. Parry is described by the White House as a progressive republican and Rubice as a progressive. Mr. Davies is commissioner of the bureau of corporations which is merged with the commission under the new law. expert with extended knowledge of Latin-American conditions. Mr. Harris is director of the census. Mr. Parry is a lawyer and business mun. Mr. Rublee a lawyer who was consulted frequently by leaders in congress when the trade

ommission bill was being framed. The president is hopeful the commis sion will be confirmed during the present session of congress and organized at once Mr. Davis was born in 1875 and is a lawyer. He is secretary of the democratic national committee. Mr. Hurley was born in Illinois in 1864. He is president of the Illinois Manufacturers' association Mr. Harris was born in Gorgeia in 1868 and became an insurance manager and a banker. He has been director of the census since July, 1912.

Mr. Parry is treasurer of the Scattle Chamber of Commerce and is 50 years old. He was editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, manager of the ship building plant which built the battleship Nebraska, chairman of the finance committee for the Alaska-Yukon exposition and treasurer of the city of Seattle.

Mr. Rublee was born in Wisconsin in 1868. At present he is counsel for the Alaska railway engineering commission. He is a resident of Cornish, N. H.., where President Wilson spends his sum

To Sacrifice Selves

LONDON, Feb. 22.-The Prussian gov ernment voted unanimously today a bill appropriating 100,000,000 marks as a subsidy to be used in alleviating the sufferings of persons affected by the war, says a Berlin dispatch.

Clemens Delbruck, the imperial minister of the interior, declared that a supply of food for the population at moderate prices was assured.

"The methods by which Great Britain is striving to wage a war of starvation against Germany," Herr Delbruck continued, "Imposes on every man the obligation to subordinate every other consideration to that of serving his country What will inflict the most injury on ou enemy and contribute the most for vic-Fontenettes, near here. Train service tory for the fatherland must be the principle by which we are governed here ately. Two incendiary bombs damaged after in carrying on the conflict. Then should be in arms against us."

NORSE NEUTRALS MUCH ALARMED BY BLOCKADE

Representatives of Sweden, Denmark, and Norway Consider Sending Convoy with Merchant Fleets.

FIGHTING IN THE CARPATHIANS.

Desperate Struggle for Gateway to-Hungary Continues Without Interruption.

FRENCH CLAIM GAINS IN WEST

The Day's War News

RUSSIAN general staff admits the loss of almost an entire army corps in the recent retreat from East Prussia. Unofficial reports from Petrograd say that the main Russinn army succeeded in escaping from the German trap and has in

turn taken the offensive. AN AEROPLANE, believed to be German, was fired on by soldiers while flying over Swins territory and forced to descend. The German government recently made amends to Switzerland for violation of that country's neutrality by aueronauts.

AUSTRALIAN mail steamer was fired on by an armed merchantman in the English channel, but was not struck. The Berlin report of the sinking of a British trans-port lacks confirmation from any other source.

ERMAN war office announced today that the Russian Tenth army corps was "considered as having been destroyed" as a result of the recent German victory in East Prussia. It is stated that more than 100,000 Russians, Including seven generals, were captured. FURTHER GERMAN victories in Vosges are claimed, including a capture of another town. German war office also states that the losses of the allies in recent fighting in the Champagne district were "extraordinarily high." NAVAL ATTACHE of the American embassy in Berlin has been instructed to investigate the sinking of the American steamer Evelya by a mine in the North Sea.

BULLETIN.

LONDON, Feb. 22 .- Traffic between England and Sweden has been discontinued for the time being, says a Copenhagen dispatch to the Daily Express, owing to the torpedoing of the Norwegian tank

LONDON, Feb. 22 .- Germany's submarine blockage continues to be the chief topic of interest in the United Kingdom, although British shipping apparently is moving with

its usual freedom. The Scandanavian neutrals, however, are showing much alarm over the situation, a great sensation having been caused in those countries by the torpedoing of the Norwegian steamship Belridge, off Folkestone,

Representatives of the Scandinavian governments are holding another conference today, the outcome of which is awaited with much interest by neutral shippers. The question of a naval convoy, it is

understood, is being considered seriously at the conference, but the guarded comments of the newspapers show that it is clearly recognized that such a step might lead to war. The question of the right of the crews

of five Danish ships to refuse to sail for English ports is now before a court which is considering their excuse that Germany is not likely to respect a neutral flag. Following precedent which seems to have made Sunday a popular day for such raids, a lone German aeropiane flew over several coast towns last night, drop-

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Useless to You

but valuable to someone else, This means those odd pieces of furniture, carpets, rugs, musical instruments or other articles that you have lying around or stored away.

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