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# GREATER OR LESSER IMFORT

Includes What Is Going On at Washington and In Other Sections of the Country.

### WASHINGTON.

Announcement h been made that In spite of the fe an situation the public inauguration ceremonies March 5 will be held as planned.

on the Adamson eight-hour law. The eight states at Philadelphia. court took a recess until March 5, so an opinion before that day is impossible.

retary Lansing.

Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor ordered all immigration officials to suspend the deportation of undesirable aliens because of the unsettled condition of American foreign affairs.

The house interstate commerce committee reported favorably the Adamson railway bill providing draft of railway employees into military serwice in time of war.

Construction of three coast guard cutters, to be stationed at Beufort, N. propriation of \$1,350,000 is made for the vessels.

By a vote of 78 to 5 the senate tions committee endorsing President tions with Germany.

The announcement has been made by the State department, on the authority of President Wilson, that in case of war between the United States and a foreign country, the gov- land has decided on a number of meas ernment will under no circumstances ures tending to restrict food consumptake possession of the property of tion. Among these measures are prosubjects of such foreign country.

The senate, by a vote of 65 to 19, passed the immigration with the literacy test provision over President ously taken the same action. Thus vetoed by Presidents Cleveland and included on the board of directors." Taft and twice by President Wilson.

## DOMESTIC.

definitely postponed.

While endeavoring to reach home during a blizzard, Mrs. C. M. McCon- many by the Peruvian government nell and three children were frozen against sinking by a German submato death near Vananda, Mont.

The American union against militarism has undertaken a nationwide post. war zone.

By an almost unanimous vote the to the senate. Under existing law rate of a million tons a month. quail may not be killed until 1920. . . .

laws passed by any legislature. Un-relations with Germany and declared der its terms mere possession of all its intention to follow the strictest cohol is unlawful, except for mechan-neutrality as long as it is possible. ical, scientific and sacramental pur-

has been rendered useless for months themselves without delay to the by the disabling of her engines, it Dutch consulate. was discovered by Captain John B. States coast guard service.

of Le Pas, Manitoba, won the 509.2 advised by the Spanish ambassador at dog race from Winnipeg to St. Paul. Berlin that the German government The three other leaders followed the has broken up reprisal camps at winner closely bunched, Bill Grayson Halle, Cuestrin and Beekaw. A numcoming in second, Joe Metcalf third ber of French officers have been inand Gabriel Campbell, brother of the terned in these camps in retaliation winner, fourth.

In a serious emergency nearly 18,-600,000 men are available for military service in the United States, according to an estimate made by a commitby Mayor Mitchell of New York.

. . .

The entire national guard of New York state and the naval militia were mouth, England, cabled Washington ordered out by Governor Whitman for that Germany acted within the rules of the purpose of guarding every arsenal, international law in sinking the Amerarmory and water shed adequately, ican steamer Housatonic by giving a The city council of Red Cloud Isgrig of Tekamah, each sold a shipand the naval militia was ordered to warning and providing for the safety has accepted from W. T. Auld, head ment of fed lambs at the South protect all bridges.

Theodore Roosevelt pledged his support to President Wilson in upholding the honor of the United States. He in killed in their attack on the offered to the country his own serv- Turkish lines south of the Tigris near ices and those of his four sons in the Kut-El-Amara on February 1. Turkish day, Feb. 4. event of hostflittes.

Governor Neville of Nebraska sent message to Wilson, declaring that "Nebraska will uphold you in any contingency that may arise."

The upper house of the New York legisla ure passed a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the expenses of the national guard, naval militia and other organizations called into service in connection with the present international situation.

Airplanes manufacturers of the United States can turn out 100 machines a week and if urgent necessity arises, from 200 to 300 a week, it was announced at a meeting of the Airplane Manufacturers' association in New York.

Pledges of loyalty to the United States in the event of war with Germany were made by the German-American National alliance, which claims a membership of 3,000,000, at The supreme court took no action a meeting of delegates from twenty-

Every one of seventeen war-bound German merchant ships examined by American officials at Philippine ports An emergency appropriation of since the break with Germany has \$500,000 for relief, protection and been so badly damaged by her crew transportation of American citizens in that six months or more would be re-Europe was asked of congress by Sec- quired to make any of them seaworthy, said an official report.

### FOREIGN.

A bread card system has been put into operation throughout The Netherlands. A central bread bureau will control distribution of all bread and

Maestricht, Holland, a dynamite factory at Schlebusch, Germany, was blown up on January 27, causing the

C., Detroit and Honolulu is authorized Japanese steamer Hankaka, which storm near Chesso, Shantau Province, Neb., at \$550.

A bill will be introduced in the adopted a resolution submitted by French parliament shortly providing Chairman Stone of the foreign rela- for the addition of 15 per cent of maize, rye or barley flour to wheat Wilson's severance of diplomatic rela- used for bread-making. The stopping of the sale of fresh bread is also pro-. . .

> In view of the critical situation created by the German submarine campaign, the federal council of Switzer hibitions on night work in bakeries and the sale of fresh bread.

"The German-Irish association has been founded in Berlin," says an Wilson's veto. The house had previ- Overseas News Agency announce ment. "T. St. John Gaffney, formerends a long-fought contest of twenty by United States consul general at years, during which the bill has been Munich, who was born in Ireland, is

## WAR NEWS.

Brazil has duplicated to the Austro-Sailing of the American line steam. Hungarian government the note which ships St. Louis and St. Paul, now in she dispatched to Germany protestthe port of New York, have been in- ing against the Teutonic submarine policy.

> Formal protest has made to Gerrine of the Peruvian sailing vessel Lorton.

The Roumanian minister of foreign card referendum of whether the United affairs reports that Germany has be-States should go to war to uphold the gun to transport for internment in rights of its citizens to go into the Germany all Roumanian males from 16 to 67 years of age.

During the first nine days of Ger-Ohio house of the state legislature many's ruthless submarine campaign approximately \$750,000. passed a bill to put quall on the song a total of seventy vessels were sent bird list and prevent hunters from to the bottom of the sea. During this killing them. The measure now goes period ships were being sunk at the

The Swedish government rejected The Utah statewide prohibition law, President Wilson's suggestion that which will become effective August 1, other neutral countries join with the 1917, is one of the most drastic dry United States in severing diplomatic

The Dutch legation at Paris issued a statement declaring that all Dutch The refugee German steamer Kron- subjects having military obligations prinzessin Cecilie, now in the Boston to fulfill, whether in the militia reharbor, built at a cost of \$4,500,000, serve or territorials, must present

Coyle, an engineer of the United | The destruction of merchant tonnage due to submarines, mines and kindred war causes, was greater dur-All distilling plants in Kentucky ing January than in any previous were placed at the disposal of the mouth. The gross tonnage lost 336,-United States for the production of 997, involving the sinking of 154 vesalcohel to be used in the manufacture sels, which brings the total destrucof munitions. There are 203 distill tion during the war to 4,368,766 gross tons, or 2,361 ships.

Albert Campbell, the Cree halfbreed | The French foreign office has been for alleged ill treatment given German officers held prisoner in France.

The British passenger liner California, 8,622 tons gross, one of the crack ships of the Anchor line fleet, has tee on national defense, appointed been sunk off the coast of Ireland, with a loss of a number of lives.

> American Consul Stephens at Plyof the crew.

> The British lost at least 2,000 men army headquarters announces.

# CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

February 20-21-Nebraska Clothiers Association Meeting at Omaha. Feb. 21.—Annual Meeting of State Opticians at Omaha.

Feb. 22-23-Nebraska Jewelers' association Meeting at Omaha. Feb. 26 to March 3-Omaha Automo-

bile Show. March 5 to 10-First Annual Auto Show at Lincoln.

March 6 to 10-Mid-West Cement Show and Convention at Omaha. March 7-8-9-10-State Basketball Tournament at Lincoln.

March 12-17-Annual Merchants' Market Week at Omaha. March 18-District Meeting of Odd Fellows at North Platte.

March 21-22-23-D. A. R. Annual State Convention at Fremont.

The Fifth regiment of the Nebraska National guard has returned to Fort Crook, near Omaha, after a stay of seven months on the Mexican border. The regiment comprises 597 men and fifty officers. The rumor that the troops would be held in the service is denied by officers, it being asserted that the work of mustering out the men would be pushed with all possible haste.

Dirt roads or any old kind of roads that have a good, smooth surface and are properly built, will be partly paid for by the federal government through the good roads appropriation plan, according to word received According to Les Nouvelles of from Washington in reply to an inquiry as to whether the Federal Aid law stipulated permanent highways.

One of the most successful Durocdeath of 200 persons, mostly women. Jersey bred sow sales held in Nebras- County Attorney Don C. Fouts, chargka this year was that of R. Widle & Three hundred persons suffered Sons of Genoa, February C. The avdeath by drowning or freezing on the erage on the entire lot of sows was \$148. The highest priced animal went in a bill passed by the senate. An ap ran aground during a terrific snow to Ahrens Brothers of Columbus, have confessed to the shortage and

> killed during a grand circle hunt covering six miles square east of Friend. Officers of the George Washington Memorial National highway are urging that every city and town on the day, February 22.

> 3 years, were burned to death when fire destroyed the home of Frank two children, both girls, were left in went to visit a neighbor. The cause of the fire is unknown.

of an altercation over the submarine \$1,188,000. war situation. This is recorded to be national crisis in Nebraska.

A quarter section of Butler county

ty, purchased the land. shipped out of Hastings. Numerous farmers have stored abundant sup- gain of 77,566. plies for summer.

Columbus is to soon have a sanicost \$35,000 and is said to be the first one of the kind in the country. The Nebraska Telephone company

new office building in Omaha to cost A new publication has made its ap-

pearance in Omaha, it being The Maof Nebraska Masonry. An Indiana fire motor truck has

been purchased for the Norfolk fire department at a cost of \$3,600. The Farmers' Union of Genoa has all arrangements made to start a co-

operative store in that town, with a capital of \$25,000. Four spans of the Burlington railroad bridge over the Platte river, near Columbus, were totally destroy-

Brainard Farmers' Elevator comon all grain sold to the elevator by an estimated cost of \$75,000. The

holders. While there was for weeks every prospect for success in an effort, the largest receipts of any market in through the incubator process to save the world on February 5, when a tothe life of the infant child of Mr. and tal of 52,118 head of stock were reg-Mrs. Cantrell of Grand Island, it istered. Chicago was second with weeks.

At a sale in Beatrice of Duroc-Jersey hogs David Boesiger averaged \$97.50 a head. One sow sold for \$290.

A community club has been formed at Belden, to which both farmers and business men belong. Improving public highways is to be the principal work of the organization. The Kearney Commercial club has

altered its by-laws to make it permissible for women to become active members of the organization. Lincoln and its suburbs of Bethany, College View, Havelock and Univer-

sity Place have a population of 82,620. 1917 Lincoln city directory, just is- of 100 clay targets. .

a gift of \$20,000 for a library site, hundredweight, a new price record. building and equipment for the city. Dr. Kirschner, Presbyterian pastor of the business section of the town, conducting a revival meeting at Wood causing a loss of \$35,000. The River, gained sixty-one converts Sun- fire department was helpless because

Leavenworth, Kas., was the sentence imposed upon C. M. Thompson, for One year in the federal prison at mer banker at Newcastle, Neb., found guilty of conspiracy to uefraud through the mails in the famous Ari- NOT OF ONE M'ND REGARDING zona "wild horse" case, which was held at Omana recently. Others connected with the case receiving short jail sentences and fines are as follows: Clyde A. Smith, three months in the Hall county jail at Grand Island. Charles W. West, Lincoln fined \$500 and taken to jail for thirty

payment, John Bolecy, Omaha; B. F.

Burwinkle, Elston, Ia.; J. P. Shircliff,

Sauk Center, Minn.; and Albert A.

Hastings, Silver Creek, Neb., each

fined \$500. One of the most brutal murders in the history of Nebraska occurred at the home of J. J. Parkos, a prominent farmer, residing ten miles west of Ord last Wednesday night. Mrs. Parkos, hearing a noise in the room occupied by her two daughters, aged 7 and 13, rushed into the room in time to see a man escape through a window. Alice, the older of the two. had been strangled with a rope and mother's arms a few minutes afterwards. The younger girl was not awakened by the fiend, and was not aware of the tragedy until aroused by her mother.

D. E. Couchman of Lyons has returned from Denver, where he had on exhibition a carload of his grass bred Hampshire barrows at the Denver fat stock show, winning first in their class and championship and grand champion over all breeds. These hogs ware sold at auction and brought \$16.75 per hundred, the highest price ever known to be paid for a carload of hogs.

A complaint has been filed in the county court of Adams county by ing County Clerk Charles H. Hudson with having uttered a traudulent warrant upon the county treasury in the sum of \$883.19. Hudson is said to asked for a little time to replace the Four wolves and many rabbits were money. He was released on bond.

Demonstrations showing the part played by moving pictures and phonographs in rural school education will be a leading feature at the national rural school conference at Lincoln, highway observe Washington's birth- Feb. 22 to 25. Representatives from practically every state in the union. Two children, aged 18 months and together with a large number of state superintendents will be present.

With 1,800 more population, accord-Cross, farmer, near Plainview. The ing to the recent estimate by the census bureau at Washington, than any the house alone, while the mother of the so-called "third cities" in Nebraska, Grand Island also claims Ex-County Judge Bates and William | for 1917 over any other of the third Cleveland. Miller of Madison were each fined cities. The improvements already \$15.20 in police court as the result announced entail an expenditure of

265 for and 99 against the proposi- from workers and sent 507 of them to Furthermore, for the person who

The January live stock receipts for state goes dry, the law makes no Presentation of Bills at End land belonging to the M. S. Haynes the South Omaha market were the provision. Under the paragraph cited estate sold at administrator's sale for largest in the history of the market, he would be liable for fracture of the been reached in the legislature—bill \$28,200, or \$170 per acre. John P. They were: Cattle, 146,929; hogs, law. This the solons believe is unintroduction coming to a close in the Medinger, an old resident of the coun- 439,935; sheep, 283,193. Cattle re- fair. ceipts showed a gain of 25,843 over The heaviest ice crop in the history | January of last year. The gain in hog of the section has been harvested and receipts over January, 1916, was 43. 943, while sheep receipts showed a

Thompson Brothers of Cuming county, breeders of thoroughbred Heretarium built by a chiropratic. It will ford cattle, took five premiums on their stock at the Denver stock show. They took eight yearlings to the show for exhibition purposes and eight othhas taken out a permit to construct a ers for sale, which brought very satisfactory prices.

A modern fireproof warehouse, two stories high, twenty-five by one hundred and forty feet, will be erected in sonic Times, published in the interest Alliance for the purpose of taking it, but they had believed that sum and the gallery. care of storage in the proper way.

Fire caused damage to the extent of \$100,000 at the Willow Springs Brewing company plant at Omaha, Smith during January, 1917, amounted its way about it Nebraska will have Ten thousand kegs of beer were de-

stroyed. Systematic school gardening is to be undertaken in the schools of Aurora next year.

Railroad men at Fremont predict a big flood on the Platte river when the spring thaw sets in. The contract for the big drainage

pany has declared a dividend of 8 per ditch at Wakefield has been awarded cent, a premium of 1 cent a bushel to Pollard & Campbell of Omaha, at stockholders, and a 25-cent cash redditch will be eleven miles long, runfund on all coal purchased by stock- ning along the valleys southeast of at points two miles or more from pres- tional guard, but national guard offitown. Work will start in April.

The South Omaha stock market had 36.000

County Treasurer Metz of York county issued in 1916 2,742 automobile licenses, 81 motorcycle, transfer of Women of Washington county have ownership, 54, lost plates renewed, 13, perfected an organization of the extensions from regular to commer-Equal Suffrage association at Blair. | cial, 15; total amount collected, \$8,-091.50, out of which the state received \$992.60.

> The Farmers' Educational and Cooperative union of Table Rock paid over \$4,000 in dividends to the patrons in 1916.

With hands and feet frozen, Walter Gwinn, a Fremont farm hand, was found in a haystack near Hooper. Al Koyen of Fremont led all ama-

teurs in the opening program of the

thirteenth interstate shoot at Kansas according to the compilation of the City, when he broke ninety-five out C. B. Ford of Cozad and William of the Corn Exchange bank in Omaha, Omaha market that brought \$14.50 per

> Fire at Waverly wiped out a portion the hydrants had frozen up.

DRY MEASURE

items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the

State House

days at Grand Island in default of Western Newspaper Union News Service. factions on the prohibition bill indi- To receive aid the men must be cate that a thorough discussion of that document is ahead, and that some years old and upwards. Statistics provisions are yet to be amended.

> the amount amount of liquor to be used as a beverage in any one month. ally unable to make their living. house and the senate, in the belief of several members. They point to come will receive help. the prohibition arguments of the dry federation in the state publicity bookshall not be interfered with."

Governor Neville considered this an though he made no formal statement

EUGENE O MAYFIELD (New n:ember of the State Board of Control.)



appointed by Governor Neville as repubcan member of the board to succeed Judge Howard Kennedy, also of Omaha, for the six-year term, beginning July 1 After the confirmation, Judge Kennedy resigned, effective March I, to engage in have been split by the pressure and law business in Omaha. Governor Nev- windows themselves in the office of ille then appointed Mr. Mayfield to fill the state superintendent, located on

Mr. Mayfield is Sunday editor of the World-Herald; has been in the newspaper business for forty years; was connected with the Western Newspaper Union for several years in the capacity the largest program of improvement of manager at Kansas City, St. Louis and passage H. R. 222, by Norton—the

on the subject. In his judgment, according to the legislators' understanding, the provision is detrimental to In the period from January 11 to the enforcement of the prohibition the first actual clash over the inter- February 5 the newly organized em- law. It contemplates that possession ployment bureau maintained by the of liquor above this amount shall con-A bond issue, which provides federal government in Omaha re- stitute prima facie evidence as to law \$30,000 for the construction of new ceived 257 calls for help from employ- violation, and that persons so discovschool buildings, carried at a special ers, asking for 477 workers. The ered shall be subjected to most drast the bill. No record vote was taken, tic jail punishment and fines

jobs. Of these, 437 landed the jobs. | wants to lay aside a supply before the

For a New Hog Barn.

and one-half hours and after two ago, and 1,250 four years ago. roll calls the house in committee of the whole recommended for pass-bills and the senate 331 measures. age the bill appropriating \$80. 000 for a new hog barn at the state fair grounds. During the debate a held for the purpose of allowing the great deal of opposition developed members to attend to that little duty. altho a motion to indifinitely postsponsors of the measure, voluntarily cut the amount to \$80,000. He said necessary.

to \$738,422.74, compared with \$739, a big share in the fund provided for \$288,656.80 in 1916. The largest item aid for permanent roads. The com-\$38,361,27.

## Want More Railway Stations

diary in the bill.

The State Fair premium list for braska an equal opportunity

## Would Move the Capital.

fix the site at some point within one ter.

For Relief of Worthy Blind.

The house committee on miscellaneous subjects has recommended for passage a bill for the relief of the worthy blind of the various counties of the state.

It provides for the relief of worthy blind free from vicious habits and destitute of useful vision. To receive help on the passage of the act they must have been residents of a county one year and the state fivo years. The amount must not Differences between the various dry exceed \$300 a year to each person. twenty-one and the women eighteen show that there are about 400 blind The prime objection heard around persons in Nebraska. Of this numlegislative halls is that of limiting ber 129 are self-supporting; 121 partly seif-supporting and 154 tot-This is without the province of the Any worthy blind person unable to earn \$300 a year or receive that in-

Blind people feel exceedingly sensitive because they are denied the let that "the rights of the individual chance of making their living on the same terms as those who are blessed with sight. They point out that bebrutally assaulted. She died in her objectionable feature of the bill, al- cause of their misfortune they are unable to secure employment as easily as others who are not handicapped so much in the battle of

#### Capitol Again Settling

With the house chamber crowded in Saturday morning session, a window pane in the office of the board of control on the first floor split with a loud report. All the members of the board were sitting in the room.

A settling of the east wing of the capitol is the only explanation of the break. Members of the board jumped to their feet to examine the break, which extended from the left upper corner of the upper pane in the north window of the extreme east office across to the lower right hand corner. The crack was five feet in length. For several years state engineers have ascertained that the south side of the east wing was sinking, and after a flood last summer has setled in all almost eight inches, Eugene O. Mayfield of Omaha, who was and has spread out from the building pression of sentiment was said to be almost four inches.

the south side of the wing, where stone supports above the windows that side, have been broken.

House Favors Suffrage Bill The house in committee of the whole Saturday recommended for bill granting statutory suffrage to

wemen. The measure provides that women may vote for president, municipal and county officers and every public official not mentioned in the state constitution. Quite a crowd of women were present to witness the action of the house. Some discussion preceded the vote, nearly all of it in favor of the measure being put by viva voce

senate Friday at 2:45 p. m.

The total number of measures is 1. After a debate that lasted for two 124 as compared to 1,044 two years

Of this number the house has 763 The house closed its till on Wednesday evening at a session especially

to the original sum of \$100,000, and A resolution adopted in the house bars lobbyists from the floor of the pone was beaten, Ollis, one of the house and from back of the bars where they have frequently been allowed to cluster when bills interestthe board hated to ask \$100,000 as ing them were under consideration. much as the members hated to vote They may only frequent the halls now,

If the joint good roads committee Warrants issued by State Auditor of both houses of the legislature has 424.11 in the same month, 1915, and in the Schackelford law for federal was \$349,850.41, the semi-annual ap- mittee has unanimously agreed to supportionment of the temporary school port H. R. 622, designed to meet the fund. The general fund was depleted provisions of the federal law, and has by \$204,835.78, and normal schools by even gone so far as to recommend its passage.

## Need Room for Equipment

A bill introduced in the senate by Thirty-two government horses have Tanner of Douglas requires railroads been assigned to service in the Freto establish stations and stop trains mont signal corps of the Nebraska naent stations when the railway commis- cials do not know where to place the sion is petitioned by 100 legal voters horses when they come back with the of the neighborhood. It must be corps from the border in February. shown that a station can be conveni- The guard leaders say that nothing ently erected at such points and that can be done until the legislature apthe step will be of service to a con- propriates money for providing the siderable number of people. The rail- stable facilities. A gun shed is also passed away at the age of twelve 38,000 and Kansas City third with way commission is made the intermed needed for housing the eight machine

guns and equipment. Business in the office of Secretary the Educational Department, Class L of State Pool during January brought has just been completed in the office receipts of \$5,220.91 as against \$3,of State Superintendent W. H. Clem- 015.11 for the same month last year mons and accepted by Secretary E. or a net increase of \$2,205.80. Of R. Danielson of the State Board of this sum \$4,020 was received for Agriculture and the board of di-filing articles of incorporation, forerectors of which Representative Ollis casting a year of business acceleris president. Advance sheets will ation. The automobile department be sent soon to county superintend- has issued 88,393 automobile numents who will distribute them to bers for 1917, of which 12,550 were the teachers in their respective coun- for new numbers. The 75,850 were ties. The premium list is practical renewals on 1916 cars. In the motorand gives every boy and girl in Ne- cycle department 1,472 numbers were issued.

## To Amend Compensation Law.

Representative Stuhr of Hall has in- Workmen's compensation law entroduced a bill designed to move the forcement is removed from Labor state capital from Lincoln to Grand Commissioner George Norman and Island or some other point nearer the placed in the hands of a "compensageographical center of the state. While | tion commissioner" to be appointed by no exact location is fixed, it is pro- the governor, in S. F. 220, introduced vided that the board of control shall in the senate by Senator Beal, of Cus-

hundred miles of the center, thus elim- The law radically amends the presinating Lincoln from consideration, ent compensation law, making the This is the first attempt since 1911 to commissioner the arbiter of settletake the capitol building away from ment disputes subject only to appeal to the district court within five days.

# WILL DEFEND SHIPS

U. S. DETERMINED TO PROTECT AMERICANS ON HIGH SEA.

# **WILSON ANXIOUS TO AVOID WAR**

Administration Is Highly Gratified By Action Taken By Neutrals Against Subsea Policy.

Washington.-The course to be taken by the United States, if Germany compels the use of force to safeguard American lives and rights has been determined. It has been learned from authoritative sources that in the event President Wilson goes before congress again, it will not be to ask for a declaration of war, but to follow literally the words of the address in which he announced the break of diplomatic relations and request authority to use means deemed necessary to protect American sea-

men, ships and travelers. The president, it has been stated, is as anxious as ever to avoid war with Germany, but also is as interested as ever that American citizens and ships shall be free to travel the high seas unmolested.

His next step, if taken, will be to enforce that right and even then the issue of war or peace will be with Germany. Any hostile action will have to come in the form of an interference with an American right. Details of the government's plans

are not discussed. It is known, however, that convoying and arming of merchant ships are being considered. The administration is understood to be highly gratified by the action taken by many of the neutrals in protesting with varying degrees of firmness

against Germany's new submarine policy. While none has so far fola falling away of a half an inch in lowed the lead and suggestion of the one week was recorded. The wall United States by breaking off diplomatic relations, nevertheless the exthe chief object desired by President So far the settling has been only on | Wilson in suggesting action to them.

### Stecher Downs Peters.

Omaha.-Joe Stecher, the Dodge, Neb., champion, won two straight falls from Charlie Peters, the Papillion carpenter, in what was unquestionably the best match Stecher has ever

wrestled in this city. Stecher won the first fall in thirtyone minutes and forty-two seconds with the celebrated Stecher scissors hold aided and abetted by a wrist lock. He earned the second fall in fifteen minutes and thirty-two seconds, employing the same method to se-

cure it. From start to finish it was entirely satisfactory to the 6,000 fans who witnessed the match.

Two Guardsmen Killed. El Paso, Tex.-Two guardsmen of the Fifth Ohio infantry were killed. three were dangerously injured and The end of incipient legislation has | nine others were bruised and slightly injured when army motor truck No. 16 collided with the westbound Golden State limited train at the Dyer street crossing of the El Paso & Southwestern railroad at Camp

# Pershing.

Vote Pershing Gold Medal. El Paso, Tex.-Major General John I Pershing has been voted a medal by the New Mexico legislature for his services to the state and nation as commander of the punitive expedition. and has been invited to visit Santa Fe on February 22 to accept the medal, according to unofficial information

received here. Sibux City Pays \$12 for Hogs. Sioux City, Ia.-Twelve dollars per

hundredweight was paid for hogs on the local market last Friday. This is the highest price ever reached in the history of the local trade. That the end of the climb is not

### yet in sight is the prediction of commission men.

Twenty-five of Crew Perish. London.-Twenty-five of the crew of the torpedoed British steamer Vedamore perished with the sinking of that vessel, according to the Press association. The survivors have been landed. The Vedamore was on her way from Baltimore to Liverpool

when sunk. Favor Bill Permitting Boxing Charleston, W. Va.-The West Virginia house of representatives passed a bill to permit ten-round boxing matches under the supervision of a

## Would Create New State.

state athletic commission.

Olympia, Wash.-In the senate Senator Hutchinson of Spokane introduced a memorial to congress asking that a new state be created out of eastern Washington and northern Idaho. Such a memorial has been introduced at previous legislatures, but unusual attention is attracted to this one, because of the action of the Idaho legislature in adopting a memorial asking congress to form a separate state of the Panhandle, or north-

### Ordered to Double Output. Washington.-Orders were given to

ern part of Idaho.

Newport, R. I., plant. To make possible additional equipment for the station, Secretary Daniels asked congress to immediately appropriate

double the output of torpedoes at the

Guns to Protect New York.

West Point, N. Y .- All the available six-inch siege guns at West Point were shipped to New York several days ago for use at the points protecting the city.