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#### **WASHINGTON MAY** DISCUSS WHAT IS AN ARMED CRAFT

Lansing Indicates United States May Take Up Question with Germany if it is Raised.

LESS EXCITEMENT AT CAPITOL

Leaders in Congress Apparently Willing to Await Outcome of Diplomatic Exchanges.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS FIRM

- WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 .- The United States, Secretary Lansing indicated today, may discuss the question of what property may be regarded as armament on a-merchant ship, if the question is raised.

One of the entente allies, to which Secretary Lansing suggested disarmament of merchant ships, replied today, but the nature of the reply or all of the allies have answered. The impression prevailed that it was not Great Britain, but probably was France or Italy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 .- With the apparent quieting down of the situation in congress, the submarine crisis shifts back to the negotiations between Secretary Lansing and Count Von Bernstorff.

Mr. Lansing said today there was no intention of transferring the negotiations to Berlin to be conducted betyeen Ambassador Gerard and the Berlin foreign office, as was intimated in dispatches published abroad, and reiterated that the State department had heard nothing more from Germany on its request for a declaration that the new submarine campaign would not be conducted in violation of previous assurances for unresisting liners.

The situation in congress apparently is being held in check by the administration leaders, while President Wilson remains firm in his determination to insist on the rights of Americans to travel on ships armed for defense only.

From German sources come suggestions that the Teutonic governments were in-

statement that the British govern at least has not rejected the American suggestion, but is consulting its allies, The issue is complicated by the attitude of the Italian government and the presence at New York of three armed Italian merchantmen.

#### Ice Goes Out of Platte at Fremont and Flood Subsides

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. M .- (Special Telegram.)-Ice in the main channel of the Platte went out early this morning and the danger of flood is believed to be over. The river is over a foot lower than during the night, when it overflowed the the Loup, which broke up yesterday, was the cause of the high water here.

throwing the water out, but the use of totalled 17,000. several carloads of cinders and bags of sand prevented a washout. There was no delay to trains. The Burlington railroad and the county bridge at Fremont withstood the high water without any

The wagon road leading from the Fremont bridge to the dyke, a half mile north, was covered by water during the night to a depth of over a foot. When it subsided several big cakes of ice were left on the roadway. It was necessary taining millions of bushels of wheat for to remove them before traffic could be the allies, were alarmed early today resumed. There is very little ice in the when an aeroplane, soaring 3,000 feet in main channel of the river.

#### **Bonding Clause** Omitted from Bill

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 .- (Specila Telegram.)-It will be of interest to a number of employes of the postoffice at Omaha to know that the rules committee of the house has falled to include that section of the postoffice appropriation bill relative to the bonding of employes up to 75 per cent of their salaries, and conse quently the point of order that will be made against the section will be sus-

#### The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Sunday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity Partly cloudy; slightly colder. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday



Comparative

#### PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR SETTLEMENT OF SIOUX CITY STRIKE

Men Will Consider Terms Offered by Packers at a Conference to Be Held at Later Hour.

HIGHER WAGES FOR WORKERS

Cudahy and Armour Announce Increase of Pay of Men in All Plants, Beginning Monday.

EXPECTED TO SETTLE STRIKE

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 26.-M. R. INVADERS' LOSSES ARE HEAVY Murphy of Omaha, geenral manager of the Cudahy packing plants, made the statement today that the Cudahy immediately advance the wages of employes in all their packing plants.

The peace conference between packing house strikers and managers the old defensive organization of the of the plants was in progress at noon. It was reported that the indications were favorable for a settlement. by the Germans was reached again the name of the government which Both sides seem anixous to end the by the French troops, who advanced

> It was learned that the advance of which Mr. Murphy spoke as applying to the Armour and Cudahy plants would also apply to all of the Omaha packing houses and that the voluntary raise would be effective Monday.

SIOUX CITY, Feb. 26.-At 2 o'clock this pied by the enemy. afternoon when the packing house strike peace conference adjourned it was anounced that the prospects of a settlement were very bright. The strikers will consider the terms offered at a mass a salient carried by us to the south of meeting late this afternoon.

#### Woman Leader of the Anti-Recruiting Movement Jailed ston of Mont Tetu.

the safety of Americans traveling on Anti-Conscriptionist league, was sentenced today to six months' imprison-ter attacks, carried out with vigor at the net officials and a committee of sentenced today to six months' imprison-ter attacks, carried out with vigor at the ment in the Westminster police court various points assailed on our front. for circulating literature urging men

tant suffragists. women sympathizers of Mrs. Best made a great outcry when sentence was

From British sources come the positive thanked God for giving me the opportunity and have asked strength to do the enemy have not been able to push Provides Annual Appropriation. the same thing the next day." An unavailing plea for acquittal was made by clergymen,

#### German Losses in Flanders Attacks Are Reported Heavy

AMSTERDAM, Feb. M .- The Germans troops in Flanders and artillery reinforcements have been continuously arriving since December, according to the Echo

Belgeu Not less than eighteen attacks were made recently by the Germans against the narrow front at Steenstracte on the lowands in this vicinity. The ice from Comines canal, south of Hill No. 160, declares the newspaper. Only two attacks he cause of the high water here.

Near Mercer the Union Pacific tracks must have been heavy, it adds, it being were threatened when a gorge formed, estimated that the killed and wounded

#### Over Elevators and Scares Watchmen

SUPERIOR, Wis., Feb. 26.-Watchmen guarding big grain elevators, con the air, circled above the docks for half an hour.

The machine was observed just before dawn. When it became light it disapreared in the direction of the new plant of the Minnesota Steel company on the

St. Louis river. An aeroplane recently was seen near the Dupont Powder plant at Washburn.

#### At Last! Ig Dunn To Try for Senator

After impatiently waiting all this time for some one else to do the job, "Ig" Dunn has volunteered to sacrifice himself for his country as a candidate for the democratic nomination for United States renator against Senator G. M. Hitchcock,

seeking re-election. It is an open secret that the Dunn candidacy is instigated and backed by the Bryan element of the party. The announcement of Dunn that his

hat is in the ring for senator is accompanied by a statement addressed "to the democrats of Nebraska," telling how well pleased he is with the foreign policy of President Wilson in regard to Mexico and the belligerent nations of Europe and how displeased he is with the president's preparedness program. To senator he hands this package: "I am opposed to the domination of the democratic party in this stat by organized. special interests, headed by the public service corporations and liquor interests," And he straddles the wet and dry laste by dense slience on his own attitude except that he will be dry or wet as the state votes the prohibition initiative meas-

# FRENCH RETAKE LOST FORTRESS

Paris Office and Lique Asserts Fort Doug mont Captured by Germans Again in Gallic Hands.

HAVE ADVANCED PAST THAT

All Teuton Efforts to Drive Republican Forces Back Are Futile.

PARIS, Feb. 26,-The official statement issued by the war office and Armour packing companies will tonight mentions the sanguinary struggle which has been going on round Fort Douaumont, which it describes as "an advance element of fortress of Verdun and declares that the position captured this morning beyond that point and have resisted all attempts to drive them back."

The text of the statement follows: "In Artois mine fighting has been in progress. We exploded two mines, one to the west of the road to Lille and the second to the east of Neuville-St. Vaast, under a tunnel occu-

Repulse Attack of Enemy.

"In Champagne we completely re pulsed an attack by the enemy against Ste. Marie-A-Py. The total number of prisoners taken by us in this affair has reached 340, of whom nine are officers and thirty-six non-commissioned officers. "Destructive fires have been carried out against the German works to the

"In the region to the north of Verdun the bombardment continues without LONDON, Feb. 25.—(5:28 p. m.)—Mrs. cessation to the east and to the west of Nellie Best, secretary of the Women's the Meuse. To these attacks of the cy to be recommended to the presi-

"All the new attempts of the Germans not to enlist. The scenes in the court in the region of Champneuville and on were reminiscent of the trials of miliidly established, have been repulsed.

Position Reinken.

"A furious struggle has been in pro-On being asked whether she was rep- greas around Fort Douaumont, which is spired to issue their new notice by the spired by counsel Mrs. Best said: "I and advance element of the old defensive ommended to congress by President William and advance element of the old defensive ommended by the Lord, who told us of spired by the lord of the opposition captured this morning by the spired by counsel Mrs. Best defended to congress by President William in interior, the Brazilian ambassador, the locked of an the may have received and interior to the defended by the Lord, who told us of spired by the Lord, who told us of spired by the locked of an the locked of

"To the northeast of St. Militel, outr heavy artillery bombarded enemy hangars and depots near Vigneulies. The Germans have fired several shells of large calibre in the direction of Lune-

ville and Nancy. "Today in the region of Verdun, Adutant Nevarre in a monoplane beat down with a machine gun two German eroplanes, this achievement making five nemy aeroplanes brought to earth by this pilot. The enemy machines fell in have gathered a considerable number of our lines. Two aviators manning them were silled while two others were made

Shell Mets Station. "On the same day one of our squadrons composed of nine bombing areoplanes dropped 144 shells on the sablon railway station at Metz. Another of our aeroplanes squadrons bombarded the enemy establishments at Chambley, northwest of Pont-A-Mous."

Belgian official communication

artillery actions were very spirited today on our front, particularly in the region to the north of Dixmude. Our batteries carried out destructive fires on the nemy works at Mercken."

## Italian Poet

PARIS, Feb. 26.-Gabriele D'Annunzie has been injured in the right eye in an aeroplane accident and taken to a hospital in Venice, says the Rome corre spondent of the Petit Parisien. There is a possibility that the sight of the injured eye may be preserved.

volunteered for service and was appointed lieutenant in the army

#### Blue Stem Wheat Drops Eleven Cents

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 28.-April blueno sales, but all bid prices were affected. equipment

R.K. TECTS AND CON TRACTORS START GET UREST

Conference Favors Creation of Body to Take Over All Features of Waterways Regulation.

PROVIDES CONTINUING BUDGET CHAMP CLARK HAS OLD TICKET CLARKSON SELECTED TO LEAD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 .- Adoption of the commission plan of dealnorth of Villo-Sur-Tourbe and in the re- ing with waterway problems of the country, which would include continuing annual appropriations, was agreed upon today as a general pol-

Secretaries Lane, Houston and Redfield, who were named by the president, with former Secretary Garrison, to investigate the problem, and Senators Newlands, Broussard and Ransdell partici- present. pated in the conference. The policy agreed upon, it is believed, will be recommended to congress by President Wil-

Provides Annual Appropriation. What annual river and harbor improvements will be recommended was not finally agreed upon. The Newlands-Broussard waterway measure, which would appropriate \$60,000,000 annually, probably will be taken as the basis for an agreement on that.

Under the plan there would be created a "waterways commission" consisting of the president, the secretaries of war interior, agriculture and commerce and the chairman of the Board of River Canal commission are proposed as members ex-officio.

The commission would have direction and control over all waterway projects and expenditures.

All features of river and inland water way regulation would be placed in the senting former Senators Burton and Bevcommission's hands, including hydroelectric power development; confining the navigable rivers to their channels by means of levees; and the prevention of deforestation and soil erosion.

The recommendations will be sub mitted to the president in time to have them enacted into law at the present session and to substitute them for the river's and harbors' appropriation bill. It is probable that the president will submit a special message on the subject.

#### Wounded in Eye Man Supposed to Be Jean Crones Held at Moberly, Mo.

MOBERLY, Mo., Feb. 26 .- The man detained here yesterday believed to be Jean Crones, wanted 'n Chicago in connection The Italian peet, Gabriele D'Annunzio, with an alleged polsoning plot today was ook a prominent part in the popular agi- held on a fugitive warrant charging him tation which preceded the declaration of with being Crones. It is understood the war by Italy on Austria in May, 1915. He Chicago police are sending an officer after

#### American Nurses Go to the British Front caught drinking while on duty."

LONDON, Feb. 26.-Thirty-three American nurses, most of them from Mercy stem wheat quotations on the Portland hospital, Chicago, left London today for Grain exchange plunged downward 11 the British front. They have been decents today on receipts of rumors that tailed to service for six months in field Verdun had fallen and in sympathy with hospitals. The nurses had been in London drops in midwestern markets. There were for nearly two weeks gathering their

#### Von Hindenburg and Mackensen Opposed the Assault on Verdun

cial organ of the Russian army, published an account of the war council held in Berlin, at which the decision to attack Verdun was taken.

It asserts that the German and Bavarian crown princes strongly favored an attack on the French front at Verdun, little hope of the operations against Verdenburg and Field Marshal von Mackensen opposed the plan, contending that their failure. These arguments, the

PETROGRAD, Feb. 25.—(Via London, slan front, because it would be necessary Feb. 26.)—The Ruzzky Invalid, the offi- if the plan of the princes was adopted to send to France reserves specially trained for Russian warfare.

Further, Field Marshal von Hinden burg is reported to have said that the chances of success on the Russian front were greater. He is declared to have had but that both Field Marshal von Hin- dun and to have feared an adverse effect on the morale of the army in case of mel of 531 tons. tions already planned against the Rus- emperor supported the crown princes. up two died.

# GRID CLUB AGAIN

President Makers and Candidates Are Helped Aboard Trains to Chicago and St. Louis.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 .- The Gridiron club tonight at its second dinner of the winter, projected itself placed before Iowa voters at the into the convention activities of next June and helped a distinguished party of president makers and candidates board trains for Chicago and St. Louis to meet the fates awaiting them there. In a makeelieve railway station the actor members of the club satirized the

President Wilson was among those who looked on and he may have received an of the army and navy and a number of for governor, it was said, he will repre- lating gas and flame throwers, which The newly elected presidest of the club, Louis W. Strayer of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, was inaugurated with a humorou sketch in which all members participated, variously attired to represent the old guard, the regular army reserve, the continental army, the government marines, the progressive party and was

revenue tax collectors. Fun with Big Fellows. The most ambitious of several sketches Regulation. Chairmen of the Interstate presented by the club was the political Commerce commission and the Isthmian one. Scrambles to make trains, strange traveling companions and ticket complexities that confounded the railway gatemen effered extraordinary opportunities for funmaking. Passing through the Chicago gate were regular and progressive republicans, characters repre-

#### Kugel Enforcing Rule Against Rum In the Police Force

(Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Pity the poor copper, as he wends his dough-footed and weary way up and down the tollsome length and breadth of his beat. No longer may he stop off, very block or so and sink a schooner of ruds to slake his burning thirst. When Sergeant Chick Ferris stepped

into a North Sixteenth street bar some time ago, he found Police Walter Nichols lessing a cold quart thus: "Here's up o the lips and over me gums-look out, old dryneck, here 't comes." Then followed a business of gurgling. Ferris relieved Nichols of his badge and

Vichola is to be tried for unl onduct. Commissioner Kugel says he will try to accomplish the officer's permanent suspension. Another policeman, named La Page, was dismissed some time ago for a similar offense. ."I know it overturns a police depart ment tradition," declared Commissioner

#### Official Taster is Named for Feast on St. Patrick's Day

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.-An official taster to test all dishes served to William How-ard Taft, Archbishop Mundelein and other day banquet of the Irish Fellowship club, tate for \$40,000 back pay. was appointed today. Club officials. mindful of the recent potsenting of soup Senator Norris Says served at a banquet given in honor Archbishop Mundelein, named W. Healy, a club member, taster.

#### Two Small British Steamships Sunk

LONDON, Feb. M.-Lloyd's announces the sinking of the British steamer Denably of 2.887 tons, and the steamer Tum-

Seven members of the crews are missit would be better to develop the opera- newspaper adds, did not prevail and the ing. Of five survivors who were picked

#### DRY DEMOS OF IOWA ARE MAKING SLATE

Two Full Tickets Probably Will Be Placed Before Voters at Primary on June 5.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 26 .- Two full democratic state tickets may be June 5 primary this year as the result of a decision early today by leaders of so-called progressive democrats to enter a slate of their own.

After an all night meeting the conference unanimously selected Senator John T. Clarkson of Albia, leader of the dry forces in the thirtysixth general assembly, to head the foibles of some of their guests and new ticket as candidate for governor some well known men who were not in opposition to the regular democratic ticket.

Edward G. Dunn of Mason City, who Wilbur W. Marsh of Waterlos. Sepator was conducted in three succ Clarkson refused to say whether he falled chiefly because the change of

est notable figures in the nation's sent the conference as delegate-at-large. financial and industrial life were present. Homer W. Johnston of Stoux City, Ia., was the conference's second choice for delegate-at-large.

#### Hapgood Explains The Employment of Brandeis by Weekly

WASHINGTON, Feb. M.-Norman Hapod, former editor of Collier's Weekly, today told the senate judiciary sub-committee investigating the nomination of ouis D. Brandels to the supreme court, that the reason Collier's had employed Mr. Brandels in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation was because Collier's wanted to support L. R. Glavis whose charges against Mr. Ballinger it had published and for whom Brandels ostensibly

"We had published Mr. Glavis' charges and thought he ought to be fully supported by us," said Mr. Hapgood, feel that if the newspaper appeared in the litigation it would detract from the main issue. We wanted to avoid the appearance of desiring to get into the lim

No attempt had been made to deceive anyone about Mr. Brandels' employment Mr. Hapgood said. During the hearing he added, at least three witnesses referred to Collier's in such a way as to show they knew Mr. Brandels was repgood said he printed an editorial in reply to a newspaper saying in a rather satirical way that of course Collier's was pay ing Mr. Brandels, and would pay for any other contributor, who got into trouble Williams Youngman, testified at length about the Warren will case, in which Mr.

#### Farmhand Given Fifteen Thousand Back Pay by Jury

DES MOINES, Feb. 26 .- Louis O. Bates a farm hand who worked for twenty years on ferms owned by the late Edward Howell and his daughter, Jennie, without salary, expecting as a reward that Miss Howell should be his wife, will receive \$15,300 as the result of a jury's decision in the Polk county district court.

Bates contended he worked with an iderstanding that when Mr. Howell died he would marry Miss Howell, Mr. Howell died and the death of his daughter guests who will attend the St. Patrick's followed soon after. Hates sued the es-

## Water Power Lobby Backing Shields Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.-In an attack n the Shields' bill to provide for water power grants on navigable streams to private interests, Senator Norris of Nebraska today declared the bill was being championed by the strongest lobby that ever came to Washington.

"They are representatives of the water power trust," he said, "Which has its general headquarters in Wall street."

# OF VERDUN CIT

Fort Dougumont the Northwesern Pillar of the Line of Strongholds, Stormed by the Germans.

FRENCH DO NOT ADMIT LOSS

Paris Report Says Battle Continues and Thousands of Teutons Have Been Slain.

ATTACKS NEAR BEAUMONT FAIL

BULLETIN. BERLIN, Feb. 26 .- (Via London.)-The French forces in the Champagne have made an attack on the German positions south of St. Marie-A-Py. The war office statement today says the French peue-

trated the first German trenches

over a distance of about 250 yards. BERLIN, Feb. 26 .- (Via London.)-It is officially announced that Fort Douaumont, one of the fortifications of Verdun, was taken by storm yesterday afternoon and is

now firmly held by the Germans. The official announcement is as follows:

"The armored Fort Douaumont, the northeastern corner pillar of the permanent line fortifications of the stronghold of Verdun, was stormed yesterday afternoon by the Twentyfourth regiment of Brandenburg infantry and is now firmly in German

hands." An official statement issued today says that considerable advances have been made east of the Meuse in the region north of Verdun in the presence of Emperor William. Resistance of the French broke down on the Weevre plain along the entire front to Marphoville, south of the high road from Paris to Mets.

"We are pursuing the retreating enemy," the statement says. German Loss Is Enormous. PARIS, Feb. 26.-The Germans are continuing their violent attacks north of Verdun without regard to their sacrifices, the war office announced this afternoon The German attacks in the region of Beaumont, east of the Meuse, have failed, the war office said, notwithstanding re-The Petit Parisien says that the battle now raging before Verdun was preceded on February 12 by a felnt in Champagna was selected as a candidate for demo-cratic national committeeman against in the Champagne on February 13, which wind, the Petit Parisien says, rendered Should Senator Clarkson be a candidate ineffective a large quantity of asphyx-

> were relied upon for the success of the attack. London Clearly Auxious. LONDON, Feb. 26.-The only word concerning the German claim to taking the armored fortress of Douaumont, outside of Verdun, comes through German sources. Further information is awaited anxiously, owing to the recognized strategic importance of this fort, which is the base of solid field works on a line of hills 1,000 feet high, about six miles

northeast of Verdun

quent operations.

The last detailed information showed the French holding lines two and a half miles beyond Douaumont, with this powerful fortress and its field works giving steady support. The Pall Mall Gazette says the French

are sustaining an assault equalling in intensity the hottest engagements of the entire war. The Westminster Gazette expresses confidence that the main fortress is impregnable. It predicts that the principal result of the German attack will be tremendous losses, which will cripple the

effectiveness of the Germans in subse-

#### ARMED ITALIAN SHIP ARRIVES AT NEW YORK

NEW YOLK, Feb. M.-The Napoli, the third Italian steamer to arrive here within the last few days with guns mounted, arrived today. The Napoli carried two resenting it. On one occasion Mr. Hap- three-inch guns mounted on the poopdeck. It is a freighter and carries no

#### UNIDENTIFIED MAN FALLS DEAD IN A SALOON

Shortly after 3 o'clock an unidentified ian about 50 years of are fell dead in Holta's saloon, Twenty-second and Cuming streets. The coroner has taken charge

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