# JUNE ADJOURNMENT TOWNS ARE FLOODED

WILSON URGES RUSH OF LEGIS LATIVE PROGRAM-SENATE REPORTS PROGRESS.

#### ANXIOUS FOR RAPID STRIDES

Kitchin, Majority Leader of Lower Branch of Congress, Advises President that Action Will Be Had on Several Measures.

Washington, D. C .- Agitation for greater congressional activity on the administrative program received new Impetus when President Wilson asked Majority Leader Kitchin to "speed up" work on the house side of the capitol. The president is anxious that congress finish its work and adjourn in June before the political conven-

Representative Kitchin gave assur ances that there was no disposition on the part of the house to delay legislation, pointing out that within the next few weeks action would be taken on several important appropria tion and other bills. The president has been told, however, that there is danger of long delays in the senate over debates over national defense shipping, tariff and revenue bills.

The outstanding features of the leg tslative program for the next few months as Mr. Kitchin foresees then

The tariff commission bill will be reported by the ways and means com

No revenue measure is likely to be reported until after the military and naval committees bring in their bills This may be weeks or months.

No new waterways projects and no new public building bills will be con

In addition to these measures the shipping bill and the Philippines bil are expected by other congressional leaders to attract the most attention As a result of the decision of the supreme court upholding the income

tax law, the president is studying anew the problem of raising revenues for the government, particularly for

The senate committee has contributed to the speeding up program, re porting favorably on the water power leasing and postal savings deposit in crease measures. Senator Kern, ma fority leader, said that conservation measures would be taken up as soor as the Philippine bill was passed.

#### DIPLOMATIC DINNER.

Representatives of Germany. Her Allies and Neutral Nations Attend.

Washington, D. C .- President and Mrs. Wilson gave their second diplo matic dinner at the White House January 25, with the representatives of Germany and her allies and the neu tral nations, present. The entente diplomats and the neutrals attended the first dinner last week

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, the ranking diplomat present, occupied a seat near to Mrs Wilson. Austria-Hungary and Turkey were represented by charges d'af faires in the absence of ministers. The Bulgarian minister, Stephen Panare toff, is in mourning for a son killed in the war and did not attend. All of the neutral representatives were present except the ministers from Costa Rica, the Dominican republic, Ecuador, Honduras and Peru.

Turks in Grim Struggle. London.-If reports from Turkish headquarters coming by way of Berlin are exact, the British forces in Mesopotamia suffered a somewhat severe reverse in their endeavor to reach the besieged town of Kut-el-Amara, on the Tigris river. Some twenty miles east of Kut-el-Amara the Turks, in counter attacks on the British, drove them back several miles, and the British left on the field about 3,000 dead. The Turkish losses are declared to bave been comparatively light. It was after this fight, which lasted six hours, that Gen. Aylmer is declared to have requested and obtained a truce of one day in order that the dead might be

Last Note Needs Revision.

Washington, D. C .- The United States is understood to have rejected as being partially unsatisfactory Germany's latest proposa! in the Lusitania negotiations. Secretary Lansing, with the approval of President Wilson, is said to have so informed Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, during a conference at the state

Snowslides Block Trains.

Seattle, Wash - Heavy snow increases the difficulty of all the trains the transcontinental railroads which have been battling the heaviest snow experienced since 1910.

To Urge Tariff Board.

Washington, D. C .- Announcement has been made that President Wilson favors the creation of an independent nonpartisan tariff commission with broad powers to invetsigate tariff duties, the returns between industries at home and abroad and the entire tariff and commercial machinery of the

London -G. N. Theotokis, several times premier of Greece and subsequently minister of instruction and minister of national economy, is dead | 1861

PROPERTY LOSS AT JOLIET, ILL., IS ESTIMATED AT \$1,000,000.

#### MANY DRIVEN FROM HOMES

Heavy Rain and January Thaw Causes Millions of Dollars' Damage at Chicago and Suburbs-Part of Fox River Valley Inundated-Peoria Hit.

Joliet, Ill., Jan. 24.-With six feet of water standing in the streets in the residential district of Joliet, and several hundred families driven from their homes, this city is paralyzed by the flood waters of the Desplaines river and Hickory creek. Property damage is estimated at more than \$1,000.

All electric lights were extinguished and street cars were stalled. Only a few lines in the western part of the city could be operated.

Railroad traffic also was tied up by the inundation of the yards. Hundreds of freight cars on the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railroad were held up when the yards were flooded. The yards cover almost twenty-five acres and were flooded to a depth of four feet.

More than 1,000 persons were driven from their homes and sought refuge in police stations and hospitals. Factories employing more than 5,000 men were compelled to close when the water flooded the engine rooms.

sons were driven from their homes, nundreds of basements flooded, and southwest section of the city is under a flood which swept Chicago and its suburbs as the result of the January thaw and a heavy rain.

Property damage will run into the nillions, according to police esti-

Fire companies in all parts of the city responded to calls for help. Many families living in basement spartments sat on tables and boxes, ts the chairs and other furnishings

floated about the homes. Water six feet deep was reported in

several parts of the city. northeast section of the city is under Germany commercially. He declared in the district.

night and is still rising. Sewers could of paved streets, and thousands of treatment of American cotton trade. basements were flooded by water,

which backed up in drain pipes.

dustrial school of the Loyal Order of munitions for more than eight months. Moose, a squad of men worked desperately to prevent from giving way a dam which holds in check an artificial lake a mile long.

The lake is above the school, but ravine, which points toward the river half a mile away.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 22.—Rail, telegraph and telephone service in and out of Peoria is badly crippled, the result of a storm which swept this section. Thirty-six head of cattle on the Wilson farm and twenty-five head of cattle on the Strauss farm in the Kickapoo bottoms were drowned before they could be moved. The T. P. & W. railroad bridge over the Illinois river at Peoria dropped over a foot. A "Q" passenger train has been marooned all day at Edwards, 20 miles from here. M. & St. L. trains are unable to get out of Peoria. Miles of track have been washed out on other railroads Great Britain has increased greatly. and scores of bridges along highways destroyed by ice.

The principal danger spot in Joliet was in the district known as Brooklyn. In that section the water rose to a height of six feet and a swift exodus of inhabitants began at daybreak.

#### FIVE NEGROES ARE LYNCHED

Georgia Mob Hangs Blacks From Limb of Tree-Held in Connection With Murder of Sheriff.

Albany, Ga., Jan. 24.-Five negro men taken from the Worth county jail on Thursday at Sylvester were hanged to one limb of a tree on the outskirts of Starkville. The bodies, containing many bullet holes, were cold when found. Forty or fifty men, acting with precision indicative of carefully laid plans, had taken the five negroes from the fail and sped away in automobiles. They were being held in connection with the killing of Sheriff Moreland of Lee county in the Christmas holi-Starkville is a hamlet three miles from Leesburg, the county seat of Lee county. Four of the victima were of one family-Felix Lake and his three sons, Frank, Dewey and Major. The fifth was Rodius Sea-

Movie Actress Seeks Divorce. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 24-Mrs. Leota P. Henderson, who has gained fame as a motion-picture actress in Hudson company between this city Her stage name is Lillian Lor-

General Carpenter Dies.

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—Erig. Gen Louis P. Carpenter, U. S. A., retired. died at his home nere on Friday aftermoon. He was seventy-six years old, and entered the army in November,

#### NOT AN EASY JOB



### Chicago, Jan. 24.—Hundreds of per- HITS BAN ON TRADE GEN. WOOD WARNS U. S.

EMBARGO LIFTED.

ants in Teutonic Nations Should Be Supplied-Not Contraband.

Washington, Jan. 22.-Great Brit-Aurora, Ill., Jan. 24.—The Fox river prevent England from advancing her forts, mines and submarines, and that overflowed its banks here as the re- own trade at the expense of the Uni- the oceans formed no aerious barrier built of an all-night downpour. The ted States while attempting to destroy water. Several thousand persons live the rights of citizens of the United paredness for war a trained force of States and other neutral nations were The water rose eight feet in the being recklessly disregarded and emphasized particularly what he deact carry the water off forty-five miles nounced as Great Britain's lawless

Discussing the action of the allies in proclaiming cotton as a contraband. At Mooseheart, seven miles north the senator asserted that cotton had of Aurora, where are the national of not been used or needed by Germany fices, home for orphan children and in- or her allies in the manutacture of war

"Shall we quietly continue to furnish Great Britain what she is compelled to obtain from the United States while the commercial rights of citizens of this country are trampled unthe buildings are protected in a meas- derfoot?" asked the senator. "Great ure by an intervening deep and wide Britain cannot continue the war with-

out munitions from the United States. "The administration has forcefully brought to the attention of Great Brit ain the rights of citizens of this country. It has been demonstrated that citizens of neutral countries have the right to ship foodstuffs and cotton in unlimited quantities through the neutral ports of northern Europe to the noncombatant inhabitants of Germany and Austria.

"The congress of the United States slept over the rights of shippers of foodstuffs last winter. This was, perhaps, because the prices were good, perhaps because we did not investigate the subject. The lawlessness of

"By firmness, but peacefully, neutrals can easily obtain their rights from both belligerents."

Thieves Secure and Loot Pouch Being Taken From Post Office in Newton (la.) to Train.

Newton, Ia., Jan. 24.-Bank drafts with an estimated value of \$70,000 and robbers who took the pouch from the depot burned it after they had rifled A steel hasp which had been on the sack was found in a clump of says: bushes near the edge of town. An effort is being made to stop payment on the bank drafts.

Marshal Ousted; Let Spy Escape. Washington, Jan. 24.-F. J. Johnson, deputy United States marshal, who was in charge of Ignatius T. T. Lincoln, confessed German spy, when the latter escaped from custody in Brooklyn last Saturday, was removed General Gregory.

2,000 Shopmen Get Increase. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 25.-About two take effect February 1.

Choir Boy Robs Big Church. Philadelphia, Jan. 25.—George F. Davis, seventeen-year-old choir boy old Norwegian town of Molde has at the St. Mark's Episcopal church, is been reduced to ashes as the result of in custody following the finding on a conflagration which swept the town Saturday of church property valued at on Saturday. Almost 2,000 persons are \$10,000 in his home.

BENATOR SMITH WANTS COTTON ARMY CHIEF ASKS FOR UNIVER SAL MILITARY SERVICE.

Georgia Statesman Says Noncombat- Urges 210,000 Regulars for American Force-Country Is Utterly Unprepared for War.

Washington, Jan. 21.-Maj. Gen. ain's interference with neutral trade Leonard Wood told the senate miliwas the subject of a vigorous and ex- tary committee on Wednesday the haustive speech in the senate on coast line of the United States was Thursday by Senator Hoke Smith of open to attack by any well-organized Georgia, who pleaded for action to foreign army, despite its equipment of country's present state of utter unpre-150,000 men could inflict incalculable damage before an army could be as-

sembled to meet it. Emphasizing his convictions that troops cannot be improvised to meet regulars, General Wood declared the fundamental basis of any policy of adequate national defense must be the principle that with suffrage goes an obligation for military service.

As to the immediate needs of the regular army, General Wood expressed the opinion that the force of regulars with the colors should be maintained at 210,000.

Reverting to the condition of the country to face war with a first-class power, the general said the United States was utterly unprepared and knew nothing of the problems it would have to meet. At least 2,000,000 men would be needed, he declared, and they could be obtained, he be lieved, only by compulsory service.

#### SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

Chicago, Jan. 22 .- John J. Halpin, convicted of accepting bribes from criminals while chief of detectives, on Thursday was sentenced to "one to five years" in the Joliet penitentiary. He went to the county jail through failure to get a supreme court writ staying sentence. Captain Halpin's attorney will go before Judge Orrin \$70,000 BANK DRAFTS STOLEN | Carter of the supreme court asking a writ of supersedeas to stay sentence pending supreme court action on the appeal for a new trial. Halpin was convicted of accepting bribes from

criminals. London, Jan. 22.-Reports that the entente allies have delivered an ultia small amount of money were in a matum to Greece demanding an immail pouch stolen and rifled here after mediate dismissal of all diplomats of the outbound mail left the post office. the central powers were strengthened Three arrests were made, the prison- by dispatches from Sofia. The critical fied despite the official denial of an ultimatum issued here.

A dispatch to the Star from Sofia

"France and Great Britain have presented an ultimatum to the Greek government requiring the dismissal of the diplometic representatives and consuls of the central powers.

oving northward.

from office by direction of Attorney to reports received here from a reliable source, Colonel House Leaves Paris.

Paris, Jan. 25.-Col. E. M. House, thousand shopmen of the Delaware & President Wilson's personal representative, spent Sunday as the guest of Chicago, filed suit for divorce here, and Scranton, Pa., have been granted the American ambassador and Mrs. an increase of one cent an hour, to William Graves Sharp. He left later for Switzerland.

> Norwegian City Swept by Fire. Copenhagen, Jan. 25 .- Most of the

# 2 SLAYERS EXECUTED

MEXICAN OUTLAWS, WHO MUR-DERED AMERICAN RANCHER, ARE SHOT TO DEATH.

#### . S. CITIZENS SEE EXECUTION

Men and Women Watch Firing Squad in Cemetery at Juarez Kill Duran Brothers-One Admits Murder of Bert Akers.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 25,-Fifty Amercans, among who were several women and also representatives of the United States government, saw a Carranza firing squad avenge on Sunday the murder of Bert Akers. The Duran brothers were executed legally at dawn in the cemetery at Juarez, Bernardo cursing Americans with his last breath and begging mercy for Fed-

"It is unjust to kill two of us for one American," said Bernardo. "It is giving two eyes for one tooth.

"I am willing to die, because I killed the gringo, but my brother ought to allowed to live."

The bullets of the firing squad killed Federico, but Bernardo was conscious after he fell. The officers commanding the firing squad gave him the "mercy shot" through the head. The bodies of both Mexicans were buried

Bernardo and Federico Duran were Mexican cattle thieves and were condemned to die by the Carranza authorities for the killing of Akers Friday at San Lorenzo, a few miles below the international boundary. The execution was attended by many besides Americans.

## BRITISH SHIP SINKS AT SEA

Steamer Pollentis Goes to Bottom After Battle With Gale-All on Board Saved.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 25.-After a battle with the elements lasting more than a week the British steamer Pollentis sank in mid-Atlantic on Sunday. All on board were saved. News of her loss was flashed here by wireless from the Italian liner Giuseppi Verdi, which

Calls for help were first sent out from the Pollentis last Wednesday. They reported she was leaking badly. Her pumps were unable to keep in check the inrushing water. She had been leaking for three days. Shortly after dark the men aboard, alarmed at the rapid filling of the disabled ship, flashed signals to the Verdi, whose boats immediately responded. A high sea was running and the men manning the Verdi's boats were able to reach the Britisher only after a hard struggle. When all were at last safely aboard the Verdi the Pollentis, which had been left wallowing in the trough of the sea, was seen to give a violent lurch and then disappeared beneath

#### TRAIN IS CRUSHED; 10 DIE

Cascade Limited on Great Northern Hit by Avalanche Near Corea, Wash.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 25.-The Cas-

cade limited on the Great Northern railroad, bound from Spokane to Seattle, was struck by an avalanche on Saturday near Corea station, on the west slope of the Cascade mountains. The two rear cars—the diner and a day coach-were swept 300 feet down into a gulch. The diner caught fire and was destroyed. The day coach, crushed, lies beneath a great pile of snow and bowlders. Four bodies have been recovered from the wrecked cars and the railroad authorities say the number of dead probably will not exceed ten. Fifteen of the passengers were injured. The bodies recovered were those of: Bert Kirkman, Sheridan, Wyo.; W. F. Carter, East Vancouver, B. C.; Edward Batterman and baby, Wenatchee, Wash. A ten-year old son of Mr. Batterman is missing and it is feared he is dead.

The injured were taken to Scenic, a few miles below Corea, and cared for by physicians.

#### ers being held for investigation. The situation in Greece is greatly intensi- DUAL AIR RAID NEAR LONDON

War Office Announces Attack on Kentish Coast-One Person Killed.

London, Jan. 25 .- The east coast of Kent was raided twice on Sunday by German aircraft. In the first attack, which was made early in the morning Peking, Jan. 24.—The rebels in the by a Teuton aeroplane, nine bombs province of Yunnan have defeated a were dropped. A number of fires were body of government troops and are started. The second attack was made by two seaplanes early in the after-Athens, Jan. 24.-Apstria has of noon. The following casualties ocwed peace terms to Servia, according curred: One man killed; two men, one woman and three children slightly injured.

> "L" Trains Crash; 20 Hurt. New York, Jan. 25.-Twenty persons, most of them women and children, were injured here in a collision between two elevated railroad trains crowded with passengers, on a new fraw bridge over the Harlem river.

Allies Bombard Gallipoli. Constantinople, Jan. 25.-A hostile cruiser shelled the Turkish positions on Gallipoli peninsula near Teke purnu on Thursday, but was forced by he Turkish batteries to retire, the war office announced here.

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