# THE O'NEIL FRONTIER

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At one time iron ore was found in considerable quantities in the north-easterly provinces of the Netherlands. In late years apparently less has been found. Recently, however, further de-posits of iron ore have been found in the province of Drenthe, where it was discovered previously. These deposits were revealed by the digging of peat in the bogs of that section. The ore is found in layers just under the peat, and also in collections or heaps six to 10 feet high and 30 to 50 feet in circum-

Herman Kimball, of Trevett, Me., has a curious carrot; this carrot is of the large wedge shaped variety; on one side of it is the face of an old man, ap-parently asleep. The skin is perfect around and over the scar, which looks as if it had been cut out of the vege-table.

It is said that an organization of women in Japan numbers 10,000 members, who have sworn never to marry unless their prospective husbands agree to support a movement for obtaining for them equal treatment with nen and an improved economic posi-

It is probable that the pecan tree is destined to become the most important of all the products of nut-bearing trees in the United States, in the view of the department of agriculture. The production more than trebled between 1899 and 1909.

A single gallon of gasoline will milk \$00 cows, bale four tons of hay, mix 35 cubic yards of cement, move a ton truck 14 miles, plow three-fifths of an acre of land or generate sufficient elec-tricity to illuminate a farmhouse for

Hong Kong reports an increasing demand for notions of all sorts to supply southern China. Needles, pins, buttons, ribbons, safety pins, rubber and cellu-loid toilet articles and similar products are in great demand.

The great war loan recently brought out by the German government was taken up by 2,133,220 individual subscribers, thousands of whom bought securities to the amount of \$48 or less.

Zinc refining continues to be of in-terest in Canada. The British Colum-bia government will give financial help to a victoria reduction company for es-tablishing a demonstration plant at

Lloyd's, of London, have recently is-sued a form of insurance against ap-pendicitis. The claims have become so numerous that Lloyd's have found it necessary to double their premiums

The meeting house in Bolton, Mass. is to be reshingled for the first time since its erection in 1793. Some of the shingles are still in a perfect state of preservation after 121 years' service.

According to official Italian figures, the 1915 crop of cereals grown in the northern hemisphere exceeded the average crop of the last five years by more than 73,000,000,000 pounds.

In the United States census of 1870, a record was obtained of the father of a family who had named his five chil-dren Imprimis, Finis, Appendix, Ad-dendum and Erratum. First grown experimbentally 12 years

ago, American cotton has become an established crop in the Punjab region of India; as it gives a larger yield than the native varieties.

At the present rate of increase in the consumption of native lumber in New Zealand it is estimated that the supply of standing timber will last not more than 30 years.

A grenade that can be fired from an ordinary rifle held in any position four times as far as one can be thrown by hand has been invented by a United States soldier.

During the six months from April to September, 1915, 620 motor cars of American make were imported into In-dia as against 407 made in Great Brit-

Adopting the slogan, "Songbirds for-ever and a catless world by 1920," a wealthy Dakota farmer has offered prizes to those who kill the most cats.

It is estimated that \$10,000,000 worth of gold is destroyed annually by a Chinese custom of burning small pieces of gold leaf on certain anniversaries. By fractional distillation under rela

tively low pressure, an Italian has found a way to remove alcohol from wine without otherwise altering it.

Recent examination of the coal deposits of Spitzbergen indicates that they contain more than 1,000,000,000 tons of fuel of remarkable purity.

A serious effort is being made in India to revive the natural indigo industry and more than 258,000 acres have been planted this year.

The area of Lake Superior is 31,200 square miles; Lake Michigan, 22,450; Lake Huron, 23,800; Lake Erie, 9,960; Lake Onario, 7,240. Denicotined cigars and cigarets are being made in France and Switzerland

that are acceptable to smokers of the The kingdom of Siam covers an area of about 200,000 square miles, and the

census gave a total population of The peak of Teneriff, in the Canary islands, throws a shadow streaching across the sea for a distance of 50

Among the lower animals only about 5 per cent are defective at birth, a much lower ratio than among human

Sounds produced by an electric siren, invented in Germany, are hastened on their way by a fan built into the ma-

Coke, automatically fed under the boiler, is used for fuel in a New Eng-land steam driven road tractor of great

The largest butterflies are found in British Guiana, some of which have a wing measurement of 11 inches.

There is an excellent market for saws in Russia, as that great country does not manufacture them

An electric process for drying lumber in piles of unbarked logs has been perfected in France.

Eaku, Russia, imports \$46,000 worth of wire monthly from the United States. The Portuguese language is used by about 30,000,000 persons.

# NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

NEBRASKA STATE PAY ROLL INCLUDES 1,734 PEOPLE.

Lincoln, Neb., March 27.—The state of Nebraska employes an army of 1,-734 people, according to a compilation made by State Auditor Smith. The pay-roll for the last three months of 1915 was \$409,115. The following state-ment prepared by the auditor, shows the apportionment of employes;

| Governor                              |
|---------------------------------------|
| Secretary of state                    |
| Auditor of public accounts            |
| Attorney general                      |
| Transmer general                      |
| Treasurer                             |
| State superintendent                  |
| Com. public lands and buildings       |
| Railway commission                    |
| Adjutant general                      |
| Insurance board                       |
| Board of commissioners                |
| Board of irrigation                   |
| Board of equalization                 |
| Bureau of labor                       |
| Bureau of printing                    |
| Board of educational lands and funds. |
| Clares and flat                       |
| Game and fish commission              |
| Hotel commission                      |
| Live stock sanitary board             |
| State banking board                   |
| State prison board                    |
| Board of health                       |
| Library commission                    |
| Historical society                    |
| Supreme court state library           |
| G. A. R                               |
| Fire commission                       |
| Food, drug dairy and oil commission   |
| room, drug dairy and on commission.   |
|                                       |
|                                       |

District court judges 29
District court stenographers 29
State university
State normal schools

REPUBLICANS AND MOOSERS ARE DISTINCT PARTIES.

Lincoln, Neb., March 27.—The progressives and republicans in Nebraska are divorced and no republican can don antlers, bellow like a moose, and get away with it. Secretary of State Pool today sus-

tained the protest filed by F. P. Corrick, of the state progressive committee, against the names of Congressmen Kin-kaid and Sloan appearing on the pro-gressive primary ballots. Other candi-dates for whom progressive filings had been made, had withdrawn from the ticket but the congressmen figured that a vote was a vote even if it came from he moosers.

Food Commissioner Harmon, after several days of thought and considerable parleying, has announced that he will decline the gubernatorial nomination petition filed in his behalf.

NORFOLK HOSPITAL PATIENT

SUICIDES AFTER ESCAPING Norfolk, Neb., March 27.—Joseph Smisek, aged 58, a patient at the state Insane hospital here, slipped out of the canks while marching to breakfast yes-terday morning and hanged himself in a grove of trees with a handker-

#### DRAWINGS SETTLE CONTESTS AT ALLIANCE LAND OPENING

Alliance, Neb., March 27.—Land drawing to settle conflicts in filings on "farm units" under the new "high line lateral" irrigation ditch of the Pathfinder dam project, were completed here last night. About 4,000 acres in 43 tracts of 40 to 130 acres were awarded with the exception of seven tracts which are open to entire

acres in 43 tracts of 40 to 130 acres were awarded with the exception of seven tracts which are open to entry, but upon which no filings were made. The filings began Monday. There were nearly 100 applications for each of the choice tracts.

Winners of the best "units" were: E. J. Kegley, Kearney, Neb., 85 acres; Simon S. Bollinger, Lucerne, Colo., 80 acres; Mary A. McDermott, Alliance, Neb., 72 acres; Carl G. Anderson, Stromsburg, Neb., 55 acres, Among the winners of second choice tracts of 21 to 80 acres were: Warren J. Snyder, Fort Collins, Colo.; Edward T. Lee, Pacific Junction, Ia.; Leroy Lambert, Hutchinson, Kan.; Maybelle V. Hamilton, Lincoln, Neb.

The other winners were: Charles V. Foster, Merna, Neb.; Claude J. Hall, Merna, Neb.; Elmer S. Miller, Merna, Neb.; Edward L. Goll, Blue Hill, Neb.; W. F. Peterson, Bayard, Neb.; B. E. Nicola Minatare, Neb. Havald B.

Merna, Neb.; Edmer S. Miller, Merna, Neb.; Edward L. Goll, Blue Hill, Neb.; W. F. Peterson, Bayard, Neb.; B. E. Nicola, Minatare, Neb.; Harold B. Marshall, Weeping Water, Neb.; Horace G. Edwards, Bayard, Neb.; Henry Bierks, jr., Scribner, Neb.; Charley Sagebart, Minature, Neb.; John Scott, Scotts Bluff, Neb.; Ebson A. Voorhees, Lincoln, Neb.; James E. Hiatt, Scotts Bluff, Neb.; Casius M. Lanpher, Campbell, Neb.; Casius M. Lanpher, Campbell, Neb.; Lucius G. Stone, Falls City, Neb.; F. E. Burquist, Omaha; Ernest George Johnson, Alliance; Fred Ballweg, Spaulding, Neb.; Mark King, Angora, Neb.; Emil A. Walberg, Minitare; George F. Birmingham, Columbus, Neb.

#### COUNTY SEAT ELECTION IN MADISON COUNTY TODAY.

Norfolk, Neb., March 25.—Madison county is voting today on the question of removing the county seat from Madison, where it has been for 40 years, to Norfolks, the largest city in the county, and its chief railroad center. In spite of the fact that rain and sleet are falling, a heavy vote is expected because of the bitter fight that has been made throughout the county on the

### OBERT MAN FOUND DEAD IN FEED YARD OF FARM.

Obert, Neb., March 27.—James Taylor, age 60 was found dead this morning in the feed yard on a farm near this place, of which he made his home. When found he had probably been dead several hours, and it is thought the cause of his death was heart failure. A heavy gash on his forehead probably was made when he fell.

### DROUGHT IN SOUTHWEST BROKEN BY HEAVY RAIN

Kansas City, March 25.—Rain last night broke a threatened drought in the southwest and extinguished prairie fires which have been endangering property in many sections. In west Texas and the Panhandle region hail was reported to have accompanied the rain. Chickasaw, Okla., reported a ter-rific rair and hail storm had swept the county for 10 miles west of their late today, doing considerable damage to fruit trees.

A report of a tornado near Davis, Okla., could not be confirmed.

## TO ARRAIGN BLODGETT ON INSANITY CHARGE

Des Moines, Ia., March 25 .- T. D. Liodgett, former convict, who has acquired considerable notoriety throughout Iowa by attacks upon justices of the supreme court and district court judges, was today ordered tried for in-sanity when his indictment for crim-

# MRS. MANCHESTER TO **MAKE COURT CONTEST** ON WOODMAN CIRCLE

Applies For Restraining Order Against Resolution Which Limits Actions.

Omaha, Neb., March 25.-Mrs. Emma B. Manchester, supreme guardian of the Supreme Forest of the Woodmen's circles, women's auxiliary of the Woodmen of the World, has filed application in district court here for an order to restrain the national executive council of the Woodmen circle from holding in effect a resolution recently passed which, the applicant asserts, deprives her of authority to appoint organizers, deputies, lecturers, adjusters and other officers and committees or draw checks against the creasury of the organization to pay for the services of such officers or committees. The suit, it is said, will affect several hundred thousand women throughout the country.

Attorneys for Mrs. Manchester said the suit follows a year of "lively politics," culminating in the resolutior which deprived the supreme guardiar of the auxiliary of all prerogatives and authorities. the Supreme Forest of the Woodmen's

authorities Mrs. Manchester has held the office of supreme guardian for 18 years and was elected at St. Paul last year for unother term of four years.

DWNER OF STOLEN HORSES DIED OF BROKEN HEART

Lincoln. Neb., March 25.—Sherift McDaniel, of Cheyenne county, wait-ing here to effect a change in the mind of Warden Fenton as to allowing him to take Convict Dullaghan to Sidney to testify in a horse stealing case, says that as a result of the exploits of Dullaghan and O. O. Simonson, who is to teried soon, John Gillespie, owner of some of the stolen horses, is dead of a proken heart.

oroken heart.

Gillespie was an eccentric Irish bachelor who engaged in horse raising and treated the animals as pets and companions. Sheriff McDaniel says that as a result of his grief over the loss of the animals, which could not be traced, Gillespie pined away and died. Dullaghan served a term in the South Dakota penitentiary, and was convicted of the offense in Cheyenne county. The state is trying to secure his attendance as a witness when Simonson is tried, but Dullaghan refuses to go and is backed by the sheriff, who says the law is that he cannot be compelled to leave this county not be compelled to leave this count;

# INSURANCE CONCERNS HOLD

HUGE PROFITS IN NEBRASKA Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—Nebraska paid nearly \$19,000,000 during 1915 ir premiums to the 390 fire and life insurance companies doing business in the state. The premiums for fire insurance totalled \$6,146,823, while the losses paid amounted to \$5,228,575. Life insurance companies garnered \$10,121,521 in premiums, while they paid back in losses but \$5,002,395. Miscellaneous insurance companies paid back \$1,036,954 surance companies paid back \$1,036,954 out of the \$2,500,338 received. The premium account shows an increase of \$1,372,000, or about 10 per cent, while the losses increased \$3,629,456, or 47 per cent. These are figures taken from the preliminary report of Insurance Commissioner Eastham.

Mr. Eastham figures from his license

Mr. Eastnam figures from his license register that there are 20,000 men in the state engaged in the writing of insurance, and that half this number represents men who do that as their one means of making a living.

#### PRAIRIE FIRE IN NEBRASKA COVERS 150 SQUARE MILES.

North Platte, Neb., March 25.—A territory of 150 square miles was burned over and one man, Thomas Griffith, perhaps fatally burned in a prairie fire which raged north of the towns of Wallace and Somerset, in this county. The buildings on three farms were destroyed, and only the hardest kind of work on the part of the fire fighters pre-vented the destruction of the village of vented the destruction of the village of Dickens. Much har, corn in cribs and farm implements were destroyed, and one farmer lost several head of hogs. The fire is believed to be under control.

Benkelman, Neb., March 25.—The teacher and pupils at the school in teacher and pupils at the school in Porter township were driven from the building by an extensive prairie fire. The occupants of the building ran hastily into a nearby barren field and escaped with their lives. The fire totally destroyed the school building.

# BERGE FINALLY ACCEPTS

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—George W. Berge, late "dry" candidate for governor in opposition to C. W. Bryan, has accepted the nomination for attorney general tendered by a committee of local democrats, and his name will go on the ballot as a candidate in opposition to Attorney General Reed. Automatically this lines up Berge with the Bryan forces, as they have been searching for a "dry" who would help them make the fight against liquor control of the democratic party. When the Berge petition was first filed, he seclared that he had no intention of running for any other office when he running for any other office when be retired from the gubernatorial race.

#### RENEAU PETITION SHORT; BARRED FROM DELEGATION

Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—Politicians say that the joke is on I. A. Reneau, veteran political worker from Broken Bow. Reneau desires to go to the republican national convention as a delegate at large. He filed a petition that he supposed guaranteed him a place on the ballot. The secretary of state, in checking it up, finds that it is deficient in the number of names from two of the six districts and holds Benery on the six districts, and holds Reneau can-not run. Reneaus was secretary of the state progressive committee in 1912.

BEATRICE-John Bartler and Ganis Smith were run down by bloodhounds from this city, near Pawnee City, where they are charged with robbing the home of Frank Howard of \$100 worth of articles last night. Some of the stolen property was found in their possession. At their preliminary hearing at Pawnee City they were bound over to the district court or a bond of \$2,000 each.

# MUSIC SUPERVISORS MEET

NEXT YEAR IN MICHIGAN Lincoln, Neb., March 24.-Grand Rapids, Mich., will entertain the national association of music supervisors in 1917, as a result of the referendum taken today. The following officers were elected: President, P. W. Dyke ma. Madison, Wis.; vice president, C. judges, was today ordered tried for insanity when his indictment for criminal libel was called.

The king of Spain has an annual income of \$1,400,009.

# **NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES**

TREASURER HALL, DEMOCRAT, DROPS "PROGRESSIVE" CALL

Lincoln, Neb., March 25.-Because Chairman Corrick, of the progressive party, protested his appearance as a candidate for treasurer on the progres candidate for treasurer on the progressive ticket, State Treasurer Hall, democrat, has declined the nomination. But Mr. Hall says that it is a mistake to say that he does not affiliate with the progressive party. "The very object and purpose of the organization," he says, "is to defeat the republican party and to this extent I have affiliated with the party quite as much as those who oragnized it." Mr. Hall says that he accepted the petition as coming in good faith, and that he is sorry to learn the signers were not progressives. To save them embarrassment, however, he withdraws. The petition came from Kimball county and was signed by 28 alleged progressives. There were but 14 progressive votes cast in the county in 1911. 14 progressive votes cast in the county

It is expected that all of the candidates of other parties included in Corrick's protest will withdraw, as they must swear they affiliate with that party.

### LINCOLN CLUB WOMEN IN BIG STEW OVER ELECTION

Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—Lincoln slub women are all stirred up over a revolt against the calm and conservative manner in which the Lincoln Woman's club has been managed. The Woman's club has been managed. The slub has over 1,000 members, one of he largest in the country. A group of progressives think the club ought to do something in community work that will mark it as an aggressive part of the city's civic existence. They met, withing a program and picked a ticket of the city's civic existence. They met, butlined a program and picked a ticket neaded by Mrs. F. M. Hall, wife of one of the city's leading lawyer, and aunched a campaign. The administration forces, deeming this to be a criticism of the work done in the last two years, has chosen Miss Ida Robbins as its candidates, and the two factions are pushing the fight with all the energy of a group of politicians, sending out letters, giving out statements for publication and using the election takes place Monday.

### CANNOT COMPEL CONVICT TO LEAVE PRISON TO TESTIFY

Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—Sheriff Mc-Daniel, of Cheyenne county, will have to return home without Convict Ed-ward Dullinghan. The sheriff had a subpoena for Dullinghan from the dis-trict court. He was wanted to testify trict court. He was wanted to testify against a man accused of horse stealing, a crime for which Dullingham is serving a sentence. The convict said he would not go and that he would not testify if he did go. The matter was referred to Warden Fenton, who declared that the man was within his rights and that he could not be required to go. There is a law on the books that says a convict may be examined orally only in the county where he is imprisoned, and that in all other cases a deposition must be taken. But he law also is that in a criminal case. the law also is that in a criminal cas the defendant is entitled to meet his accusers face to face and a deposition

#### CLASSICAL MUSIC JOLTED BY EASTERN AUTHORITY

Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—Classical music received a jolt at the national association of music supervisors' meeting when Otto Kinkeldey, director of the music department of the New York city library, told the members assembled that the songs of the people are the only songs that will endure for posterity. Great compositions which have made composers famous owe their success to their extreme simplicity and success to their extreme simplicity and not to the complexity of harmony. Only those parts live, he said, that the com-poser has deigned to sing in the style of the people. He urged the use of the simple folk songs in schools rather than any music which depended up-on dexterity in composition.

HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT Lincoln Neb., March 25.—Dr. J. S Leonhardt, former member of the Lincoln city council, and a well known Nebraska physician, lies at a local hospital in a serious condition from injuries received when his automobile ran off the high embankment at the crossing of the Missouri Pacific raiload, four miles east of Lincoln. harp turn approaching the tr makes the road dangerous, and losing control of the machine, it went over the embankment, the steering wheel pinning the doctor underneath, break-ing three ribs, two of which had to be removed, having penetrated one of

#### NELS JOHNSON CITED FOR BROWSING IN WRONG PASTURE

Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—Nels Johnson, of Oakland, Burt county, has been cited to appear this afternoon before the secretary of state and show cause why he should be allowed to remain in the field as a democratic candidate for the secretary from that district Johnson state senator from that district, Johnson is a republican, and is also a candidate for the republican nomination along with two other republicans. The iemocrats have no candidates. Chairnan M. S. Wilcox, of the Burt county iemocratic ticket, has filed a protest alleging that Johnson isn't a democrat and has no right to run on their ticket

TECUMSEH- The board of county commissioners of Johnson county has apdistrict court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her father, Colonel J. S. Dew, who was clerk. Miss Dew had been her father's deputy and continued illness keeping Colonel Dew away from the ofice for the last year, Miss Dew had car-ried on the work. Miss Dew is a republican candidate for nomination as clerk

EMERSON-At the annual election of the Emerson Commercial club the follow-ing officers were elected. President. E. G. Carhart; vice president, J. H. Bonder-son; secretary, E. A. Belersdorf; treasur-er, H. H. Stoltz. The matter of good roads was discussed and steps will be taken at once to insure good roads in and out of Emerson this summer.

EMERSON-At a caucus held here the following names were placed upon the city ticket for city councilmen: Guy Inman. Frank Prouse and J. N. Remmel. The saoon license question will come up again at the spring election to be held in April.

FALLS CITY-Sheriff Ratekin went to Grand Island and returned Sunday with W. H. Cochran, who was indicted by the grand jury on charge of passing a worth-ess check on Grant Ocamb at Rulo, a nerchant. The check was drawn on the Barada State bank, but there were no lunds there to redeem it. Cochran is well known in Barada.

SYRACUSE-Florence, the 11-year-old laughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Seymour, was badly burned about her arm and face while generating fee in a gasoline stove while generating free in a gasonic give to prepare the evening meal. She was using alcohol to generate the stove when the vessel containing the alcohol exploded, Great Lakes. burning her arm and face.

# Verdun in Flames Berlin Reports; Gun Duel Rages

German Official War Statement Today Declares City For Which Armies Have Been Fighting For More Than Month Is Now Burning-No New Moves, French Report.

Berlin, (via London) March 25.-Verdun is in flames, according to today's official statement by the German army headquarters.

The text of the official statement says:

"Western theater: There have been no actual changes in the situation since yesterday. The Meuse district artillery duels were especially lively, and in the course of these engagements of the vertice of the set of the statement follows:

"In the Argonne a surprise attack against the trenches of the enemy at against the trenches of the enemy at

and in the course of these engagements Verdun was set on fire.

"Eastern theater: West of Jacobstadt, the Russians again opened an attack after having brought forward fresh Siberian troops, and after strong artillery preparations had been made. The attack broke down with heavy losses to the Russians." against the trenches of the enemy at Courtes Chausses resulted in our taking some prisoners and inflicting losses on the enemy.

"The night passed quietly, both west and east of the Meuse.
"In the Woevre there has been an

artillery duel near Moulainville.
"There have been no important de-Paris, March 25 .- The French offi- velopments elsewhere on the front.'

# BRITISH SHIP SINKS AFTER **DESTROYING GERMAN RAIDER**

London, March 25.—Bulletin.—A German raider has been sunk in the North sea. Five German officers and 115 men out of a total of

300 were captured. The British lost 74 men. The British armed merchantman Alcantara, which sunk the Ger-

PLOT TO INVOLVE **COUNTRY IS SEEN** 

man raider, the Greif, was herself sunk.

President Wilson to Make a Statement Concerning Efforts to Promote War With Mexico.

Washington, D. C., March 27.—An expected official statement on alarmist reports from the Mexican border probably will be issued by President Wilson instead of by Secretary Lansing as was at first planned. The president and the cabinet are so convinced that certhe cabinet are so convinced that certain reports are part of a propaganda to force a general intervention in Mexico, that it was decided the subject was of sufficient importance for the president to deal with personally.

Today's advices from Consul Rodgers, at General Carranza's headquarters at Queretaro, reported a continuing favorable sentiment, but made no

ing favorable sentiment, but made no mention of the American request for use of Mexican railway lines for trans-

use of Mexican railway lines for transporting supplies to General Pershing's expedition. Rodgers' dispatch, dated yesterday, is in substance as follows:

"I have had an interview with General Obregon and he informs me that adequate forces are being utilized in the Villa campaign and that should more be required they will be sent.

"General Obregon stated that there was excellent cooperation between the forces of the two governments and absolutely no friction. He also stated that there was absolutely no truth in the reports published in the American newspaper to the effect that General Herrera nad revolted and had joined Herrera nad revolted and had joined forces with Villa."

Official advices dated March 24, 5 p. m., from El Paso, say a state de-partment announcement report the military authorities at Juarez showing evidence of being satisfied with the attitude of the American government and with the conduct of our troops

# FATE OF SHACKLETON

Damage to Relief Ship Aurora Leaves Explorers Stranded In Antarctic.

London, March 27 .- A wireless message from the auxiliary ship, Aurora, of the Shackleton Antartic exposition was received in London yesterday. The Aurora at the time the message was sent was in the far south Pacific. The wireless said the steamer had been damaged and was proceeding to New

Zealand for repairs.

The fate of Lieut. Sir Ernest Shackleton and the party which had set out to cross the south pole is not

Apparently attempts had been made to send the wireless for several months but it had just been received at the New Zealand station, which forwarded it to England. The message was sent by a member of the staff of the Aurora which went from Australia to Ross sea at the end of 1914 for the purpose of bringing back Shackletor's party when they had crosses the south polar con-

The news as received in London leaves the world completely in the dark as to the doings or whereabouts of Lieutenant Shackleton and his immediate party. If they had carried out this program they now would be presumably at the Ross sea base, but without the expected ship to take

At the solicitation of marine inter-At the solicitation of marine interests, especially on the Great Lakes, and also in pursuance of a plan recommended recently by the commission on storm warnings of the international meteorological committee, the United States weather bureau is preparing to introduce a new system of night storm recommended recently by the commission on storm warnings of three lanters and the inability of the west coast lines and the inability of the west coast lines and the inability of the west coast lines and the inability of the west coast lines. warnings, consisting of three lanterns in a vertical line, instead of two lanterns heretofore employed. By this arrangement it will be possible to indi-cate the expected direction of the wind mus will be cleared. Foodstuffs and to the nearest quadrant, instead of to medicinal products are exempt from the only two directons. Experiments re-cently conducted by the bureau show cently conducted by the bureau show that, in order to be seen separately by the naked eye, lanterns should be approximately four feet apart for each proximately four feet apart for each the observer is distant. To obtain the approaching marriage of William Atkinson, speaker of the lowa house of the lowal house of th

The fight occurred in the North seaon February 29. The Greif was sunk by gunfire and the Alcantara by a torpedo. The British losses were made up of five officers and 69 men.

The Alcantara was a large liner belonging to the Royal Mail Steam Packet company of Belfast. She has been in the service of the British for some time. Her gross tonnage was 15,300. She was 570 feet long and was built in Glasgow in 1913.

The following official statement was issued:

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"An engagement occurred February 29, in the North sea, between the German armed raider Greif, disguised as a Norwegian merchant vessel, and the British armed cruiser, Alcantara, Capt. T. E. Wardle. It resulted in the loss of both vessels, the German raider being sunk by gun fire and the Alcantara apparently by a torpedo. Five German officers and 115 men were picked up and taken prisoners out of the total complement, believed to have been over 300. The British losses amounted to five officers and 69 men.

"It should be noted that during the whole engagement the enemy fired

"It should be noted that during the whole engagement the enemy fired over the Norwegian colors painted on the side of the ship.

"This news is now published as it is made clear by the receipt of a German wireless message that the enemy has learned that the Gweif or similar has learned that the Greif, a similar ship to the Moewe, had been destroyed before she succeeded in passing our

# REPUBLICANS MAY **ASK MORE TROOPS**

Senate Minority Claim Wilson Is Risking Lives of Men In Pershing Army-Cummins to Act.

Washington, March 27.-Feeling the Mexican situation is critical and that more troops are needed to protect the AND PARTY IN DOUBT ing expedition, republican senators conferred over Mexico last appropriate and today and will confer again Mon-

day.

Senator Cummins at the suggestion of a number of his collegies prepared a resolution expressing it as the sense of the Senate that all available and the sense of the se mobile regular troops, plus such national guards forces as necessary be utilized to give adequate protection along the border and insure safety of the expedition in Mexico. Senator McCumber has a similar resolution less specific than that of Senator Cummins.

The conference Monday is expected The conference Monday is expected to decide a policy.
"I have no wish to embarrass the president," said Cummins, "All I want is that the government take adequate steps for protection of our people of the border and our soldiers in Mexico. Conditions in Mexico are chaotic and there is no telling what will happen, we should take all due precautions and

not wait until it is too late.

# ISTHMUS TRANSPORT LINES ARE CHOKED

wise I am fearful as to what will hap-

United Fruit Company Is Forced to Declare Embargo on Traffic.

New York, March 27 .- The United Fruit company has placed an embargo on all shipments to points on the west coast of South America, south of Cal-lao, Peru. This followed the declaration of similar embargoes by two of the steamship lines operating between Pan-

mile the observer is distant. To obtain great brillancy, a standard electric lamp of the gas filled tungsten type is being tested. The new system of lanterns is being first installed on the lower land of the lo