USE OF DIVER UPHELD

U. S. NOTE TO POWERS DENIES RIGHT TO ARM LINERS FOR DEFENSE.

GERMAN EDICT IS APPROVED

Americans May Be Warned Not to Travel on Belligerent Ships Which Carry Guns for Protection Against Submarine Attacks.

Washington, Feb. 14.-The declaration by the central powers of their purpose after March 1 next to regard armed merchant ships as warships and sink them on sight is in exact accordance with the new policy of the United States as laid down by the American note of January 18.

It is expected President Wilson now will give instructions to all port officials directing them to consider armed merchantmen as auxiliary cruisers and to apply to them the rules under which such vessels must depart within twenty-four hours after arrival or after necessary repairs are made or stores taken on board.

It is expected further that warnings will be issued directing Americans not to travel on belligerent armed merchant ships.

The note, by direction of the secretary of state to American ambassadors, was addressed to the European bel-ligerents in connection with the recognition of submarines as commerce destroyers and the desirability of the disarmament of belligerent merchantmen. Its text in part is as follows:

"It is a matter of the deepest in terest to my government to bring to an end, if possible, the dangers of life which attend the use of submarines as at present employed in destroying enemy commerce on the high seas, since on any merchant vessel of belligerent nationality there may be citizens of the United States who have taken passage or members of the crew in the exercise of their recognized rights as neutrals.

"While I am fully alive to the appalling loss of life among noncombatants, regardless of age or sex, which has resulted from the present method of destroying merchant vessels without removing the persons on board to places of safety and while I view that practice as contrary to those humane principles which should control belligerents in the conduct of their naval operations, I do not feel that a belligerent should be deprived of the proper use of submarines in the invasion of commerce, since those instruments of war have proved their effectiveness in this practical branch of warfare on the high seas.

"Your government will understand to hostilities.

"My comments on this subject are predicated on the following propositions:

"1. A noncombatant has a right to traverse the high seas in a merchant demnity. vessel entitled to fly a belligerent flag. to rely upon the observance of the rules of international law and principles of humanity, and if the vessel is other belligerent the merchant vessel of a disavowal: of enemy nationality should not be attacked without being ordered to stop.

ordered to do so by a belligerent submarine should immediately stop.

"3. Such vessel should not be atless it attempts to flee or resist. In case it ceases to flee or resist, the attack should be discontinued.

"4. In the event that it is impossible to place a prize crew on board of an enemy merchant vessel, or to convoy it into port, the vessel may be sunk. provided the crew and passengers have been removed to a place of safe-

"It would therefore appear to be a reasonable and reciprocally just ar he had sent to the Austro-Hungarian rangement if it could be agreed by the opposing belligerents that submarines the rules of international law in the tack by an Austrian submarine on the matter of stopping and searching merchant vessels, determining their belligerent nationality and removing the safety before sinking the vessels as mation from other sources to the effect out the present building program. prizes of war, and that merchant vessels of belligerent nationality should iterranean near Alexandria by an Ausbe prohibited from carrying any armament whatsoever.

is impressed with the reasonableness mander asked for food, which Captain of the argument that a merchant vessel carrying an armament of any sort should be held to be an auxiliary cruiser and so treated by a neutral as well ber of her crew removed. He was as by a belligerent government and is held as hostage while the Austrians seriously considering instructing its took the food they required from the officials accordingly."

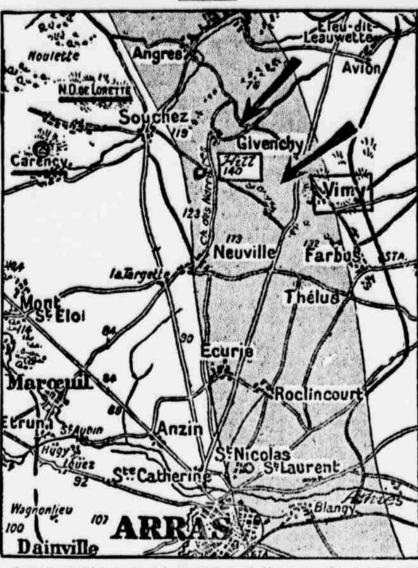
U. S. Ensign Pleads Guilty.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.-Ensign Robert D. Kirkpatrick, former executive officer of the destroyer Hull, pleaded guilty before a court-martial on board the battleship Oregon to the quantity of explosives. Several arloss of the code book from the Hull.

Lamar Must Go to Jail.

New York, Feb. 14.-The United States circuit court of appeals re wegian steamer Correct, 1,636 tons. fused to reinstate the appeal of David Lamar, "Wolf of Wall Street," and he with another vessel in the North sea must go to Atlanta prison for two off North Moreland headland. The years for impersonating congressmen. crew was saved.

ACTIVITIES ON THE WEST FRONT



German attacks west and southwest of Vimy, in the Artois region, resulted in the capture of 800 yards of French first-line trenches. Paris says some of the positions were retaken later. The Artois region may be the scene of a new German offensive on a large scale. It is known that there have been many new German troops rushed to Flanders and northern France

LUSITANIA CASE ENDS HITS AT L. D. BRANDEIS

WITHOUT WORD "ILLEGAL"

Decision to Accept Berlin Declaration Made at Conference Held by Wilson and Lansing.

Washington, Feb. 10.-The controversy between the United States and Germany over the destruction of the British liner Lusitania with the loss of

115 American lives is settled. Thus is passing into history an incident which at the time of its occurrence threatened to embroil the United States in the great world war and which since has brought the country on several occasions perilously close

that in seeking a formula or rule I ap- President Wilson and his cabinet reproach it of necessity from the point garded the settlement effected as fully of view of a neutral, but I believe that meeting the original demands of the it will be equally efficacious in pre- United States. These demands were serving the lives of noncombatants on set forth in a note dated May 13 last, merchant vessels of belligerent nation- immediately after the Lusitania was sent to the bottom of the sea. They

1. Disavowal of the act of the submarine commander.

2. Reparation in the form of an in-

3. Immediate steps to prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

Here in effect is what the kaiser's government is ready to say and what approached by a naval vessel of an. the United States has accepted in lieu

"The destruction of the Lusitania was a retaliatory act and Germany is "2. An enemy merchant vessel when prepared to pay an indemnity for the American lives lost."

The decision to accept the German declaration was made at a conference tacked after being ordered to stop un. on Tuesday between the president and Secretary Lansing. Later the cabinet ratified the decision.

VIENNA IS ASKED TO EXPLAIN

American Tank Steamer Petrolite Was Fired Upon and Food Taken by Submarine.

Washington, Feb. 12.-Secretary Lansing announced on Thursday that government through Ambassador Penfield a dispatch asking for an investi-American tank steamer Petrolite

The secretary's dispatch called at that the ship was stopped in the Medand wounded one man who was in the "I should add that my government engine room. The submarine comboarding party was then sent to the American ship and one American mem-Petrolite's stores.

Raid Bomb Factory.

Lisbon, Feb. 12.-The police raided an anarchist bomb factory, confiscating 40 loaded and 40 unloaded bombs. many rifles and pistols and a great rests have been made.

Steamer in Collision Sinks.

Deal England, Feb. 12.-The Norwas sunk on Thursday in collision

U. S. ACCEPTS GERMANY'S NOTE CLIFFORD THORNE OF IOWA MAKES GRAVE CHARGES.

> Declares President's Candidate for Supreme Court Justice Guilty of Infidelity.

Washington, Feb. 11.-Grave charges against Louis D. Brandels, nominated by President Wilson as Supreme court justice, were made on Wednesday in a public hearing before a subcommittee. Clifford Thorne, chairman of the lowa railroad commission, caused a sensation when he deliberately told the committee that he believed the president's candidate guilty of:

1. Infidelity, breach of faith and unprofessional conduct in connection with one of the greatest cases of this generation.

2. Committing himself as counse for the interstate commerce commis gress. The assertion was made that sion to the proposition that a return of 71/2 per cent on railroad capital is not adequate, although the commis- port the proposed amendment, camsion itself had fixed that rate as an paigns will be waged against their readequate profit.

The charges, delivered in a calm, deliberate tone, took away the breath of the solemn senate subcommittee and made the crowd in the committee room gasp. He reviewed in detail the conduct of himself and Mr. Brandeis in the railroad rate case of 1910 and 1913 before the interstate commerce commission. He sought to show that Mr. Brandels, after acting for the ship pers in 1910, had become attorney for the commission in 1913 and had not acted in good faith. The object of his testimony was to show that the conduct of Brandels was unbecoming a lawyer of "judicial temperament." and that on railroad questions the Supreme court candidate was already committed and would not be able to act judicially if such questions came before him as a judge of the highest

THREATEN TO RAISE PRICE

Armor Plate Companies Fight Passage of Government Factory Program -Threat Not Heeded.

Washington, Feb. 10 .- The armor plate companies, through Senator should be caused to adhere strictly to gation and an explanation of the at- Boics Penrose of Pennsylvania, served notice on the senate naval affairs committee on Tuesday that if congress passes the armor plate factory bill tention to affidavits from members of they will boost the price \$200 a ton crews and passengers to places of the crew of the Petrolite and to infor- on all armor plate needed to carry

The threat did not deter the naval affairs committee from voting nine to trian submarine, which fired upon it three in favor of recommending the passage of the Tillman bill appropriating \$11,000,000 for the purchase or Thompson of the Petrolite refused. A of not less than 20,000 tons annual capacity.

> Czar Goes to Front. London, Feb. 12.-A Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's says Emperor Nicholas has left there for the front.

Canada Enlists 1,000 a Day. Ottava, Ont., Feb. 14.-Each day for the last month a thousand men have

enlisted in Canada for service overinstructors, rifles and clothing for a larger daily number of recruits. Whitlock Acts as Beat Man.

London, Feb. 14.—Brand Whitlock. American minister to Belgium, was best man at the wedding on Friday in Brussels of Charles Carstairs of the daughter of a burgomaster.

CONSCRIPTION LAW WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT.

WOMEN WILL BE AGGRESSIVE

Will Fight Candidates Who Do Not Aid Suffrage Amendment-Legislative Skies Have Cleared.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. London.-The Central News is authority for a report that all single men are to be called on to enlist at once. A royal proclamation shortly to be issued notifying all single men to attest, the Central News states, aitributes the unexpected speedy summons to the many recent consultations between the minister of munitions and the war office. On February 3 King George signed a proclamation fixing February 10 as the date on which the military service act was to be regarded as in force. All single men between the ages of nineteen and forty-one, who are not exempt under the act, were given until March 2 to

Legislative Skies Have Cleared.

Washington.-Legislative skies have cleared as a result of Secretary of War Garrison's resignation, in the opinion of capitol leaders. Publication of the Carrison-Wilson letters and leaders' conferences resulting since. have indicated probable results in important legislation.

From the president's letters to Garrison and sentiment of leaders of both parties, the following final results are generally predicted:

No continental army plan. Substitution of militia, under federal control, with drafting in case of war. No compulsory military training plan; not even that of Senator Cham-

berlain. A compromise on a pledge for ultimate but distant Filipino independence.

WOMEN TO BE AGGRESSIVE

To Fight Senators and Representatives Who Do Not Aid Amendment.

New York.-The first of a series of conferences by means of which suffragists plan to organize the country geographically to unify their campaign in support of the Susan B. Anthony constitutional amendment was held here Friday. Delegates were present from New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York. Plans were made for raising funds to send organizers into the states where women already have the vote. The purpose of this effort, it was explained, was for all the voters to urge their senators and representatives to support the proposed amendment in conif senators and representatives from the "enfranchised" states fail to supelection.

Democratic Committeemen at Omaha. Omaha, Neb.-Twenty-one of the thirty-three democratic state committeemen, in session here Saturday, selected Hastings as the place for the state convention to be held on July 25. Suggested a partial list of candi-

dates for presidential electors to be chosen at the primaries, April 18. Extended greetings to President Wilson and endorsed his administra-

tion; endorsed the records of Senator Hitchcock and Congressmen Lobeck, Shallenberger and Stephens, and the state administration headed by Governor John H. Morehead. Selected H. E. Gooch of Lincoln as a member of the committee to succeed the late S. Tibbets of Lincoln.

Tells of Red Cross Work

Washington-Former President Taft told Red Cross workers here that the Red Cross was one of the branches very necessary to that of preparedness. "It takes an earthquake to wake the American people up sometimes," said Mr. Taft. "They sleep and decline to give a dollar for what they must pay millions later Adequate preparedness-and I mean military prenaredness-is absolutely necessary." Mr. Taft was speaking in behalf of the movement to secure 1,000,000 members on the Red Cross society.

London.-The Belgian legation anaounced that the rumors which have been circulated that peace proposals recently were made by Germany to the Belgian government are devoid of foundation. Recent information gathered in government circles in Berlin construction of an armor plate plant is that Germany holds a portion of Belgium should be annexed to Germany in any settlement of the war which is undertaken. This view is directly the reverse of the recent report coming through Italy that Germany to the agreement for extension of time. had offered to evacuate Belgium as a condition of a separate peace.

Geneva.-The Turks have resumed the massacre of the Armenians who escaped previous outrages, according to dispatches printed by the Geneva seas. It would be difficult to provide newspapers. Thousands of men and boys have been shot, the dispatches stated, and the girls sent to Constantinople to be sold into Turkish harems. The Journal de Geneva reported that for reasons of economy the kaiser and sultan have withdrawn about 600 German and Turkish spies who have been operating in Switzerland. The Philadelphia and Helene Guinotte, Journal said these secret agents worked actively in Switzerland.

ITS SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

State Preparing to Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary.

Features of the coming celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Nebraska as a state, that will be in charge of the public schools of the state, were discussed at the recent meeting of school superintendents.

The committee appointed by the general committee on the celebration that will outline school and county celebration plans, consists of Supt. A. O. Thomas, Ross L. Hammond of Fremont, and Judge Jessen of Nebraska City. This committee has outlined its program in part as fol-

The special study of Nebraska history, the collection of historic data, map making showing historic trails and places of interest in pioneer days, by all schools, the marking of places of historic interest.

Celebration February 12, 1917, in all of the 7,000 rural and village schools of the state, the program to include patriotic songs, the Nebraska patriotic ode, brief history of the purchase of Louisiana territory; reading of essays on various phases of local history, stories of the pioneers, brief addresses by local speakers.

February 25, 1917, is set apart for observance in churches and Sunday schools of the state. Much interest may be created by a study of the early missionaries and the establishing of the early churches of the state, and reminiscences of the early pioneer churchmen.

March 1, 1917, genral or county celebrations to be participated in by commercial clubs, schools, historical societies, farmers' organizations, churches, women's clubs, daughters of the American revolution, men's clubs, civic societies and such other organized bodies as may desire to particl-

Urges Care in Picking Seed Corn. The following proclamation calling attention to the importance of securing good seed for the state's corn planting this year, has been issued by

Governor Morehead: "To the Farmers of Nebraska: It may seem uncalled for for me to warn you of the seed corn conditions for 1916. A warning of this kind is sent year, but from reports I am getting out every year, but from reports I am getting from different sections of the country, it appeals to me of more im-

portance in 1916 than ever before. "The lateness of the corn in 1915, and the severe weather have lowered, and in many instances, entirely destroyed the germination of a great deal of our corn. Those who have had experience in farming realize that to replant corn means, very often, a failure of crop.

With the present price of grain. and a very optimistic future and Nebraska being an agricultural state, it is very esential that we have corn that will be of strong germination as well as a large percentage that will germinate.

"With the rapid development of the state, the farming industry is no longer haphazard, but the man who succeeds must use the same amount of care and caution as the man who stands behind the counter of a bank does in conducting the banking successfully.

"This is an annual custom, but I hope you will give special attention to the matter this year. So many letters have reached me asking me to warn people along the line of getting good seed corn, that I feel it my duty to issue this proclamation."

Conversation Over 1,500 Miles of Wire

As clearly audible as though the conversations were carried on over two telephones in Lincoln, Governor J. H. Morehead's spoken message to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, transmitted over 1,500 miles of space was heard by the members of that assemblage at their banquet in Washington, D. C., Thursday evening and with equal clearness the felicitatory remarks of John Fahey, president of the organization, came over the longdistance wires to Lincoln and were heard by thirty persons congregated in the governor's office.

The executive committee of the Nebraska Dry Federation has decided to ask every saloon town in the state to vote upon the liquor question at the election this spring. The general recommendation of the committee will be forwarded to local anti-saloon branches and temperance societies in the different towns, with the request that they take up the fight at once.

Roads Get Sixty Day Extension By agreement between the attorney

general's department and an attorney representing all of the railroads the supreme court of Nebraska has given an extension of sixty days to railroad companies for the filing of briefs in that court in the appeal case involving the validity of class rates established by the Nebraska railway commission The railway commission is not a party The commission is said to be desirous of an early determination of the suit. All railroad companies doing business in Nebraska have appealed from the class rates established by the commission in order No. 19. The appeal was filed by the railroads in the supreme court of Nebraska. The same rates are involved in a case before the interstate commerce commission on complaint of Sloux City and other cities on the Missouri river outside of Ne-

The supreme court has held that German or other European languages must be taught in public schools of the state when fifty patrons petition it.

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hair and will make harsh hair soft and glossy.
It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or
greasy, and does not rub oif.—Adv.

Might Be. "What is the Pan-American con-

gress, pa?" "I don't know exactly, but it sounds as if it might be a convention of our hyphenated fellow citizens."

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