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Cloudy

THE WEATHER

SEVEN DEMOS WITH G.O.P. TRIO HOLD UP SHIPBILLIN SENATE

Newly-Remodelled Measure on the Rocks as Insurgents and Three Progressive Republicans Shy at It.

CHANGE DON'T APPEAL TO THEM

Administration Leaders in Quandary and in Doubt as to Fate of Wilson's Pet Legislation.

ONLY HOPE NOW IN CONFERUNCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 .- Administration democrats got another setback in their fight for President Wilson's ship bill when they suddenly learned today that the bill as it passed the house last night will not command the support of Senators Kenyon, Norris or La Follette, progressive republicans, on whom they counted, nor the support of any of the seven insurgents of their own party.

The plan to move to concur with the house amendments was wrecked by the discovery that the leaders could not muster enough votes.

Administration leaders made no attempt to conceal their embarrassment and planned to send the bill to conference with the hope of putting on some amendments to command support. The bolting democrats were said to be favorable to an amendment to make the enterprise a temporary one to end with the European

After a series of motions to send the bill to a conference, motions to table appeals and other maneuvers in which the seven democratic insurgents voted with the republican opposition, the bill finally got into a parliamentary position where it went to the senate calendar and can be called up again only on a motion for its consideration.

The sintuation put the administration leaders into a quandary and left the whole situation almost as indefinite as before.

#### Stock Shippers' Pass Bill Goes To the Governor

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 17 .- (Special.)-The first bill to come to Governor Morehead for his signature, outside of the legislative appropriation bills, was S. F. 26, Senator's Grace's bill for free transportation both ways for shippers of live stock. This bill with two other senate bills of minor importance were put in the governor's hands this morning. They will be signed by him, as far as known,

#### Five Men Die in Fire in Hotel at Marshfield, Ore.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 17.-Five mon are dead, two are missing and four are badly injured as a result of a fire early today, which destroyed the Bunker Hill hotel here. The hotel is near a lumber mill and its occupants were mostly mill

#### **NINE STATES JOIN IOWA** IN FIGHTING RATE RAISE

DES MOINES, Feb. 17 .- Nine other western states joined with the lower Railroad commission today in sending a patition to the Interstate Commerce commission, asking a suspension tariffs proposing general advances in

The states, which united to fight the proposed increased rates, are: Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Okiahoma, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Nebraska.

### The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m., Thursday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity -Partly cloudy; continued moderate tem-



Comparative Local Record. 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912. Highest yesterday.... Lowest yesterday... Mean temperature.... Precipitation Temperature and precipitation depar-

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

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Cyeyenne, cloudy.
Davenport, part cloudy.
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Hodgo City, clear.
Lander, part cloudy.
North Platte, clear.
Omaha, rain.
Pueblo, rain.
Rapid City, cloudy.
Sall Lake City, cloudy.
Sall Lake City, cloudy.
Salt Lake City, cloudy.
Santa Fe, part cloudy.
Sheridan, clear.
Sloux City, rain.
Valentine, clear.
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KING GEORGE leaving Salisburt Plains, after reviewing the Canadian troops, in company with Lord Kitchener and others of the British General Staff.



## U. S. CAN'T BLAME **DEPRESSION TO LION**

Second British Reply to First American Note Denies Trade Slump Here Due to English Action.

NO UNDUE INTERFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 -Great Britand become laws of the land in due American note of protest, which on De-

ish foreign office. The note to Ambasador Page by Sir Edward Grey, under date of February 10, denies that the depresion in American industries is due to the activity of the British fleet, and sugests among other causes the shortage of shipping facilities, the consequent diminution of cotton trade and the destruction by submarine mines "laid by the enemy indiscriminately" of many neutral vessels.

Announces Resolve.

After giving a lengthy and detailed answer to the charge that American ships and cargoes were being unduly detained, the communication contains in its concluding paragraph the announcement that Great Britains intends to take retalistory measures against the German submarine campaign against enemy ships, but does not reveal their nature.

Conceding that foodstuffs intended for the civil population of a country are not contraband, the British government points Cherbourg appeared on the horizon. out that 'in any country in which there exists such tremendous organization for war which now exists in Germany, there is no clear division between those whom the government is responsible for feeding and those whom it is not."

British Endeavor.

to neutrals, but the announcement by the the middle starboard side. German government of their intention to As the crew took to the boats the subsink merchant vessels and their cargoes, marine which torpedoed the ship was ithout verification of their nationality seen speeding away. The Dulwich sank or character and without making any in twenty minutes. provision for the safety of noncombatant crews or giving them a chance of saving their lives has made it necessary for his malesty's government to consider what measures they should adopt to protect their interests. It is impossible for one belligerent to depare from rules and of the other two is unknown. precedents and for the other to remain

bound by them." several weeks ago, the new note is about wich had been blown up. This informa-10,000 words long, and includes not only tion was brought ashore by seven men of statistical argument but a further dis- the crew who rowed to land. The Dulcussion of the legal points involved.

Not to Blame for Slump. Foremost, however, is the denial of the British government that the depression in American industries referred to in the American note was due to the alleged interference of the British fleet with American commerce or "the result of any exercise of belligerent rights."

### War News to Him; A Nice Day for It

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Feb. Il.-News up on the Omaha road, between here travels more slowly in some cases than and Sloux City. in others. Here is an filustration. A , A report come to the police station last Champaign resident who entered a local night to the effect that at about 6 o'clock store today.

"Is there a war?" asked the man.

"Well, they have a nice day for it, anyhow," the man replied, as he picked up the country for miles around Emerson his bundle and left.

## SUBMARINES SINK TWO ALLIES CRAFT

French Steamer Ville de Lille and British Collier Torpedoed and Sent to Bottom.

CREWS TOLD TO LEAVE BOATS

PARIS, Feb. 17 .- An official com-American note of protest, which on De-cember 3 last asked for an early improvement in the treatment of American by the German U-16 of the French had before August of last year. provement in the treatment of American of American of the Farcommerce by the British fleet, was made steamer Ville Le Lille off the Farpublic tonight by mutual agreement befleur lighthouse, a short distance, a is one of the guaranters of the "open formation from Peking sources, were far agreement business closer twenty-one in number and were far short distance east of Cherbourg, door" policy, has urgent business closer twenty-one in number and were far after the submarine had ordered the home. crew to leave the steamer. The statement follows:

"The French steamer Ville De the last fortnight are attracting much tion. The memorandum, as handed to Lille, belonging to the Compagnie attention in German newspapers. Navigation es Bateaux a Vapeur Du Nord, sailing from Cherbourg to Dunkirk, sighted the German sub- powers of Europe are rending each other marine U-16 near the lighthouse at and the United States is playing a role Barfleur at 1:3 o'clock yesterday.

Submarine Too Fast.

"The Ville De Lille endeavored to escape, but was outspeeded by the submarine, men from which boarded it and gave the crew ten minutes to leave in the ship's boats. They then sank the Ville De Lille by bombs placed in its interior. "The U-16 headed for a Norwegian steamer, but sank out of sight when a division of French torpedo boats from The Ville De Lille was a small steamer

British Collier Sunk. HAVRE (Via Paris), Feb. 1-The British steamer collier Dulwich, bound from Hull to Rouen, was torpedoed a German submarine twenty "It will still be our endeavor," says the miles northwest of Cape De La Heve at final paragraph, "to avoid injury and loss a o'clock last night. The torpedo struck

Fate of Two Unknown. Twenty-two members of the crew of stroyer Arquebuse and brought to Havre. Seven others rowed to Fecamp. The fate

A dispatch from London last night stated that Lloyds had received informa-Supplementing the preliminary reply of tion from Fecamp, France, that the Dejwich was a vessel of 2,389 tons owned by the British Steamship company

#### Hot on the Trail Of Gonzales, Say Police of Omaha

The police of Omaha assert that they

a man who answers the description of "The war is awful, isn't it?" said the Gonzales was seen in the vicinity of Emerson. Squads of officers inside an hour left Fermont, Norfolk and Siexx "Sure. England, France and Russia are City, headed for Emerson. Already there fighting Germany in the greatest war are several officers not far from the man was seen and they have been ordered to Emerson. Every portion of will be combed before morning.

# KAISER WILL MAKE **APOLOGY TO GERARD FOR DEMONSTRATION**

German Emperor Will Personally Express Regrets to U. S. Envoy Because of Insult in Theater.

ON OCCASION OF VISIT EAST

Man in Audience Begins Violent Tirade in Presence of Minister Against American Policy.

DIPLOMAT TO KOENIGSBURG

BASEL, Switzerland, Feb. 17 .-(Via Paris.)-Emperor William will apologize personally to James W. tion which occurred at a Berlin theater on the evening of February 9, according to a telegram received here CHINA REJECTS today from the German capital.

The emperor, it is said, will express his regrets to Mr. Gerard on the occasion of the ambassador's visit to the emperor at the East Prussian fortress of Koenigsburg. Mr. Gerard is reported in the dispatch to have accepted the emperor's invitation to go to Koenigsburg.

Ambassador Gerard and a party from the United States embassy were attending a theater in Berlin on February 9, when a man in the speaking English. When informed against the ambassador, the man diplomatic representatives here of began a violent tirade against the the United States, Great Britain, United States for permitting the ex- France and Russia respecting the deportation of arms. The individual was finally suppressed by theater at-

#### Japan Making Hay While Sun Shines, Says English Paper future development of the Chinese repub-

LONDON, Feb. 17 .- Gloom in Europe sunshine for Japan, so Japan is making hay, is the comment of the Manhester Guardian on the demands made by Japan upon China which the Guardian declares 'in some ways are scarcely compatibible with the declared object of the Anglo-Japanese alliance to insure the independence and integrity of China." The Guardian contends that in meeting Japen's very comprehensive projects in ple, stating that the detailed negotiations Manchuris. Shangtung. Western Mon-

reaching both in their political and com-BERLIN, Feb. 17 .- (Vin London)-The political demands which Japan is re whether the original demands were made ported to have made upon China during orally or in a formal written communica-

the legations of the United States, Great The Cologne Gazette says the most important step ever undertaken by Japan occurs at a time when all the great which never was expected of it. Gazette regrets that "blindness of Germany's enemies, who permit such catastrophic to threaten the white race."

### Wheat Drops Five Cents in Chicago Amsterdam and Veenyk sall from this up to date.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17. -increasing appres names and port of registry will be painted is conducting the inquiry, made a statehension as to vessel risks in the war on their sides in letters four feet high, ment of the effect that he had received zone was largely responsible for a fall The work is being done today by painters several communications from grain men in wheat today. As much as 5 cents was at Hoboken. cut from the price of the July delivery, Maritims men heard today that to proin which trading chiefly centered. That tect its shipping the Dutch nation had J. Ogden Armour, Mr. Becker anmonth dropped to \$1.4112, as against \$1.36% gone so far as to change the color of its nounced, sent the following telegram in

Before the descent came to an end flag will be composed of red, white and Before the descent came to an end light blue instead of dark blue. The business I am unable to comply with on the Belguim coast, but as was the case %64464% cents under last night.

## Seven Killed in A Mine Explosion Packing Firms Ask

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 17.-Seven men are known to have been killed and nine others seriously burned late today 31 men were picked up by the French de- in an explosion of gas at the prospect colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal com

Rescuers have brought four of the dead and six injured to the surface.

#### The National Capital Wednesday, February 17, 1915.

The Senate. The administration ship bill in its new form came from the house and awaited action. action.

Bernard N. Baker, a steamship manager, testified before the committee investigating charges of influence in connection with the ship bill.

Adjourned at 5:29 p. m. to neon Thurs-

Twe House. Efforts to bring up the pension bill were defeated and bills were considered under the calendar Wednesday rule. posed to ac one of the murderers of Detective Ring. This time they have their man located in the vicinity of Emerson.

up on the Omaha road, between here

This time they have their of wrecked foreign-built ships salved by American citizens.

Adjourned at 5:15 p. m. until 11 a. m. Thursday.

A SMAIL, syndicate is just forming to handle a profitable California land proposition. You can get in on ground floor with from \$500 to \$10,000, if you act quick This proposition will stand the closest investi-

For further information about this opportunity, see the Want Ad section of today's Rec.

## Davies Explains Purposes of the New Federal Trade Commission Act

commissioner of the bureau of corrations, prominently mentioned for the hairmanship of the Federal trade commission, discussed recent trust legislaion before the Members Council of the Merchanta' Association of New York today and outlined the alms and workings He said the spirit and purpose behind the law was that of "even handed Jus- anti-trust laws tice; vigilant protection of the public interest from encroachments of dishonest destrous of accommodating itself to the

Outlining recent trust legislation. Comthe Newlands-Covington act which created the federal trade commission should be ever watchful of the public interest, but which should as well clothed with power to obtain facts and Gerard, the American ambassador to information for the good of the public Germany, for the hostile demonsrta- and business generally and which should serve also as an agency not only to enforce the law, but to aid expeditiously

JAPAN'S DEMANDS

of Celestial Empire.

future development of the Chinese repub-

The Peking government did not conceal

existing treaties between China and other

foreign powers. The Japanese minister

mercial aspects. But it is not known

Ships Painted on

Missouri Court to

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 17 .- A

motion for a rehearing was filed today

by the five packing companies which

the supreme court justices acquiesced in

the opinion and that the companies were

found guilty on suspicion and it attacks

Russ in Bukowina

BERLIN. Feb. 17,-(Via London.)-The

Russian army in Bukowina has been en-

veloped by the Austro-Hungarians be-

tween the Pruth and Sereth rivers, a

One Austrian army, pushing the Rus-

sians from the north, now has reached

Stotozhinetz, while another Austrian

force, having advanced castward from

correspondent of the Tageblatt says in

validity of the statute under

Austrians Envelope

Hammond Packing company:

the proceeding was brought.

dispatch from Bistritz.

having met reinforcements.

Name and Port of

then asked for an acceptance in princi-

great secrecy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 .- Joseph E. Da- jin the more easy accommodations of the remedy to the wrong and to the accommodation of business to the requirements of the daw.

"In the course of time," he said, "there will be available to the federal trade ommission a large body of information. ollated, digested and interpreted as to the whole field of industry of the coun of the law creating the trade commission try. This agency is also available in the public interest in investigations of the

"The greatest menace to the small usiness men or enterprises lies in unfair usiness and as well, constructive help methods of competition employed by to business which is honestly and fatrly their larger rivals, who can withstand Decree to Cut Off Food Supplies a campaign of price cutting or similar practice simply by reason of brute strength. These practices, if permitted issioner Davies said the purpose of breed monopoly. If prevented in their inception by government agency, there is a guarantee of a square deal to the was to provide an expert body, which smaller unit and an assurance that it will depend for its survival upon its own efficiency and find justification therein for its existence. The theory of this law finds no quarrel with bigness of enter price. It simply provided that the rule of the road, based on fairness, shall be made clear and shall be enforced."

## GERMANS CAPTURE 50,000 RUSSIANS

Mikado's Proposals Held to Be In- Berlin War Office Says Rout of the compatible with Sovereignty Muscovite Army in East Prussia is Complete.

MUCH CONCERN FELT IN PEKING KAISER WATCHES THE BATTLE

PEKING, Feb. 17 .- If information HERLIN, Feb. 17 .- (By Wireless to London)-Fifty thousand prisoners, be from presumably well informed sources, both foreign and Chinese, is were captured by the Germans when the sides many cannon and machine guns correct, the memorandum recently Russian tenth army was defeated in the given by the Japanese legation to the Mazurian lake district. East Prussia, according to a statement issued at general headquarters today. The text of the ommunication follows: "In a nine days' battle in the Maguriar mands of the Tokio government on lake district the Russian tenth army China omits certain of the require-

consisting of at least eleven infantry and several cavalry divisions, not only was ments originally presented to Peking. driven out of strongly entrenched posi-These negotiations, which began late tions east of the Masurian lake plateau, in January, had for their object the de- but was forced back across the frontier finition of the future status of Japan's "Utterly defeated at almost every point relations with China and a decision only the remnants of the army managed respecting certain questions regarding the to reach the woods east of Suwalki and

Augustowo where they are being pursued.

The number of prisoners taken has not

been ascertained, but certainly exceeds its concern over the situation thus machine guns besides an unknown quantity of war material were captured. brought about, and on February 6 Sun Emperor William was present during Pao Chi, the Chinese foreign secretary, in conference with the Japanese minister at Peking, rejected Japan's proposals on the East Prussian troops assisted by other ground that they were incompatible with troops who were young for such work, China's sovereignty and conflicted with

but proved their worth. "The achievement of these troops under fearful weather conditions, marching by day and night and fighting against such a stubborn enemy are beyond all praise."

### Chicago Grain Men Refuse to Testify in New York Hearing Peril.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 .- Henry Heinzer, chief statistician of the New York Proresumption of the state investigation into continue their sailings. The names the increased cost of wheat and bread, and nationality of the vessels and (Continued on Page Four, Column Three.) said it was estimated there were on hand now in the United States 366,857,000 bushsumption he said, 123,000,000 bushels of that German submarines will not this might be exported without causing sink them by mistake. a shortage at home and a surplus of 25,-1 000,000 bushels still would be left on hand In Big Letters July 1 next.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.-When the Hol- in home consumption, the witness said.

port Pebruary 20 for Rotterdam, their and others in Chicago, declining to ap- German aubmarines, but the develop-

flag. Hereafter, according to report, the answer to the invitation to testify here: The market closed nervous at Dutch flag, with is horizoneal stripes your request. Furthermore, my knowl- at the previous raid, the official report might be mistaken for the black, white edge of the subject is such a general one and red German ensign. By using a that I am sure I could not assist in your age. light blue stripe, it was said the Dutch investigations. There are undoubtedly many in New York who can give you all the necessary information."

Mr. Becker said that no reply had been received from George Marcy, president of the Armour Grain company, and he understood that Mr. Marcy had left Rehear Ouster Suit Chleago hurriedly, ostensibly for his winter home in Passadens, Cal.; nor was Chicago hurriedly, ostensibly for a reply received from James E. Patton. C. H. Canby, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, is expected to testify at the next hearing February 23.

#### were conditionally ousted from the state Socialist Members and fined \$25,000 each by the supreme court last week on a charge of violating Of French Cabinet the state anti-trust law. The companies concerned in the suit are Morris & Co., Swift & Co., Armour & Co., the St. Louis Severely Criticised Dressed Beef & Provisions Co. and the The motion recited that only three of

PARIS, Feb. 17.-The action of two so ialist members of the French cabinet Julez Guesde, minister without portfolio and Macel Sembat, minister of public works in attending the recent international socialist conference in London has evoked protest from a large section of the French press which makes the declaration that this conference was inspired by the German social democratic party. Senator Gaudin De Vilaine has written letter to Premier Viviant announcing

#### interpellation on the subject in the senate Negro Insults White Woman; Lynched tion Wanted ads in

that unless the government publicly dis-

avows these two socialist ministers be

fore next Thursday he will present an

Marmaros against Wisnicz, now stands TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 17 .- John Richards, in the vicinity of Czneruowitz. The Rus sian army has halted tweive miles from s negro, was lynched by a mob near Sparr, I'ln., inst night. He is said to have insuited a white woman. that point, the Tageblatt is informed,

## BRITISH WATERS **BECOME PART OF** THEATER OF WAR

Kaiser's Order Creating War Zone Around the British Islands Becomes Effective on the Stroke of Midnight.

WILL RETALIATE

from Germany is Expected Within Few Hours.

BERLIN IS AGAIN CELEBRATING

#### The Day's War News

GERMAN WAR OFFICE announced that In the recent defeat of Russians in the Mazurian lakes region of East Prussia more than 50,000 prisoners were taken. The Russian army at the other end of the eastern front also is in danger, according to the correspondent of a Berlin newspaper.

GERMAN'S REPLY to the American note concerning the rights of American vessels in the war zone which the Berlin government announced will be established around the British isles today was delivered to Ambassador Gerard, who forwarded it to Wash-

COLLIER DULWICH, which went down Tuesday in the English channel, was torpedoed.

ATHENS dispatch states that a formidable army has been assembled for a new campaign against scrbia. This army is described as amounting to 450,000 men, made up in part of Germans.

HEAVIER FIGHTING Is now under way in France and Belgium. The German war office asserts that attacks undertaken by the British and French at many places were repulsed. French war office says that the German onslaught in the Argonne region was driven back.

BULLETIN BERLIN, Feb. 17 .- (Via London.)-Germany's reply to the 50,000. More than fifty cannon and sixty United States' note of protest against the regulations proposed for a war zone in the waters around the Brithe decisive fighting in the center of our ish isles has been handed to Ambas-The victory was won by veteran sador James W. Gerard, and probably will be forwarded to Washington to-

> LONDON, Feb. 17 .-- At the stroke of midnight the waters surrounding the coasts of the United Kingdom will become, so far as lies within the power of Germany to make them, a war zone which all vessels, neutral or otherwise, will penetrate at their

Some of the services across the channel probably will be curtailed, but a majority of the neutral shipduce exchange, testifying today at the ping lines will accept the risk and the flags of their nations will be el ost wheat. At the present rate of con- painted on their sides in the hope

England's announcement of the details of its proposed retaliatory policy, by Approximately 36,396,000 bushels of 1914 which it plans to cut off the German food rop of 967,000,000 bushels has been used supply from the outside is expected momentarily and apparently there is not land-American line steamships Nieuw and 210,000,000 bushels had been exported the slightest prospect that this country will accept the German proposal to call off the blockade if England will relax

It is not expected that there will be any immediate and widespread activity by ments regarding neutral ships should bring to a head one of the most interesting and threatening situations of the war.

England was noticeably cheered by the does not indicate the extent of the dam-Berlin Again Celebrating.

Berlin is again celebrating the success

of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg as

#### further details of the East Prussian oper-(Continued on Page Two, Column Five.) "Finding Yourself"

The man who makes good is the man who finds himself through the position for which he is fitted.

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