SENATORS OPPOSE LIGHTING MEASURE AS PARTISAN ACT

Opposition Manifests Itself Directly Against Saunders Water-Light Bill on Floor in De-

DEMOCRATS ARE AGAINST IT

Grace Gives Views in Extended Debate When Matter is Up in Committee of Whole.

HOAGLAND DISLIKES SYSTEM

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 18 .- (Special.) Opposition developed today to S. F. No. 6, the Saunders measure permitting the Metropolitan Water district of Omaha to engage in the electric lighting business. The bill was discussed in committee of the whole where Senators Grace and Hoagland made plain they were against it and an undercurrent of sympathy with

Senator Grace declared that Manager Howell of the district was urging the bill as a partisan measure. Off the floor it is frequently said he is seeking to build up a republican machine in his own behalf.

their position was plainly apparent.

Senator Hoagland of Lancaster, a republican, told the senate that if the Greater Omaha bill were a law, the consolidated cities would be in better shape to enter the lighting business than the water district.

Senators Dodge and Saunders were the principal defenders. An adjournment was taken until tomorrow when the debate will be con-

Saunders Proposes Changes. The author of the bill, Senator Saunders read several amendments made by the committee to the bill, one of them fol-

Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as in any way abridging the authority possessed at the time of the pussage of this act by the mayor and council, or village board of any municipality, embraced within such metropolitan water district, to fix rates and to regulate the service of any person or company, except the metropolitan water district, transmitting electric current within such municipality; and providing further, that any judgment recovered against any such municipality hecause of any act of neglect of the board of such directors of such metropolitan water district shall be paid only out of funds under the control of said directors and all suits arising out of funds under the control of said directors and all suits arising out of transactions of said board with reference to matters contained in this act shall be prosecuted or defended by the attorney, and at the cost of said metropolitan water district.

Another amendment to the bill agreed Provided, that nothing herein contained

Another amendment to the bill agreed to on motion of Saunders cuts out the emergency clause,

The Bacussion lasted until after 12 o'clock when a motion to adjutte car- Coroner's Jury Finds Englishman with apoplexy early today. tomorrow morning probably.

Grace Points Out Howell.

The course of debate brought out from Grace of Harian the charge that "a certain gentleman from Omaha had been here for a week urging the bill as a partisan measure." Grace is a democrat. It is thought that he referred to R. B. Howell, late republican candidate for governor and present chairman of the water board, who has been in the legislature working for the bill.

There were various calls made upon Grace to name the man he referred to. However, he declined. Mr. Howell was in the senate chamber at the time. The charge has been made by friends of the bill, although not on the floor, that certain democratic leaders, known to be in Lincoln, are working against the bill as a republican measure designed to build 4624 North Twenty-fourth street, the up a political machine for Howell.

Dodge Makes Denial. Defige of Douglas, who was speaking at the time in support of the bill, denied the charge by Grace that the support of the bill was being derived from partisanship. Moreover, he argued the democrats would be entitled to credit if the bill should him about the English, and O'Donneil pass. The measure had obtained demo- said. 'If it wasn't for the Irish the (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

The Weather

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity Partly cloudy and colder. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.



Comparative Local Record.

2915, 1914, 1913, 1912 Highest yesterday. Lowest yesterday. Mean temperature. Precipitation

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature 24
Excess for the day 16
Total excess since March 1 75
Normal precipitation 62 inches Exces for the day 66 inches Exces for the day 66 inches Exces for the day 66 inches Exces for the day 1,45 inches Deficiency since March 1 1,45 inches Deficiency for cor. period 1913 5,89 inches Deficiency for cor. period 1912 4,89 inches jection of some of the republican senators. Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State 7 of Weather. 7 Cheyenne, part cloudy. Temp. High- Rain 7 p. m. est. fall.

Davenport, cloudy. Denver, clear. Des Moines cloudy Lander, clear North Platte, clear. North Platte, clear 41 40 55
Omaiss, rate of the pueblo, part cloudy 46 54 66
Rapid City, part cloudy 36 56 67
Sant Lake City, clear 69 64 67
Santa Fe, clear 42 66 67
Sheridan, clear 52 46 67
Rloux City, rain 56 40 67
Valentine, clear 55 44 67
La Wellsh, Local Polecaster. DIPLOMATS LOOMING UP IN THE WAR GAME-Count von Bernstorff, the ambassador for Germany at Washington, and M. Bark, the Russian minister of finance (the latter oggi son s, where he was lately in conference (193008 tentountit blank England and the French finance minister).



MURDER, IS VERDICT

Met Death by Violent and

Unlawful Means.

means at the hands of a party or

returned late yesterday by a cor-

Al O'Donnell, blacksmith living at 272

night he slapped "an Englishman" be

Breaks Into Conversation

O'Donnell declared that the Englishman

butted into a conversation about the war

that was going on between the black-

smith and some friends. The party kidded

"Are you an Irishman" asked the

"No, Um an American and proud of it,

"A bloody Yanker, ch?" the English

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.-Administra-

the republicans talk the ship bill to

death when they agreed today to put it

republicans intend to let it stand there-

The plan means there will be no extra

session of congress and it was generally

dent Wilson's ship bill in this congress.

As part of the agreement democrats

Sail for England

agreed to prune the river and harbor ap-

propriation bill in accordince with ob-

Norse Crews Won't

Wrangell & Co. of Haugesend.

crew perished.

left their ships.

agreed that it meant the end of Presi

man is said to have retorted. No atten

Harry Anthony,

concerning the tragedy.

lieved to be Anthony.

replied O'Donnell

English couldn't de anything."

Ship Bill Is Dead

ON MISSOURI FARM

One of Last Members of Notorious Gang Terrorizing Dozen States Succumbs.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Feb. IN ANTHONY'S CASE late this afternoon. James, who was in which Germany has been placed and appreciate the reasons for its course.

One of Survivors. notorious robber hand whose un- of the London declaration by beiligerents IDENTITY OF SLAYER UNKNOWN paralleled career of crime during the civil war and the unsettled period enabled to import food supplies and raw Englishman, that followed, kept the people of a materials. Germany would recognize in whose body was found in a cistern dozen states in terror, Frank James this, says the reply, an invaluable serat 2511 Sprague street, "came to had been living the life of a quiet his death by violent and unlawful farmer for more than thirty years.

How They Began,

parties unkonwn," was the verdict through out the community. Frank oner's jury which heard evidence James joined Quantrells' Guerillas in the civil war together with his brother Jesse, and took part in the Ames avenue, told of the trouble that occurred in Kelleher and Hogan's saloon, sacking of Lawrence, Kan.

When the war came to an end they (Continued on Page Five, Column One.)

Testifies His Firm Su fered Throuugh

tion was given this remark. Then the DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 18.-Edward federal court here today, and declared In This Congress his firm had not suffered by reason of the activities of the National Association of Master Plumbers of America. He said The National Capital tion democrats practically agreed to let called "complaint slips" that had been sent to him, and that he sells nonmembers of the association as well as to those in conference until February 27, and of the organization. pass appropriation bills meanwhile. The

Out of about 4,200 customers. Hamman declared, at least 2,000 were independent, and the fact that he continues to sell to them has caused no estrangement between himself and the association or any of its

membera. dent of the association, as once having said that Fee was "unalterably opposed to discrimination by manufacturers as to organization members or independents."

GRAND JURY REFUSES TO INDICT SUBWAY OFFICERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 .- The grand jury LONDON, Feb. 18.-The Norwegian steamer Nordcap, according to the Ex- investigating the elevated wreck in this change Telegraph company's Copenhagen city last December in which two lives correspondent, has struck a German mine were lost announced today its refusal to in the Baltic sea and foundered. All its indict any of the officials or directors The Nordcap was a of the Interborough Rapid Transit comsteamer of 322 tons and was owned by pany, who have been held under \$6.000 ball each by Coroner Riordan on charges The crews of one Danish and three of culpable neglect in connection with Norwegian ships at Aurhus, Denmark, the administration of the road's affairs. refused today to sail for England and The grand jury stated also that it would not indict employes of the company.

GERMANY TELLS U.S. IT WILL NOT **CHANGE DECREE**

Berlin's Reply Couched in Most Friendly Terms, but Nevertheless Firmly Maintains Its Position.

DRIVEN TO ACTION BY BRITAIN

Note to United States Says Neutral Shipping Must Take Chances in War Zone.

FAVORS ESCORT OF WARSHIPS

BULLETIN.

THE HAGUE (Via London, 5:15 Post, p. m.) - The government of the Neth- cellent service because its threats have erlands has refused a request for war vessels to convoy Dutch merchant ships through the marine areas pre- as it was used in the days of Nelson scribed by Germany on the ground that such action would enhance the warm approval of the reply of the foreign risks of ships without such escorts.

BERLIN, Feb. 18 .- (Via London) The reply of Germany to the protest of the United States against a blockade of British waters is couched of British policy with a completeness through to the end. in the most friendly terms, but firmly which we believe will carry conviction maintains the position of Germany in America. We hitherto have used the as already announced. The answer, which is a lengthy document, was many's illegal and outrageous acts we converted into code at the United stand defeated in our benevolent inten-States embassy under the direction of Ambassador Gerard and has been transmitted in full to Washington. The note explains that Germany's proposed action is rendered necessary by Great Britain's policy of attempting to JAPANESE MOVE civil population by a method never recognized in international law. England's course ordering merchantmen to fly neutral flags, equipping them with artillery with orders to destroy submarines, the German reply contends ren- Demands on China Cause Anxiety in Journals of Fatherland Belligerent ders nugatory the right of search, thus giving Germany the right to attack English shipping. Germany holds that it cannot abandon the right under the stress which England has forced upon it.

Since Germany must compel the nations with which it is at war to return to the recognized principles of international law and restore the freedom of the seas, it argues that the stand it has taken i песенявлу.

Recommends Convoys

The note recommends that the United IN ILL-HEALTH FOR MONTHS States government send warships to England to convoy merchant vessels through he danger zone as security against attack, with the understanding that vessely 18 .- Frank James, one of the last thus guarded shall carry no war supplies surviving members of the notorious Hope is expressed that the American James gang, died on his farm here government will understand the position The reply closes with an expression of

several months and was stricken the hope that the United States may prevail upon Great Britain "to return to the principles of international law recognised prior to the outbreak of the war One of the last members of a and in particular obtain the observance opposed to Germany. If this were done the note explains, Germany would be vice toward a more humane conduct of the war and would act in accordance

The son of a minister, respected Iowa House Repeals Mulct Law, State Goes Dry January 1

DES MOINES, la., Feb. 18.-lowa towere hunted far and wide by relatives night has before it the prospect of stateof those who had met death at their wide prohibition after January 1 next hands. Driven here and there, they soon year as the result of action by the house negotiation. became outlaws. Many notorious crimes of the general assembly today. The Clarkof the decade following the war have son bill, which last Friday passed the been laid at the door of the James- senate, was put through the house by "dry" leaders by a vote of 79 to 29, and the powers was a report of a conversanow lacks only the signature of Governor Clarke to make it effective January 1, 1916. That it will receive the executive and that when the latter rejected the de- ing or unable to make Great Britain re sanction was considered a foregone con-

clusion to anti-liquor leaders tonight. It is quite likely, according to these Master Plumbers leaders, that the measure will be in shape of the powers at Tokio. for presentation to the governor before the end of the week. The bill passed by the senate last week providing for the Hamman, vice president and general submission to the voters of a constitumanager of a New York plumbing supply tional amendment for prohibition is exhouse, tostified for the defense in the pected to come up in the house next week, trial of the thirty-six master plumbers in with excellent prospects for its passage, according to "dry" leaders.

Thursday, February 18, 1915.

The Senate

Met at noon.
Leaders conferred on some plan for considering the appropriation measures and the administration ship bill.
The committee investigating charges of influence against the ship bill continued taking testimony. taking testimony.

Sent ship purchase bill to conference after voting down all amendments.

Adjourned at 7 p. m. to 11 a. m. Friday.

> The house met at II a. m. Dehate was continued on the pension appropriation hill.
>
> The fortifications' bills carrying more than \$5,00,000, exclusive of the Panama canal, was reported to the house for action. Adjourned at 7:25 p. m. until 11 z. m.

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British and German Comment TRAFFIC FROM

KAISER TRAMPLES LAWS OF SEA UNDER FOOT

LONDON, Feb. 18.-The reply of Sir dward Grey to the United States shipping protest is given hearty approval in n editorial in the Times, which says: "It is a powerful defense of the British position, founded upon those arguments of law and fact which appeal with per- around Great Britain. ticular force to American minds as to our It comes opportunely on a day when Germany boasts its intention to trample all laws and customs of the sea under its feet."

Sir Edward's reply, the Post argues in cause of Wirston Spencer Churchill's announcement in Parliament Monday of rethreat of a blockade. The Post welcomes it, however, as proving that Sir Edward has come to a realization that war cannot

destroyed the declarations of London and exercise the full pressure of our sea power

secretary. The Daily News says: "Europe is reeling into barbarism. The fault is not ours, but the position of the Washington government is none the

The Telegraph says:

every reasonable restraint, but by Gertion and now it only remains for the allies to announce the exact character of their measures to increase the economic pressure on the enemy.

HAS RIGHT TO STOP SHIPMENTS OF ARMS

BERLIN, Feb. 18.-(Via London.) Count von Reventlow, the German waval critic, comments in today's issues of the Tages Zeitung, on the answer of the German government to the American note on the subject of the marine war zone

The writer declared that the tone of the German note, in spite of the tone of the American communication, shows that Germany is prepared to go to the utmost limits compatible with the situation. No fault can be found with the declaration an editorial, already is antiquated be- in the German answer, Count von Reventlow declares, that the German government, like the American, desires to prisals proposed against the German prevent occurrences which could disturb existing friendly relations.

"One can read only with pleasure those parts of the German answer which refer be prosecuted successfully by indulging in to American supplies to England and France," the writer says. "We add to "Let Germany do its worst," says the this that these shipments of weapons to "It has done the atties' cause ex- our enemies have filled public opinion in Germany with deep indignation and hitterness against the United States. Paris and persuaded our government to United States statistics of the amount of these shipments show that the Germans are not now justified in speaking of The morning papers unite in expressing friendly relations."

Count you Reventlow then refers to the government's assumption that neutrals do not intend to offer opposition to the forcible suppression of the weapon trade with Germany's enemies, and he says that even if the German government finds itself disappointed in this self-evident as-"Sir Edward Grey exposes the springs sumption, it will carry its firm decision

"Sobmarine commanders," the writer goes on to say, "have been instructed to tremendous weapon of sea power with avoid damaging American ships recognizable as such, but it must be pointed out that American ships will not be recognizable as such only when they are accompanied by American warships. To assume that American fings make ships recognizable and assure their safety would be a gross misconception of the note."

WORRIES ENGLAND

Britain and Earl Grey Asked for Information.

LONDON, Feb. 18 .- The anxiety Japan made upon China in the course Grey said:

"I am not at present in a position ports. to communicate to the house information on this subject, which has been given me confidentially by the Japanese government."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.-China has de livered to Great Britain, France, Russia and the United States a memorandum of the demands made by Japan in the latter tion that we could assume responsibility from the eleven demands communicated American ships," Die Post says, to the powers by the Japanese government on February 9. Kai Fu Shah, the Chinese minister here,

delivered the memorandum to the United States, giving the first official information here as to the demands originally made by Japan on China. With both the Chinese version and the

Japan memorandum of the demands now in hand the United States today directed an informal inquiry through its diplomatic representatives at both Tokio and Peking to clear up the discrepancies between the two versions and determine accurately what is the present basis of

Report of Conversation.

It was suggested in some quarters that the memorandum now given by China to leaves no doubt of Germany's unaltertion between the Japanese minister at Peking and the Chinese foreign secretary, While officials and diplomatists repre-

senting Great Britain, France and Russia here guarded with the utmost secrecy the two versions of the demands it was learned that China originally was asked Prisals on Great Britain. by Japan for much more extensive privileges than are contained in the eleven demands later pressed. There was a disposition to believe that

the latter demands asking for special privileges in certain localities-that is, in Shantung, Southern Manchuria and inner Mongolia-would be the ones for which Japan would continue to ask for an acceptance, since those did not concern the whole of China, and in the view of many observers do not conflict with the principle of the integrity of China, the open door or freedom of opportunity in the far east.

TOKIO, Feb. 18.-It was learned her today that Japan recently explained the tenor of its demands upon China to certain friendly powers, including the United

The impression is held in some quarters in Tokio that, without intending to disturb the open door policy, the tegrity of China, or the apheres of influence of other powers, Japan will gradually seek to extend its influence in China. It feels, it to being argued Tokio, that its postion entitles it to a predominating role in development of th Chinese republic,

ADRIATIC FLIES UNION JACK ALL WAY ACROSS

LONDON, Feb. 18.-The White Star steamer Adriatic, which arrived at Liv-Adriatic crossed the Irish Sea at night. vessels are on board the Holger.

BERLIN PRESS IS

HOSTILE TO U. S.

in Their Attitude Toward American Republic.

SAYS HE IS UNABLE TO GIVE IT OPPOSED TO ANY CONCESSIONS

BERLIN, Feb. 18 .- (By Wireless felt here concerning the demands to London) - Semi-official announcement was made here today to the ef- of the United Kingdom by Germany of the negotiations which, almost fect that it probably will be some is on. With the dawn of February immediately followed the occupation days, possibly ten or fifteen, before 18 there went into effect the German by Japan of the German concession news is received in Germany of the notice warning neutral shipping to of Kiao Chow, was exemplified in a actual beginning of mine operations request made in Parliament this aft- in British waters under the blockade ernoon for the publication of the which goes into effect today. This declaration will take a day or two to text of these demands. Answering announcement should serve as a demonstrate. British shipping inhis questioner. Foreign Secretary warning not to believe rumors and to terests profess to feel no alarm, nevawait the publication of official re- ertheless all passenger traffic from

More Bluster by German Press BERLIN, Feb. 18.-Die Post says the German government does not recede one hair's breadth from the measures an nounced for February 18. Neutrals, pecially the United States, are again perceives no yielding on the part of warned to keep their ships away from the Imperial government and it now the war zone. "American's bluff assumppart of January. They differ materially for the endangering or destruction of flatly rejected. The answer will not fail of its purpose if it convinces the Washington government that neither the Ger- buted to acquaint skippers of merchant man people or its leaders will give way in weak compliance or fear as plainly is and hostile undersea vessels, so they will hoped in Washington.

The Tageliche Bundschau says that by mistake. neutrals must either compel Great Britain to fight fairly, or else keep their ships out of the war zone.

The Cologne Gazette declares the German standpoint cannot be presented more earnestly than it is in this note, and at the same time in a more concillatory manner. It meets America's wish as far as possible, especially with the advice to have warships convoy merchant ves-

able resolve to retaliate against the "bartarism of England" now that the neutrals have shown themselves unwillmands cleven were retained which were spect international law. "After this revealed to the powers in a memorandum note." the Cologne Gaxette says, in con given to the diplomatic representatives clusion, "whoever/ misunderstands the purpose and the manner of the German course is no longer neutral in our eyes." The Morgen Post says the German note leaves no doubt of Germany's intention of exercising its rights and making re-

The Vossiche Zeltung says the note does not make use of the excited tone in dulged in by America when a single shipload of weapons was delivered in Mexico by Germany. The communication leaves no doubt that Germany will follow the course laid down on February 4. The Kreuse Zeitung says the note will

be received with satisfaction by all Germans. While the American point of view could not be spared, Germany had me America's desires as far as possible. Kaiser Answers Norse Powers.

COPENHAGEN (Via London), Peb. 18 Germany's reply to the joint note of the Scandinavian powers on the blockade question has been received, but no an councement has been made as yet regard-The Danish commercial and political

situation was discussed yesterday at a secret session of Parilament. Ten Danish steamers left here today for England, Most of them are loaded with foodstuffs.

GERMAN CRUISER SINKS FOUR BRITISH FREIGHT SHIPS

BUENOS AIRES, Argentine, Feb. 18 .-The German steamer Hoiger, which has arrived here, brings news that during the months of January and February the German auxiliary cruiser Crown Prince Wilhelm, operating on the northern coast of Brazil, sank the British steamer Hemisphere, the British steamer after an uneventful trip, flew the British Potaro, the sailing ship Sumatra and the flag all the way across the Atlantic. The sailing ship Wilfred. The crews of these

GREAT BRITAIN TO HOLLAND TIED UP

THE WEATHER.

Partial Suspension of Passenger Traffic is First Effect of the German Decree Creating War Zone.

INSURANCE RATES ARE LOWER

Government Also Arranges to Pay Sailors Injured as Result of Hostilities.

MILITARY OPERATIONS IN EAST

The Day's War News

GERMANY has declined to alter its position in consequence of the American note concerning the war sone decree, although expressing the most friendly feelings toward this country. The German reply recommends that the United State a send warships to protect American vessels passing through the danger sone.

EMPEROR WILLIAM has telegraphed to the president of the province of East Prassia that the Russians have been completely defeated and driven from the prov-

VIENNA says that the Russians have been defeated in Bukowing, where the Austro-German forces have been advancing recently. The Austrians have occupied Kolomen after a hard battle. A report from the Russians war office, however, asserts that there is no change in Bukowins.

TURKEY has yielded to Greece and offered satisfaction for the insuit to the Greek naval attache at Constantinople.

BULLETIN.

LONDON, Feb. 18 .- Insurance was placed at Lloyds today at 20 guineas per cent on policies covering the holder against war between the United States and Germany within six months. One menth ago the premium for this same risk and period of time was 5 guineas per cent.

LONDON, Feb. 18 .- The blockade avoid British waters.

What will be the effect of this England to Holland has been tied up

In the meantime the British public is perusing the German note answering the American communication concerning the war zone blockade. It awaits the pronouncement of Great Britain's expected retaliatory cam-

Illustrations showing British and German aubmarines are now being distrivessels with the appearance of their own not fire on or ram a British submarine

It is not known what the admiralty instructions to skippers are, although a hint was found in the recent declaration of the captain of the British steamer Lacrtes, who refused to surrender to a German submersible.

Few Changes in Saifings. All important shipping companies have announced that there will be no change in their regular sailings, while British French and Beigian owned cross-channel steamers are maintaining their schedules. The Dutch company which maintains a mailing service between Flushing and Folkestone has suspended sailings and there has been some talk of mail being carried by Dutch destroyers.

There has been no increase in insurance rates and in fact the government actually has reduced rates for fishing vessels, at the same time having arranged to pay compensation to sailors who may be injured as the result of hostilities. There (Continued on Page Four, Column Four.)

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