

### AMERICAN LINE ASKS WILSON FOR CONVOYS OR GUNS

President Franklin Says St. Louis and Other Ships Won't Sail Unless Guarded by U. S. Force.

### CANNOT EQUIP VESSELS Cannon, With Men to Man Them, Demanded Unless Warships Attend.

### DANTE ALIGHIERI IN PORT

New York, Feb. 10.—Unless the United States government provides convoys or guns and gunners to protect its ships, the American Line, owners of the steamships, St. Louis, St. Paul and other liners, will not send them across the Atlantic, it was announced here today by P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine.

### Depends on Government.

This decision was reached after the failure of efforts to provide their own defensive armament. Mr. Franklin said, "The only source of supply of guns in this country," he added, "seems to be the United States government, and our government seems disinclined to afford this protection."

### Otherwise Can't Sail.

"The American Line steamers will not be able to sail at all unless the government decides either to provide convoys or put on each of our steamers the guns and trained gunners essential to the safety of the passengers and the crew."

### Woman Run Over When Auto Turns To Avoid Crash

Trying to avoid collision with another auto, H. O. Friedrichs, 3115 Davenport street, drove his car up on the sidewalk at Seventeenth street and St. Mary's avenue. The machine struck down and ran over Miss Barbara Bulin, aged 22 years, of Council Bluffs, who was on her way from the City National Bank building, where she works, to the Young Women's Christian Association building.

### Despondent Farmer Shoots Himself Dead in His Field

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Randolph Schell, 52 years of age, committed suicide last night in a cornfield near his home two miles northwest of Cortland by shooting himself through the head with a small rifle.

### Fair and Warmer Weather Is Prediction for Week

Washington, Feb. 10.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday issued by the weather bureau are:

### The Weather

Table with weather forecasts for Nebraska and Omaha, including temperature, precipitation, and wind speed.

### HOWELL ADMITS HE ERRED IN JUDGMENT

Senator Confesses His Mistake in Sponsoring Original Ward Election Bill.

### TRYING TO MAKE AMENDS

State Senator Howell yesterday admitted publicly that in sponsoring the original ward-election school board bill, he erred, egregiously erred, and in a contrite manner he said he was doing his level best to make amends and get beyond the range of the withering fire since directed against him.

### Committee To Protest.

Special committee of two women and three men will be selected to represent the protestants. It is believed the meeting will yield interesting expressions of opinions.

### Goodall Defends Bill.

Representative Goodall, defending his bill in the house, said: "I will stand by my bill. Our present system of electing school board members is staxation without representation. We should have members on the board from the districts where they raise kids by the bushel."

### Women Disapprove.

Mrs. C. R. Thiem, president of the Miller Park Mothers' club, expressed her disapproval of ward election of school board members in this manner: "Every ward may not have men capable of serving as school board members." Mrs. Halleck Rose and Miss Kate McHugh opposed the ward bill.

### Bill to Tax Dogs Meets Opposition of Fanciers

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Through the Fremont Kennel club, which has been instrumental in promoting the largest dog show held in this section of the country in the last five years, heroic efforts will be made to defeat the bill introduced to tax owners of dogs to make an "insurance fund for sheep owners," as Secretary Otto Pohl of the Kennel club put it.

### Grand Jury Will Probe Rise in Price of Paper

Washington, Feb. 10.—It was stated today at the Department of Justice that the federal grand jury in New York is about to begin investigating whether there is a criminal conspiracy in restraint of trade in the news print paper situation.

### VON BERNSTORFF AND PARTY WILL GO WEDNESDAY

German Ambassador and his staff on the Scandinavian Ship Frederik VIII.

### GERARD TO START HOME American Diplomat Will Be Met at Border by Agents of Swiss Government.

### STATEMENT BY LANSING

(By Associated Press.) The Swiss Legation in Washington has been informed that Ambassador Gerard, his staff and the American citizens would leave Berlin Saturday night by special train for Zurich, Switzerland.

### Madrid (Via Paris), Feb. 10.—A wireless message from the Spanish ambassador at Berlin to the American ambassador here, transmitted at the request of Ambassador Gerard, asked passage for the ambassador, Mrs. Gerard and the ambassador's suite to be engaged on the Alfonso XIII, leaving Barcelona on February 21, or on the Infanta Isabel, steaming on February 25.

### Washington, Feb. 10.—Arrangements today were completed for the departure on Wednesday of Count von Bernstorff and his staff aboard the steamer Frederik VIII for Christiania, Norway.

### New York, Feb. 10.—The steamship Frederik VIII was given permission by its owners in Copenhagen today to convey former Ambassador von Bernstorff and his suite to a Scandinavian port, according to a cablegram to the Scandinavian American line offices here.

### Four Steamers Go Down

(By Associated Press.) Four steamers, aggregating 13,535 tons, sunk or believed to have been sunk, constituted the harvest of the German submarine campaign Saturday. Three of these were British, the Mantola, 6,826 tons; the Lullington, 2,816 tons, and the Beechtree, 1,277 tons. The fourth was the Norwegian steamer Solbakken, 2,616 tons.

### Small Percentage Sunk.

New York, Feb. 10.—More than 1,100 vessels arrived at or sailed unharmed from United Kingdom ports during the first nine days of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare in British waters, according to an announcement made here today by persons in authoritative touch with British admiralty officials.

### Admiralty Officials are Declared to be Convinced that Germany's renewed undersea activity is a failure, insofar as it tends to bring about starvation of the people of the British Isles.

### Torpedoed: British steamships, twenty-five; entente steamships other than British, thirteen; neutrals' steamers, twenty-one; trawlers and smacks, twenty-one.

### Sinks Ten Ships.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—(By Wireless to Sayville, Feb. 10.)—A German submarine has returned from the Atlantic, where it sank ten ships of an aggregate tonnage of 19,000, the Overseas News agency says. In addition, it sank in the North Sea a British steamship of about 3,000 tons, the British trawlers Shamrock and Thistle and two other trawlers, one British and one French.

### Teutons Moving Food and Fuel from Roumania

Berlin, Feb. 10.—(By Wireless to Sayville, Feb. 10.)—Enormous amounts of supplies captured in Roumania are now being transported to Germany, Austria and Hungary, says the Overseas News agency. More than 400 steamships and 2,700 tugs are carrying corn, wood, leather and other raw materials up the Danube. The steamers took large cargoes, carrying as much freight as 650 railroad cars.

### Nebraska Field Hospital Leaves Border February 18

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 10.—The Second Wisconsin infantry left here today for Fort Sheridan to be mustered out.

### Looking Backward



### U-BOATS INCREASE AVERAGE A TRIFLE

Submarines Account for 3,000 Tons More Friday Than on Previous Day.

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### China Will Break With Kaiser Unless U-Boats Called In

Peking, Feb. 9 (Delayed).—The Chinese cabinet has endorsed the American action against Germany on the submarine campaign. The cabinet has assured the American minister, Dr. Paul S. Reinsch, that China associates itself firmly with the United States.

### OFFERED MONEY TO BLOW UP ARSENAL

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### PLANT AT ROCK ISLAND

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### KAISER WOULD TALK SAFETY OF U. S. LIFE AT SEA

Note Suggests that Governments Discuss Ways and Means to Prevent a Conflict.

### PROPOSAL NOT SPECIFIC

### Washington Asked to Indicate Steps that Might Preserve Peace Between Nations.

### COMES VIA SWITZERLAND

Washington, Feb. 10.—It is understood that the German suggestion that a means of avoiding hostilities with the United States be found, is predicated upon a willingness on the part of the German government to discuss possible measures to safeguard the lives of American passengers on the seas.

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### Avoiding Damage to Neutrals.

In connection with the coming communication information obtained here is to the effect that while Germany was arranging for its new campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare, certain German diplomats in various parts of the world were informed that while "military necessity" prevented the granting of a period in which neutrals might adjust their maritime interests, every care would be exercised so that neutral passenger carrying ships would not be subjected to unwarned torpedo attack.

### Hitchcock Blocks Move to Raise Postage on Newspapers

Washington, Feb. 10.—The provision in the postal bill increasing postage on newspapers and periodicals and reducing to 1 cent the rate on drop letters in cities, towns and on rural routes, was thrown out today in the senate on a point of order made by Senator Hitchcock (dem.).

### Nebraska Congressmen Attend Lincoln Memorial

Washington, Feb. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Representatives Sloan and Reavis were among the congressional contingent who went to Cumberland Gap, Tenn., today to attend a two days' Lincoln memorial celebration at the Lincoln Memorial university which was founded by General O. O. Howard for the special benefit of boys and girls in the mountain sections of upper east Tennessee, southwestern Virginia and southeastern Kentucky.

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