NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Events Told in Brief.

The allied fleets have silenced the Turkish forts at the entrance to the marines and mines, and the unrestrict-Dardanelles.

War experts say the loss of the Dardanelles will mean the complete subjugation of Turkey.

glers has been unearthed along the northern border of Washington.

Rockefeller scientists have sent to the war zone a new method of reducing mortality from tetanus.

The Commerce commission reports that the Louisville & Nashville railroad spent millions in politics, to raise which "watered" stock was issued.

Figures compiled by the Holland postal authorities show that since the beginning of the war 864 German newspapers have suspended publication.

The London Daily Mail's Copenhagen correspondent says it is reported from Berlin that the German casualties in East Prussia and Poland during the last three weeks are estimated at about 200,000.

The municipality of Berlin has decided to acquire the Berlin electrical works, which at present has the monopoly of supplying current for traction, light and power purposes. The price will be about \$31,000,000.

Governor Ferguson, of Texas, has addressed to President Wilson a communication saying continual raiding is going on along the Rio Grande border for 75 miles inland as a result of the starving condition of the Mexican people.

Grey, secretary for foreign affairs, made the important announcement, which was received with cheers, that Great Britain sympathized with Rusaia's aspirations to gain access to the open sea through Turkey.

The American submarines C-3 and C-5 have been ordered from Cristobal to Balboa to work out certain defense problems in connection with the coast artillery relating to mine laying and target practice. The submarines will be the first American fighting craft to use the canal.

tons, was sunk in the North Sea, off Scarborough, and the British steamer merchant ships will be abandoned. Western Coast was sunk in the English Channel off Beachy Head Friday. One sailor on the Deptford lost his life. It is not known whether the losses were due to mines or to submarines.

Washington Gets Hopeful **Reports From Europe**

Washington, D. C. - Encouraging eports from both Ambassadors Page and Gerard at London and Berlin, respectively, were received by Presi-

Resume of World's Important dent Wilson and his cabinet concerning Constantinople to Be Taken By the attitude of Great Britain and Germany toward the latest American proposals for the safeguarding of neutral commerce from the dangers of subed shipment of foodstuffs to the civil-

ian population of belligerent countries. Complete replies are not expected for some time, because the subject is An extensive gang of Chinese smug- still under consideration by England

and her allies. Germany's willingness to make concessions and negotiate for an under-

standing on the vexatious questions already has been made known informally to the United States and a

formal acquiescence is expected in a day or two. All eyes now are turned

merits of the suggestions. principle the American proposals as a invasion by the sea.

means of solving the problem with as

that when the final resolution on the straits. American proposals is to be made the military faction will present strong opposition to them.

The exact nature of the proposals is

United States has asked that the pre-

vious rules of international law with respect to the shipment by neutrals of conditional contraband destined to In the house of commons Sir Edward civilian populations and not the belligerent forces of an enemy, remain

unaltered. A system is suggested whereby proof can be furnished that the supplies will be used by the civilian pop-

ulation. The removal of all floating mines by Germany as well as Great Britain is proposed, this not to apply, however, to mines used for protection of coast defenses and harbors, pilots to be furnished to guide neutral ships through such fields as remain.

Attention is called to Germany's romise that if foodstuffs are not de-The British steamer Deptford, 1208 tained when destined to her civilian population the submarine warfare on

Farmers Not Heard in

New York - Joseph Leiter, long a Arthur, Tex. famous wheat operator, testified at the The Dacia was bought on December The friendly relations between Japan state inquiry into the cost of bread 24 by an American and on January 4 and the United States were dwelt upon that the farmer had nothing to say American registry was obtained. It by both Japanese and Americans at about the price at which his wheat the annual banquet of the Japan so- should be sold. That, he added, was used to relieve the cotton congestion ciety in New York. Ambassador and determined at the terminal markets. "The Liverpool exchange, which is Baron Dewa, representing the Japan- the leading exchange of the world," Mr. Leiter said 75 per cent of the ent or small operators and farmers' States has controlled the wheat prices of the world since September 1, 1914, prize court. people took to the cellars. The aero- and will continue to do so until another crop is raised, Mr. Leiter asserted. Mr. Leiter gave it as his opinion A \$100,000,000 issue of treasury that the "invisible supply" of wheat, or that which is in the hands of farmers and not recorded in the government

SHIPS BOMBARD TURKISH FORTS

Allies at All Risk.

Minesweepers Clear Ship Channel and Heaviest Part of Great War Is Now Begun.

London-Twenty-eight warships of the allied fleet entered the Dardanelles Saturday and bombarded the inner forts, according to a dispatch from the Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company. The message adds that a battleship bombarded a Turkish camp on the Gulf of Saros.

After having completed the destruction of the forts at the entrance of the on London, where the opinion is un- Dardanelles, the allied fleet of British derstood as yet to be divided on the and French warships, the greatest which has ever been in action, is now

Some of the leading men in the attacking the chief forts, which here-British cabinet are said to favor in tofore have stood between Turkey and

Apparently the outer forts could not little inconvenience to neutral coun- withstand a great bombardment, and tries as possible. Another element, when they had been leveled and deserthowever, is said to be impressed by ed by their defenders, men were landthe military value of further restric- ed from the ships to complete the work tion of supplies to Germany and more of demolition, while mine-sweepers reprisals and there is some indication cleared a passage for ships in the

> More serious work is now ahead, for the all-important fortifications at Kilid Bahr and Chanak, which guard the

narrowest part of the straits, which still unknown because of the rigid the fleet is now approaching. There reticence of the officials both here and is no doubt, however, that the allied abroad, but each day adds information commanders have their instructions to on the subject. Briefly, this much of make their way to Constantinople in the contents of the American sugges- spite of obstacles and have been surtions now has been confirmed. The plied with the best means of carrying out these orders.

American Liner Captured

Paris-A French cruiser has arrest-Channel and taken her to Brest. This Russian retreat over roads deep with announcement is officially made.

bales of cotton to be trans-shipped to words.

Great Britain questioned the validity of the recent transfer of the Dacia from German to American registry. The Dacia touched at Norfolk Febru-

The Dacia was formerly a Hamburg-American freight steamship which had been used before the war in trade with Bremen and New Orleans and other Fixing Price of Wheat Gulf ports. At the outbreak of the hostilities she was interned at Port

Remains of Russian Army Thought Powerless

Suwalki, Poland - The remains of the Russian tenth army, torn to remnants in the Mazurian Lakes country by Field Marshal von Hindenberg's East Prussian force, comprise but a negligible quantity in the operations that are now under way.

The recent overwhelming victory of the Germans was accomplished by the most terrific fighting after striking forced marches. This fighting has been described as

the February campaign in East Prussia and Northern Poland, and it is regarded here as a second Tannenberg.

The Russians composing the tenth army were under command of General Sievers. It is true that this commander, by a skillful use of the railroad at his disposal and by the sacri fices at times of entire battalions in order to bring off a few guns, succeeded in saving a greater part of his artillery, but ao fewer than 60,000 of among the German prisoners, while days' battle with which these opera-

tions were inaugurated and the subsequent running fights are estimated at 30,000 men. On the streets of Suwalki there could be heard the sound of artillery to provide 50 seagoing and 25 of the from a swampy region to the southeast, where an isolated Russian divis-

ion, perhaps 10,000 men strong, has been completely surrounded, but is still offering resistance.

Several thousand Russians probably remain in small scattered bands, or are wandering as stragglers within the ring which the German troops have now closed around the woods and swamps between Suwalki, Augustovo and the German frontier, but the cap- to the five seagoing submarines and 16 ture of the wanderers is expected here and is regarded as merely an incident in a campaign to which this great success is called only the prelude.

It is not believed among German military men at Suwalki that General Sievers will be able to bring one-fifth at Grodno-a safety which may not be of long duration.

The foregoing statement may seem to be exaggerated, but a correspond- purchase armor in the market at a ed the American steamer Dacia in the ent, motoring along the line of the reasonable price. snow and through a desolate and swampy country, gained an impression The steamship Dacia left Galveston of complete defeat and demoralization for Rotterdam January 31 with 11,000 which scarcely can be conveyed in

Carranza Loses 1500

Men. 6 Military Trains shops.

Washington, D. C .- Fifteen hundred Carranza soldiers were killed and many captured by Villa troops at the battle of Zayula, according to General Villa's version of the fighting, forwarded from Chihuahua to the State department. After the battle, which took place last Friday, Villa reported that he personally headed the columns, pursuing the Carranza troops toward Manzanillo. Villa said his own losses were

Modern War Machines Find Fancy in Senate

Washington, D. C.-Appropriations for national defense occupied the attention of both houses of congress Monday in the general rush to clear up the supply bills for the government before the adjournment. The senate discussed until late into the night the army appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$103,000,000, while the

house continued debate on the fortifications bill. While progress was being made on both these measures, the senate committee practically completed consideration of the naval appropriations measure, and the senate paused for four minutes to pass without debate the pension bill, carrying \$164,000,000. Increases for submarines and aviation over provisions of the house bill his 150,000 men are already counted are proposed by the senate naval committee, its amendments, including his killed and wounded in the four \$1,000,000 for aviation instead of \$300,000, as authorized in the house bill; provision for five seagoing submarines instead of one, and 16 instead of 11 of the smaller type submarines. Senator Smoot sought unsuccessfully

> smaller coast defense submarines. At the night session the senate naval committee submitted its report on the appropriation bill carrying a total of \$152,961,981.88, an increase over the house bill of \$8,313,080. Provision also is made for the appropriation of \$400,000 for the marine barracks at Norfolk and Mare Island. The naval building program of the senate bill would provide in addition smaller submarines six more destroyers, one oil fuel ship, one gunboat, one hospital ship at \$500,000 and two first-

class battleships. Among the increases recommended are \$500,000 for a projectile plant; \$130,000 for naval reserve; \$400,000 for a high-power of his troops safely behind the fortress radio station and \$1,000,000 to be applied on construction of an armor plate factory costing not to exceed \$8,000,-000 if the secretary of the navy cannot

Debate on the army bill resumed after the naval bill was reported.

Items of the army bill were passed over quickly with little debate, and when the senate recessed the only section remaining for consideration was that providing for the establishment of a system of scientific management in government navy yards and

The Indian appropriation bill was reported by the senate committee. carrying \$11,255,865, an increase of \$3,535,741 over the house bill.

Russians Admit Com-

the bitterest defeat yet administered absence of definite information as to the causes of their destruction, it is to the Russian army in East Prussia understood that the latest

GREAT BRITAIN CONSULTS ALLIES

American Proposal to Belligerents May Succeed.

Loss of American Lives Might Result in Abandoning Friendship to Europe.

Washington, D. C.-Great Britain has submitted to her allies, France and Russia, the porposals made by the United States government designated to end the menace to neutral commerce arising from the retaliatory measures of the European belligerents toward each other.

Briefly the American proposals, which have been submitted to both England and Germany, seek the elimination by Germany of the recently prescribed war zone around Great Britain and Ireland, with its dangers to neutral shipping through mines and submarine torpedoes, and the adoption by all the belligerents of a definite policy with reference to food supplies for civilians.

From such pretiminary observations as American diplomatic officers abroad already have made there is said to be some encouragement in the manner of the reception of the proposals at Lon-Germany is inclined toward an don. acceptance of the suggestions, it is understood, but upon the attitude of Great Britain depends the next move n the situation.

The strong opposition which the Scandinavian countries, Italy, Holland and other neutrals, have assumed toward the retaliatory measures adopted by the belligerents is playing a considerable part in the situation.

Officials, while reticent about what has been said to Germany and Great Britain in the latest communication, do not deny that the gravity of the whole situation has been made unmistakably clear. In some quarters the suggestion was made, but without confirmation from sources usually well informed, that an embargo on exports of foodstuffs from the United States to both the allies and Germany was being considered as the next step in the event of an absolute rejection of the American plan for ameliorating the situation.

It became known that the latest ommuncaition, described as a confidential memorandum, was sent Sunday to Ambassadors Page and Gerard after a conference between President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and Counsellor Robert Lansing. The American gov-Robert Lansing.

While there was no official comment plete Rout by Germans on the sinking of the American steam-Berlin-What appears to have been ers Carib and Evelyn because of the

by French Warships

Bremen. It was fully expected at that time that the ship would be seized on her way to Rotterdam.

ary 11 and proceeded.

Vice Countess Chinda and Admiral ese government at the Panama-Pacific he said, "usually fixes the price." exposition, were guests of honor.

Two aeroplanes of the allies were seen from Constance flying southward. As a result there was great excitement in Friedrichshaven. The Zeppelins stationed there, it is said, were covered with metal netting, all lights in the town were extinguished and the planes flew over Meersburg and later reached Belfort safely.

bills offered in London was over-subscribed.

The Idaho senate votes 24 to 6 to make the state dry after January 1, keeping down the price. 1916.

is considered excellent by her physicians.

Effective Sunday, the Great Northtaken off several weeks ago because of much higher." light travel. Increasing traffic as a "There isn't anybody left in the result of the opening of the San Fran-speculative market now," Mr. Leiter cisco exposition is given as the reason said. "The speculators got out after of Massachusetts, has launched a camfor restoring the train.

American embassy in Paris to inquire not been for speculation." into conditions at French concentration camps have concluded their investigations in the department of Bassee Alps and Var and report having found international regulations strictly observed.

Secretary Bryan appeared at the cabinet meeting Wednesday wearing tained grave losses, in spite of the sucon his coat lapel an enamel white dove of peace with an olive branch in its mouth. The secretary said it was a demoralized. According to the capgift of a friend and pointed to it when questioned concerning possible compli-taken by the Russians at the Moghely cations for the United States in the foreign situation.

It is reported from London that a enced German officers." second American vessel strikes a mine off the coast of Germany and is sunk.

Panama-Pacific exposlition is seen by 442,957 persons on the first three days, which breaks all records of former expositions.

report, has been a large factor in "The farmers have become the larg-

est speculators in the country; they The condition of Sarah Bernhardt, after the amputation of her right leg, for so long as four years," he said. "In a year such as we are having we find that there is an enormous lot of

wheat that isn't covered by the govern will restore its night train be- ernment records. If it wasn't for tween Seattle and Portland, which was this fact the prices today would be

the price passed the \$1.40 mark-the

small trader was forced out and the A Havas dispatch from Toulon says big one was frightened out. The rise the commissioners sent out by the would have come much sooner had it

German Success Costly.

Petrograd-"Many German prisoners," says the Russian official news agency, "have been captured on the

roads toward Grodno. They are unancess of the Germans in the Augustowo farm was due to the suddenness of the Russian attack and the lack of experi-

Traitor General Is Shot.

Copenhagen - The newspapers here publish a Berlin dispatch reporting the two Turkish artillery pieces." killing of a prominent Turkish general

in Syria. His death was ordered from Constantinople, it is said, the charge

Proposals have been made inform- being made that he committed treason suggesting a basis for an understand- eral's negotiations, it is said, was the almon and the French bark Jean were

was then announced that she was to be and loading was begun with a cargo of cotton to be taken to Rotterdam and thence shipped to Bremen, where it was already sold.

Representations were made immedielevators are owned either by the big ately by the British embassy at Washwheat operators or the railroads, while ington, questioning the validity of the 25 per cent were owned by independ- transfer of the interned vessel and it was generally understood that if she co-operative societies. The United sailed she would be seized by British or French warships and taken before a

War Budget Yet Grows.

Berlin-The Federal council adopted the preliminary budget estimates, including 10,042,000,000 marks (\$2,510,-500,000) for extraordinary expenditures. This amount is for carrying on the war.

The estimates of ordinary expenditures is 3,323,000,000 marks (\$83,-075,000). Almost all of the amount to be devoted to the war will be raised by loans.

The Cologne Savings bank has subscribed 20,000,000 marks and the Victoria Insurance company to \$30,000,-000 of the new war loan.

Cent Per Letter Urged.

Washington, D. C .- Senator Weeks, paign for 1-cent letter postage. In a statement Senator Weeks declared: "The Amercan people have a right to expect congress to consider enactmenting general 1-cent letter postage. The government is making a large profit from first-class mail, just how much it is hard to say, but it must be nearly 1 cent on every 2 paid, and the profit derived on drop letters, or letters for delivery in the same city in which they are mailed, must be even greater."

Russians Dislodge Turks.

Petrograd - Russian successes are reported in an official communication tives, the large number of prisoners from the general staff of the army in the Caucasus. The statement says:

"On February 28, on a line from Trans-Choruk, our troops progressed with success, dislodging the Turkish forces from their positions.

"In the passes south of Alacherkerte our troops in an engagement seized

German Cruiser Gets Two.

London-Lloyd's correspondent at off the northeastern coast of Scotland La Concepcion, Chile, sends the fol- at the head of the North Sea, and also

100 killed and 250 wounde Six military trains and the head-

quarters of General Dieguez, governor of Jalisco, were among the equipment which Villa said he had captured. Defeat of General Carrasco, a Car-

ranza commander, and the capture of Rosario, on the west coast of the republic, also were reported by Villa. Carrasco was said to have lost 500 men missing and to have retreated.

Allied Fleet Would

should be opened by the allies' fleet, men, making retreat absolutely necesreleasing grain from Russia and the sary. Danubian countries, there would be a before the state's investigation into in part says: food prices.

prices," said Mr. Canby,

he said, that one European belligerent during the last few days in the Bobr would gladly pay \$2 a bushel for 50,- and Navew districts, one commanding 000,000 bushels of wheat, if it could general and four other generals and make the purchase.

from Argentina begin, it will be well not yet been ascertained, and much in hand.

The recent increase in the cost of tured. wheat bread and flour will not cause suffering among the poor, he added. The rise in the price of wheat, he said, will be balanced by a decrease in the price of potatoes and other edibles.

Belgian Subsidy Refused.

London-The London foreign office has declined in a letter to Herbert C.

Hoover, chairman, to give a direct quest. Indeed, for some time we have tribution of food in Belgium with some

Amsterdam-A semi-official dispatch received here from Berlin says that the Orkney and Shetland islands, lying within the war zone. The pasages on

became known Tuesday with details of tion from the United States urging an the fighting which has been going on acceptance of its proposals deals with in the vicinity of the Mazurian lakes that have arisen through the mines aldistrict.

declaring that retreat was the only thing left to do. Grand Duke Nicholas in his report confesses frankly that there was large loss in lives, and goes further and tells why. He gives to the German army great credit for its Lower Wheat Cost superiority in numbers as well as in planned attacks, which, coming as sep-

New York - If the Dardanelles arate blows, wrought havoc to his The German official report an-

radical change in the situation that is nounces that the captures have been keeping up wheat prices in the United increased to seven generals and more States, said C. H. Canby, president of than 100,000 men. The pieces of can-the Chicago board of trade, testifying non taken numbered 150. The report

"In the Eastern theater, the pursuit "It was Europe's tremendous de- after the winter battle in the Mazurian mand, not speculation, that put up district has come to an end. During the clearing-up operations northwest He knew on the best of authority, of Grodno and in the battles reported ake the purchase. He added that the situation is clear-taken prisoners up to the present. to us. ing up, wheat has reached its limit, Seventy-five cannon and some machine and by the spring, when the shipments guns, the actual number of which has

> other war material, have been cap-"The total booty taken in the win-

ter battle in the Mazurian district as a result of these conditions has been increased to date to seven generals, more than 100,000 men, upwards of 150 cannon and quantities of other war material of all descriptions."

Raw Rubber Confiscated.

Venice, via London - Advices resubsidy to the commission for relief in ceived here from Vienna say the mili-Belgium, because it is said Germany tary authorities there have confiscated refused to stop cash requisitions in the entire supply or raw rubber, pneu-Belgium. The letter is signed by Sir matic tubes and rubber hose. Con-Edward Grey. He says: "We did tracting teamsters say that unless this not see our way to accede to your" re- action is revoked it will be impossible to supply Vienna with food and that regarded the whole project of the dis- factories will suspend operations. Α boycott instituted by Viennese housedoubt, in view of the action of the wives against the use of pork is spreading. Retail prices of pork have dropped about 4 cents a pound, but the boycott will be continued.

America Is "War Risk."

London --- The Times declares that during the last few days a large amount of insurance has been placed that the prisoners of war in Germany ally by the United States government in endeavoring to carry out negotia-to both Great Britain and Germany tions for peace. The basis of the gen-ties reports that the British bark Kid-Islands, must be regarded as lying the United States against risks of This number, it says, is divided as foldamage by war. Many factories and lows: Russians, 698,000; French, ing on the subjects of foodstuffs for proclaiming of himself as sultan, the sunk by the German converted cruiser both sides of the France islands, al-the civilian population of the belliger- limiting of Turkey to Asia and the Prinz Eitel Frederich in December. most midway between Scotland and Times, have been insured for six 37,000; British, 19,000. About 75 ents and submarine warfare against abandoning of Palestine and Mesopo-merchant ships. abandoning of Palestine and Mesopo-tamia to England. The crews are at Easter Island and Iceland, are not endangered, the dis-bave refused to be taken off."

the grave dangers to neutral vessels ready laid and threats to strew more Even Petrograd admits utter rout, of the explosives in the high seas.

It is taken for granted that the reports that the captains of the two vessels followed instructions given them by British naval officers will be brought to the attention of the London foreign office so that the British admiralty may investigate the truth or falsity of the report.

Allied Armies Pressing **Toward Reliet of Rheims**

London-News that [the allies have made fresh progress in the Champagne distirct in France is contained in the official report of the French war office issued in Paris Thursday. This is regarded as especially important because if the movement is successful on a scale of any magnitude, it will result in relieving the pressure on Rheims, which has been under bombardment almost incessantly since the beginning of the war. The report said:

"There have been artillery engagements from the Lys to the Aisne, at times rather spirited and all favorable

"In the 'Champagne region to the north to Mesnil we have made fresh progress and repulsed several counter attacks. Our artillery on the heights of the Meuse has silenced several German batteries.

"Supplementary reports emphasize the importance of the success at Les Eparges and the extent of the enemy's osses. On a small section of a line carried by us we have already found over 600 German killed."

Britons 'Suspect Source.

London-With regard to the assumption that President Wilson has informally proposed that Great Britain should allow foodstuffs for civilians to enter Germany under some form of American guarantee and American distribution, the Daily Mail in an editoral declares that such a proposal is not likely to prove acceptable to the British government. "We must consider the enemy of the proposal," the Mail says, "and not the neutral and friendly channel through which it reaches us. We prefer Germany to do her worst.'

1,035,000 Allies Captives.

Frankfort On The Main, Germany-The Frankfuretr Zeitung estimates

German authorities." Shetland Isles in Zone.