## NAVY RAZES FORTS DARDANELLES

Allied Fleet Is Still Pounding Away.

LANDING FORCE IS POSSIBLE

Second Attack Gives Entry to Well Fortified Channel.

RUSSIANS MAY BE JOINED for Los Angeles.

Opening of Way to Black Sea Also Would Enable Czar to Send Aid Serbs and Montenegrins and Re-establish Trade.

LONDON, Feb. 25 .- All the forts at the entrance of the Dardanelles have Los Angeles, and S. A. Woodford, repbeen reduced by the allied fleet. This announcement was made officially to- torney's office.

The announcement of the Secretar; of the Admiralty follows:

The weather moderating, the bom bardment of the outer forts of the Dardanelles was renewed at \$ o'clock this morning (February 25). After a period of long-range fire the squadron o battleships attacked at close range.

Operations Are Continued. "All the forts at the entrance to the

the operations are continuing." For several days the allied British and French fleet has been pounding plied at these forts, which constituted the greatest obstacle to passage of the Sea of Marmora are other fortifications, but these are believed to be of

a weaker structure. The straits are guarded also by lines of mines, believed to number at least

Troops Garrison Islands.

Recently the Turks, fearing the entrance of the allied fleet into the Sea of Marmora, sent troops and heavy artillery to all the islands in that water. once they force the straits, the British and French warships, which are thought to number between 30 and 40, would likely attempt a landing, with a subsequent march on Constantinople

The Bosphorus, the narrow strait bout 18 miles in length which connects the Black Sea with the Sea of Marmora. is also strongly fortified and it is through this strait that the Black Sea fleet of Russia would have to come in

order to reach the open. Within the boundaries of the Black Sea a powerful Russian fleet has been bottled up, together with hundreds of transport purposes if Russia deemed WHITMAN PIONEER that advisable. Furthermore, should the allied fleet be successful in its present undertaking Russia would be enabled to release millions of bushels of wheat and to send troops to aid Serbia and Montenegro.

The Dardanelles is a channel separating Southeast Europe from Southof Marmora, on which is situated Con- Phillips was born in Indiana. gateway, as it also is to the Black Sea. bert Phillips. Oregon City; Bert Pall-

adapted to defenses against passage of hostile vessels.

Passage Once Forced by Fleet.

It has been considered amply pr wided with forts on both sides, which Friederichshaven Hides in Dark contain numerous guns of large callber. However, Sir J. T. Duckworth, commander of a British fleet, forced the passage of the Dardanelles in 1807. rescribed that no foreign warship might pass the Dardanelles except by permission of the Turkish government With the outbreak of the present

war Russia made representations to the Porte for permission to send ships through the channel, but this was refused. When Turkey entered the war as an ally of Germany the passage was closed even to merchant vessels and the fleet of the allies has kept the entrance blockaded.

Submarine Steals Through,

Probably the most striking performsince of a submarine was in the Dardanelles, when the British "B-11" stole past five cordons of mines laid in the channel, torpedoed and sank the Turkish battleship Messudieh, which was lying at anchor at 'Tchanak Kulessi, The "B-11" later worked its way back to safety with the British fleet in the Aegean after having been under Plymouth, water continuously more than nine

Should the allied fleet force its way through the Dardanelles it still must contend with fortifications almost as substantial in the Bosphorus, which connects the Sea of Marmora with the Black Sea, if forces are to be joined with the Russian fleet which is oper-

ating against the Turkish navy. The opening of the latter would enside world, as well as to send troops reinforce the Serblans and Montenegrins.

Jovian League to Meet.

C E Condit will be chairman of the day at the meeting of the Jovian League today at the Beneen Hotel at noon. W. H. P. Hill, formerly of California, will be the speaker. Miss Roxanna Wommels-dorf and Miss Evelyn Ewart will con-

tribute to the musical programme

#### CAPLAN SPIRITED FROM JAIL IN TUG

DETECTIVES, UNDER COVER OF NIGHT, TAKE PRISONER.

Alleged Dynamiter Handcuffed and Put on Shasta Limited to Go to Los Angeles for Trial.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 25 .- (Special.) Taken from the Port Orchard fail last night, David Caplan, last of the gang wanted for dynamiting the Los Angeles Times building October 1, 1910, was brought to Tacoma early this morning on the tug Resolute by five Burns detectives, who, with extradition papers, obtained Capian's release from the Port Orchard jail.

The tug arrived while it was still dark. With Caplan securely handcuffed, the detectives went to the Union depot and waited for the Shasta Limited at 10:50 o'clock and started

"The game is up," said Caplan here. They got the drop on me and it's up to Davey to take the path of least re 1 tried hard to keep out of their way and save myself from a term behind the steel portieres."

Included in the party with Caplan were Sherman Burns, sen of William J. Burns; Guy Beddinger, general manager of the New York agency; Dan Leon, of the New Orleans agency Charles Trotter, of the Minneapolis office; W. M. Ingram, police detective at resenting the Los Angeles District At-

CUPID WINS NIGHT LICENSE Belated Couple Rouse Auditor at Vancouver at 10 P. M. and Wed.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 25.-(Special.)-Deciding not to postpone telephoned Mrs. May R. Haack, County spell prosperity for the employed. straits were successfully reduced, and Auditor, last night at 10 o'clock asking her to go to the courthouse and issue a license. She obligingly com-

Mrs. Lulu G. Livingston, of Portland. Within the straits and in the They had hoped to be over at 5 o'clock, but had trouble in getting a witness. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles J. Wachlte, of the First Presby terian Church.

SERVANTS GO TO SCHOOL

Housemaids' Branch at Kenosha, Wis., Opens With 15 Papils.

KENOSHA, Wis., Feb. 25.-Fifteen young women, representing almost as many nationalities and all employed as servants in the homes of citizens be large or small, whether they work here, enrolled as pupils today at the opening of the housemaids' branch of all work requires mind) discovers that the public schools.

Classes were organized in breadmaking, table serving, housekeeping and bed-making. Two teachers are in charge of the class, the entire expense being borne by the Board of Education The school opened with a lecture on "The Dignity of Serving."

DIES Member of Party Which

Plains Succumbs at Oregon City. OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 25 .ial.)-Mrs. C. M. Phillips, aged 84, one of the members of the Whitman party which crossed the plains in 1843, died west Asia and is about 47 miles long, at Clackamas, near here, tonight, folconnecting the Aegean with the Sea lowing an illness of a few days. Mrs.

he channel is only from one to four lips, Portland; John Phillips, North miles wide. High bluffs line the Yakima, Wash.; Mrs. Emma Jones, European side, making it particularly Clackamas, Or., and Mrs. Hattie Robinson, of Clackamas.

GERMANS TURN OUT LIGHTS

From French Airmen.

GENEVA, via Paris, Feb. 25 .- A dispatch received here from Constance by the Paris peace convention of 1856, says that two allied aeroplanes were seen Tuesday night from Constance fly.

ing southward. As a result there was great excitement in Friederichshaven. The Zeppelins there, it is said, were covered with metal netting, the lights in the town were extinguished and the people took to the cellars.

The aeroplanes flew over Meersburg and later reached Belfort safely.

TOWNS ENTER POWER PACT

Eastern Oregon Municipalities to Cooperate in Granting Franchises.

ONTARIO, Or., Feb. 25,-Announcement was made here today of an agree-ment entered into by various towns in this region to co-operate in dealing

this region to co-operate in dealing with companies supplying electric power and light.
Ontario, Huntington, Weiser, New Plymouth, Emmett, Nyssa and Parma would follow the same plan, it was said. granting franchises and entering o contracts for lighting and electric irrigation pumping.

FESTIVAL ROLLS DEADLY Rat Poison Becomes Mixed With

ALMA. Neb. Feb. 25 .- One person is dead, another is reported tonight to be dying and 30 are seriously ill as a re-sult of eating rolls sold at a church festival held here several days ago. Some rat poison, it is believed, acci-dentally became mixed with the flour from which the rolls were made. A. A. Billings, cashier of the Alma State Eank, died last night after being taken severely ill from the time of eating the rolls. The life of Lela Hagg, daughter of a merchant, is despaired of. Doc-

#### PROSPERITY FOR EMPLOYER URGED

Clamor Declared Cause of Hard Times.

PLEA FOR BUSINESS IS MADE

Mr. Sproule Says "Boosting" Alone Is Valueless.

END TO HOSTILITY ASKED

Period of Unemployment and Distress, Railroad President Adds, Will Continue Until Work Displaces Epigrams.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25 .- The country is in the midst of a period of unemployment and distress, the like of which the Nation never saw before, William Sproule, president of the Pacific system of the Southern Pacific Company, declared here tonight in an address at the annual dinner of the Traffic Club.

He attributed this condition to what he said was a long continued clamor against all sorts of public businesses and predicted its end only when retheir wedding, a couple from Portland turning prosperity for employers should

Psychological Prosperity Decried. Beginning by outlining difficulties faced by the transportation business which, he said, had "lost its momen-The couple were N. J. Van Ness and tum," he broadened to the state of business generally, and took vigorous exception to any suggestion that business conditions would be better if business men believed they would be

"The booster lifts nothing higher than the level of his own teeth," declared the railway executive. "The trumpeter of prosperity beguiles only his own ears. Prosperity is real, or it does not exist. We do not have to look for it; it comes to us. It grows within our sight like a plant coming in flower. It comes to us when the employer resumes employment, and President of Senate praises work of Legis-it will not come to us until the peo-lative Assembly. Page 13. it will not come to us until the people generally, whether their capacity with their muscles or their minds their condition improves only as their

employer is prosperous. Employer First of Unemployed. of unemployment as if it related only dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph road?" asked Chief Counsel for the

to those who work for a specific hourly or daily, weekly or monthly wage. ly or daily, weekly or monthly wage. has reported to his government that ditions in those days were entirely difthose engaged in minor places or in the captain and first officer of the Norhumbler duties of life,

The facts run quite to the contrary.

It is the employer who is first out of their ship was struck by a torpedo, but money in the other fellow's pocket. "The facts run quite to the contrary. employment, As a natural sequence, e is followed by the employes, "Unemployment begins only when

the employer himself begins to be seemployed. When the employer is employed. When the employer is bow.

"The lookout man says he did not see any signs of a submarine."

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SHIP THOUGHT TORPEDOED

by Officers of Sinking. LONDON, Fab. 25. - A Copenhagen the Choctawa, Oklahoma & Gulf Rail-

Company says: "The Norwegian Minister at London are unable to supply any proof of this. order to escape 'something black on

# ROCK ISLAND STOCK

Millions Grow Through Holding Concerns.

CHAIN CONTROL DESCRIBED

Shares Worth \$71,000,000 Basis \$191,000,000 Bonds.

ROADS BOUGHT OVERNIGHT

Iowa Concern Holds Majority of Opcrating Company and Is in Turn Controlled by Preferred Stock in New Jersey.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 .- Financial operations of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company between 1991 and 1914 were outlined today by Daniel G. Reld at the resumption of the Interstate Commerce Commission's investigation of the railroad.

His testimony bore mainly on the organization of the road's holding companies and the results of those transactions after 1901, in which year, Mr. Reld said, he and Judge William H. Moore, J. H. Moore and William B Leeds controlled about \$20,000,000 of Rock Island stock, about one-third of

Big Holding Concerns Formed.

ively, as the lowe and New Jersey companies, each capitalized at \$150.000,000 He said the Iowa corporation held the majority of the Rock Island Rallway. Polish capital. They report they have Jersey concern entrolled the Iowa cor- much war material. poration, and the preferred stock of the New Jersey controlled that company

of directors. Securities of the holding companies an exchange of \$2.70 for \$1 par value.

Railroads Bought Outright. Norwegian Minister Reports Account sey corporation controlled the lowa com "Then the dir pany, which controlled the operating company, which later controlled the St. Louis & San Francisco Company and

Commission Folk. "Not at all," replied Mr. Reld. "Conwegian steamer Regin, recently sunk over night. We did not want to have in the English Channel, believe that one of our fellows slip up and have our

Mr. Folk asked if the result had been company capitalized at \$60,000,000 some "Unemployment begins only when the starboard side," presumably a mine, \$350,000,000 in capitalization to be the employer himself begins to be un-

"There was nothing to be kept on (Concluded on Page 5.)

#### Thursday's War Moves

THE American note, the contents of who will main a secret, but which seeks to bring about an unanding regarding the war zon prescribed by Germany and the shipment of foodstuffs desired for the civilian population of the belligerent countries, was considered at a meeting of the Cabinet today, but thus far no intimation as to the official attitude

oward it can be obtained. The press and public, however, on the supposition that President Wilson bas suggested that Great Britain should not carry out her threat to place an em bargo on foodstuffs for Germany and that in return Germany should not enforce her submarine blockade against the British Isles, have already ex pressed their disapproval of acceptance of such a proposition.

While eight British ships have been destroyed in the week that the blockade has been in force, it is pointed out that they are for the most part small vessels, and that the majority of them, instead of having food for this country. were either in ballast or carrying coal or other freight for neutral countries. It is believed here also that the de struction of neutral ships and cargoes will embroll Germany with neutral countries, and that in the long run the losses which the allies will suffer will be more than offset by the anger aroused on the part of the neutrals and the possible refusal of countries such as Norway to allow goods to be shipped from their ports to Germany.

This and other diplomatic questions such as the possible entry of Italy and Roumania into the war, which again is being discussed, have largely overshadowed the news from the battlefields which in military circles is considered of paramount importance. The military experts are keeping their eyes on the operations flong the eastern front, where battles of immense magnitude are developing.

The Germans, apparently having found the Russian fortress line around the and bring about abundonment by the East Prussian frontier too strong for them, are attempting to make their The holding concerns as organized and starting from Mlaws, which has in 1902, he said, were known, respect- been the base of several previous offensive operations, have penetrated as far as the important town of Przasnysz, the operating company, while the New captured there 10,000 prisoners and

The Germans also say they have had some successes in North Poland, so that through special powers in the election they must be in strong force in that

territory. On the Brura and Rawka rivers, di had been placed with the Central Trust rectly west of Warsaw, from which di-Company of New York, he added, on rection the Germans early in the year condition that each share of operating made desperate attempts to reach that stock turned in should receive stock in city, the Russians are on the offensive, the lowa company and bonds and stock and, according to the German report, in the New Jersey company equaling have made a slight advance in the vicinity of Bolimow.

In Western Galicia and along the Carpathian ranges battles are still being fought without slackening, and thence, through Eastern Galicia and Bukowina, the Russians and Austro-German forces are fighting stubbornly.

In this war area the temperature re nains unusually high for this time of the year, and the armies are contesting every foot of ground under the most

The captain had stopped his ship in to load on the back of the operating as the allies are concerned they are confining themselves to a bombardment of the German positions along the coast the Meuse and in the Vosges, where, seriously affected by the thaw.

tween the Russians and the Turks in toward Great Britain and her ailies. There has been further contact bethe Caucasus, where both assert they have been successful.

In the House of Commons today Sir Edward Grev. Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made the important announcenent, which was received with cheers, that Great Britain sympathized with of submarine and mine warfare, Russia's aspirations to gain access to the open sen through Turkey.

TWO MORE STEAMERS SUNK

pedocs Off Coast. LONDON, Feb. 25.—The British steamer Deptford, 1298 tons, was sunk in the North Ses, off Scarborough, and the British steamer Western Coast was sunk in the English Channel off Beachy mencement of the next session of Con-Head resterday. One saller on the gress.

Deptford lost his life. It is not known "No man," said Mr. Porter, "can antic.

or to submarines. The crew of the Western Coast was landed at Portsmouth, that of the Deptford at South Shields, today. Some of adjourn without placing in the Franchise the Deptford's sailors said they saw dent's hands every possible assistance they the wake of a submarine after the ves- to meet the complications as they

BEAR FLOUTS AUTO RIDE Bruin, Donated to City, Refuses to Ride in Car From Milwaukie Zoo.

Black bears don't like to ride in automobiles. This was demonstrated yesterday when Dr. Ray Matson tried to of views than a formal negotiation. load a large cub into an automobile to haul to the Washington Park 200. Bruin protested and put up such a fight that

the effort was given up. Dr. Matson telephoned Park Superintendent Convill that if the city wants the bear, which was donated to the city a few days ago, the city must devise a means of getting the bruin from Mil-waukie to the zoo.

New Persian Ministers Anti-Russian LONDON, Feb. 25 .- A Central News

dispatch from Constantinople, by way of Amsterdam, says it is learned from Teheran that the positions of Minister of the Interior and Minister of Justice in the Cabinet have been filled by Persians of anti-Russian sentiment and that another anti-Russian will become Minister of Foreign Affairs.

## CARRIES NO THREAT

Intimation of Future Course Omitted

EMBARGO DENIED BY BRYAN

Fear Prisoners Will Suffer First Is Entertained.

BRITAIN DELAYS REPLY

Consultation With Allies May Require Several Days-Co-operation of Other Neutral Nations Is Regarded as Assured.

WASHINGTON. Feb. 25 .- The United States Government has suggested in-formally to Great Britain and Germany that in the interests of humanity and the safeguarding of legitimate merce all mines be removed from the high seas except those directly tracessary for the protection of coast defennes

This suggestion, together with proposals designed to obtain Great Britain's acquiescence in a plan to permit the distribution of imported foodstuffs to the civilian population of Germany latter of its submarine warfare on merchant ships, has been submitted by way to Warsaw from the northwest England to her allies, France and Russta, for consideration.

Puture Course Not Revenled. Intimations have come to the Washngton Government that until the British Cabinet acts and the attitude France and Russia is tearned no reply can be given to the American propo-This may require several days. nais. In the meantime Germany aiready ins manifested a willingness to make

concessions, which gives officials here ground for hope that a conciliatory spirit will be adopted by Great Britain. It can be said authoritatively that is the American communication, identically to Germany and Great Britno mention was made by the United States of what course it would pursue in the event of rejection of its proposals. The United States ansumed rather the role of mediator, in an effort secretly for the present to reach an agreement without the embar rassments of public discussion in the belligerent countries, where passions were thought likely to stimulate influences that would defeat impartial

consideration of questions involved. Prisoners May Feel First Pinch. High officials of the Washington Government have shown much solicitude over what might be the extent of retaliatory measures adopted by belligerents if they continue to disre-The armies in the west are faced gard previously accepted principles of with the same difficulties, and as far international law. It is understood that one of the arguments used in that if the policy of starvation is put into effect by Great Britain, the first and to offensive operations in the Cham- to feel the pinch of hunger might be pagne, the Argonne, on the heights of the British, French and Ituasian prisoners. Another suggestion said to have on the higher ground, they are not so been conveyed is that suffering forces on the civillan population of Germany might produce an unwholesome effect on the attitude of the American people

> There is every evidence that neutral governments are working in close harmony with the Washington Government and have manifested more than willingness to co-operate in efforts made here to assist in a settlement of the vexations questions arising out

Contemplated Embargo Deuled. Secretary Bryan denied today that an embargo by the United States on exorts of foodstuffs was contemplated. Following a talk with President Will son, Representative Porter, of Penn Britons Are Victims of Mines or Tor- sylvania, Republican, introduced a bill to\_authorize the President to lay, regulate and revoke embargoes on all ships and vessels in United States ports, or United States or foreign vessels, whenever in his opinion it is necessary, until 15 days after the com-

whether the losses were due to mines ipate the emergencies likely to arise in our foreign relations in the next nine months and Congress should not Some of adjourn without placing in the Presi-

The delicacy of the negotiations pre-The delicacy of the negotiations prevent officials from revealing just what
has been proposed. The Ministers from
Norway and Sweden and other neutral
envoys who have inquired, some of
them even by instructions from their
government, have not been informed of
the details by the State Department
because the subject is regarded as in
an informal and unofficial stage as you
more in the nature of an interchange re in the nature of an interchange

Britain Believed Gainer. From the point of view of the Washington Government, Great Britain, while conceding the shipment of food-stuffs to Germany under a system that would guarantee their distribution to the civilian population and not the belligorent forces of Germany, would

have much to gain from an acceptance of the American proposals. The aboli-tion of the war zones around Great Britain and Ireland, the removal of all mines, it is argued, would render the commerce of the allies safe, subject to the usual exercise of the right of visitation, search and capture.
Originally when mines were laid in
the North Sea, Germany and Great
Britain accused each other of being ag-

gressor in this respect.

The responsibility for the initiative

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Flour at Church Supper.

tors believe the others will recover.

