BIG ISSUE INVOLVED IN NEW SEA RULES

President's Power May Be Questioned.

ALLIES ARE SURE TO PROTEST

Supreme Court Decision Is Cited in Opposition.

COMMERCE IS AT STAKE

Entente Powers May Seek to Serve Notice That United States Will Be Held Responsible for Merchantmen Sunk.

WASSINGTON, Feb. 12 .- (Special.) Questions of grave importance to the merce of the Nation and to the reallied powers have arisen as a result Wilson that he is on the eve of holding armed merchantmen to be auxiliary

Already the allies-Great Britain, will retaliate, or that they can retaliate at the present time, is not be lieved, but they will protest and that they may even serve notice that for minimum of 40. armed merchantmen trading with the United States which may be sunk By German submarines this Government will be held responsible in damages is expected.

Legal Issues Developing.

So far as this country itself is concerned the questions which have developed are:

Can the Executive branch of the Government put into force a foreign policy which is in violation of deciof the United States Supreme

Will not the new policy of the Government lead to a reduction of ecean tonnage connecting with American ports and cause greater congestion of freight and a rise in freight rates, all of which will hear on the shippers? It is known from representations

made by the ailled governments that they will not remove guns from their duty of a merchantman to escape capture if it can

Lausing's Note Interpreted.

It is apparently the theory of th United States, according to the Lansing note, that merchantment, on the apnearance of a submarine, must stop and submit to visit and search, which the usual preliminaries to destruction not of the ship alone, but of the goods on board, which may or may not be the operty of neutrals.

With reference to the authority United States, officials say the owners been lying there under steam. of a beiligerent armed merchantmen treated by a government agent as an auxiliary cruiser, may take the case into court and thereby secure relief German War Office announced last from the Administration process. But this is a long, tedlous proceeding, for the Attorney-General, by direction of vessels referred to were mine-sweepers. the President, would defend the case up to the Supreme Court, and a decision would not be handed down for two or three years.

The constitution requires the President to take care "that the laws be faithfully executed," and the decisions of the Supreme Court are the law of the land.

Question is Fundamental.

It is recognized that there is more than an academic question; it goes to the bottom of government. Yet it will not have the same interest to the publie as will that which would develop by the refusal of the allies to disarm and 40,000 for men.

Chief Justice Marshall, who had served in the Continental Army, was tacked on one of the framers of the Constitution, a member of the diplomatic service and Secretary of War and Secretary of State, considered the question of armed the Nereide, British ship mounting 10 guns, which Steamer Sunk in Mediterranean by had been chartered by a Spanish subjest and was captured by an American ivateer in the war with Great Britain to 1814. The issue before the court was whether a neutral might put his goods on beard an armed merchantman, Chief Justice Marshall, who handed down the miralty.

decision, declared; The belligarent had a perfect right in arm in his own defense and this her way from London to Calcutta. Her right did not interfere with that of the neutral to transport his goods in a beiligerent vessel."

Taking of Freight Limited.

If the United States hobis that belligerent armed merchantmen are auxillery cruisers, this means such vesselmust depart from American ports within 24 hours after arrival or 24 hour after such length of time as is neceseary to make needed repairs and take on sufficient fuel and provisions to permit them to reach the nearest port of the country whose flag they fly. It is apparent that not much freight could -With a capacity for grinding 25 tons be taken abourd such vessels in 24 of potatoes a day, a plant for the manu-

American ports for three months. the present condition which must be most entirely with Eastern capital. sychant marine in a day and it is and. The report of the Commissioner of navigation shows that during the (Constuded on Page I. Column 1.)

GRAHAME-WHITE IS **GRAVELY WOUNDED**

BRITISH AVIATOR MEETS MIS-ADVENTURE IN FRANCE

mission as Lieutenant Issued Only Last Month; Narrow Escape of Year Ago Recalled.

HAZERBOUCKE, France, Feb. 13 .laude Grahume-White, the British aviator, has been wounded gravely. No details have been obtained. He was nmissioned a Lieutenant last month Lieutenant Grahame-White won international prominence several years ago by spectacular flights in England and America. He enlisted in the naval corps at the outberak of the war and was apopinted temporary Flight Commander. A year ago, after participating in a raid by a squadron of aeroplanes on Belgian towns, he fell into the sea, but was picked up by a cruiser

Lieutenant Grahame-White's wife, ormerly Miss Dorothy Taylor, of New York, obtained last month a decree rights, an action which in England is reliminary step to a suit for divorce.

SUN HAS SULKY SPELL After Balmy Touch of Spring J.

Pluvius Reigns Again.

Old Sel took a good look at Portland Saturday and sent a wave of Spring fever over the gradually thawing resilations of the United States with the dents. Perhaps he is hard to please, for yesterday he sulked behind a curof the declaration made by President tain of clouds all day, not vouchsafing so much as a glimpse of himself, Occasional rain is the official forecast for today again.

Saturday night and Sunday morning France, Russia and Italy-have filed the precipitation was 19 inch. This objections to the change of policy proposed by the United States. That they to 35.46 inches, the excess being 6.52

The temperature remained equable yesterday with a maximum of 46 and plot.

WEST GROWING FASTEST

Population of United States on Jan uary 1, 101,208,315.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 .- Census bureau experts estimated today that the population of the United States January 1 last was 101,208,315 and grains of white oxide of arsenic had that by July 1 it would be 102.017,302. been found in an analysis of a pint On July 1, last year, they figured of the poisoned soup served at the the population at 100,399,318.

Western states have led in growth, Washington heading the list, with Ok- office. lahoma, Nevada, North Dakota and New Mexico following in the order named. 'The bureau's estimates hazed on the rate of increase between the 1900 and 1910 consuses.

Oregon's population on July 1, 1915, was \$09,490; on January 1, 1516, 822,615. The estimate for July, 1916, is \$15,741.

GERMAN SCOUT SHIPS SAIL Vessels Stationed at Zeebrugge Said to Have Left Port.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Feb. 11 .-The Telegranf says the German scout vessels in the North Sea are believed to have gone out of Zeebrugge, as it is known armed trawlers are stationed the President to act contrary to the there, and that some vessels which ons of the Supreme Court of the formerly were not at that port have

> Small German warships have been active in the North Sca recently. The week that two British cruisers had been sunk, but the British said the

296,000 BELGIANS SHOD

Commission Also Buys Leather to Repair Old Shoes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 .- The Commission for Relief in Belgium announced tonight that aince the beginning of its Winter campaign it had sent 296,-000 pairs of shoes to the destitute of Belgium and Northern France. Of these 100,000 were for women, 60,000 for children. 45,000 for boys, 48,000 for girls

The Commission bought \$25,060 worth of leather to be cut up and wooden soles and to repair old shoes

BRITISH LOSE TWO VESSELS

Topedo Without Warning.

LONDON, Feb. 12.-Loss of the British steamships Springfield and Cedarwood were reported today by the Ad-

The Springfield was torpedoed without warning in the Mediterranean on crew of 75 were landed at Malta. She was a 425-foot vessel of 5593 tons.

Only two of the crew of the Cedarwood were saved. The place of her sinking was not given. She was a vecset of 454 tons.

COAST HAS POTATO FLOUR Factory Opened in California Will Add Starch Plant Later.

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 11.—(Special.) More than this, such vessels facture of potato flour was placed in would be debarred from entering operation today at Middle River by the Air Utilities Company, of New York. The United States cannot build a The factory, said to represent an investment of \$50,000, was financed al-

The plant is the first of its kind on the Pacific Coast. Starch-making machinery will be added later.

ANARCHIST POISON PLOT IS SUSPECTED

Wholesale Killing of Notables Intended.

CHEF BELIEVED MERE UNIT

Lives Saved by Custom of Serving Meager Portions.

OUNCE OF ARSENIC USED

Each Guest Said to Have Received Grain and a Half, While Minimum Lethal Dose Is Estimated at Two Grains.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12 .- (Special.)-'I do not wish to create a panic in Chicago," was the cryptic reply of First Deputy Superintendent of Police Schuettler. when asked today to give his views of the plot to poison several hundred prominent Chicagoans at the banquet Tuesday night to Archbishop Munde-

Schuettler spoke testily and in the tone of a man who is harboring the secret of a great calamity. At the same time he refused to admit that he believed Jean Crones, missing assistant chef at the University Club, was the only man who figured in the

Wholesale Plot Suspected. Indications are that Schuettler is hot on Crones' trail and is gathering evidence of a plot in which Crones was

only a unit among a gang of anarchists who planned to kill a distinguished group of men. This was borne out by the activities of his staff of detectives. Two hours before Health Commissioner Robertson gave out the report on of F. O. Tonney, city chemist, that

been found in an analysis of a pint banquet to the archbishop, two anarwere taken into Schnettler's

Anarchists Are Questioned.

They were confronted with tranips of speeches taken down by Schuettler's investigators and by agents, who have been present at every secret and open meeting of the anar-

chists in Chicago. Both of the anarchists were questioned for more than an hour. They jeft the building in the company of detectives. When they had gone Schuet tler, in an interview, admitted he had had reports on Crones for several months. He knows the meetings Crones has attended, what he said at those gatherings. He admitted Crones was a red hot "dyed-in-the-wool" anarchist, that he knew Crones' associates, and that his detectives have questioned these men.

Schuettler made known the fact that Crones at a meeting of anarchists last May asked the speaker if his study of chemistry-he is an amateur chemistwould injure his standing in the anarchist movement. The speaker's reply (Concluded on Page 3, Column 4.)

STREET CAR HANGS

TUCKS JUMP TRACK AT EDGE

Crew and Passengers Escape From Car Poised Teetering Above Drop of 50 Feet.

Conductor, motorman and three pas sengers on South Portland car No. 611 narrowly escaped death about 10 o'clock last night when the car struck an inch and a quarter auto-truck bolt in the curve of the track near the end of the First-street bridge, at First and

The front trucks awang off the track the car whirled almost at right angles, tore away about 20 feet of the iron guard rail of the bridge, demolished a section of the sidewalk at the side of the bridge, and hung poised half in BIG the air, teetering over a drop of befeet into the Marquam Guich below.

Conductor W. H. Bates, of 742 Vaughn treet, and Motorman J. C. Irvin, o 766 Raleigh street, hurried the passen gers off the car in safety. The passengers were J. B. Junkin, of 735 Bismarck street; A. E. Birrisich, who gave his address 1872 Geven street (pre sumably Geneva street), and M. E. Starbird, of 580 Hawthorne street. The car remained hanging, after the

crash, with fully half of its body either entirely off the bridge or on the sec tion of the smashed sidewalk. Statements differ as to the rate the ar was traveling when the accident

CADORNA SHOWS DISDAIN

Italian Unmindful of Austrian Attacks on His Dignity.

PARIS, Feb. 13.-A Havas dispatch from Rome under Saturday's date says that the Italian commander-in-chief, Lieutenant-General Count Cadorna, has issuesd a statement declaring that once and for all he disdains to take any notice of Austrian attempts, "by false builetins and other methods" "lower the dignity" of the Italian army commander.

On the other hand, General Cadorna asserts that all Italian bulletins are carefully, drawn up and admit neither of denial or attenuation.

WILSON TURNS HOMEWARD Presidential Yacht on Way to Washington in Blinding Snowstorm.

OLD POINT, Va., Feb. 13 .- The Presiential yacht Mayflower, with Presi-Wilson and his wife aboard, left Old Point today and steamed up Chesapeake Bay in a driving snowstorm. She

Navy-yard temorrow morning. The President did not come ashore today, declining an invitation to play golf at the Hampton Roads Club.

BELGIANS WIN IN AFRICA German Gunboat Sunk in Engage-

ment on Lake Tanganyika.

HAVRE, Peb. 13,-A dispatch reeived from the Belgian forces operating on Lake Tanganyika, Africa, says the German gunboat Hedwig von Wisamann has been sunk in a naval combat off Albertville.

The remainder of the men on board the front could be broken it would necessi- a separate peace to the entente Two of the German crew were killed. gunboat were taken prisoners.

BIG GUNS SECRET

Progress in Poland Due to Artillery.

ORIGINAL PLANS ARE CAMERICED

Arthur streets, and leaped from the Russians Stubborn in Delivering Counter Attacks.

DECISION IS

Campaign for Colossal Movement Settles Down Instead to Slow, Plodding Day-by-Day Attacking Operation.

BY STANLEY WASHBURN.

The lull preceding the storm of mid-July in Southern Poland was a period and Life-saving Service. of great activity behind both lines The Germans were straining every effort to bring up their big guns and their hordes of smaller ones, while the Russian aeroplane observers reported every road from the south choked with reinforcements moving to the front. The whole line stretching from the

Victula to the south of Chelm was as their artillery was ranging day by the Russians that the enemy was planning what they hoped would be a repetition of the Galician drive.

Grand Duke Backs Up General,

But Loesche, who was now in comnand, was alive to the menace of the situation which undoubtedly was the gravest in its possible consequences that the war had so far developed. The Grand Duke, realizing the acuteness of the danger, backed him up loyally, and by July 12 Locache had everything that the general staff could give him to help him hold his line.

Seven magnificent corps with the heaviest support of big guns that I had yet seen, plus the fact that Loesche himself was a clear-headed and courageou fighter, raised all of our spirits to higher point than they had been since The idea of Loesche was that is expected to dock at the Washington an aggressive defense was the most tive kind of defense.

As far as I have been able to observe in these hig artillery actions the only solution is to attack first. If a force s able to make even a small advance from the fortified line, it at least has the advantage of being out of the sone exactly ascertained, and hence fighting is much more favorable to the at-

Russians Plan First Attack. Loesche, feeling this, was straining every nerve to anticipate the German move by himself launching an attack

on the German center, held by the Prussian guards, south of Krasnystav. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

AIR COAST GUARD PLANNED BY PEARY

ADMIRAL ANNOUNCES NAMES OF WORKING COMMITTEE.

System Expected Ultimately to Be Valuable Adjunct to Life-Saving Service.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Bear-Admiral pert E. Peary, authorized by the ero Club of America to appoint a cen tral committee to formulate working plans for an aerial coast patrol servce, announced today the names those who already have consented to serve. They are:

assistant Secretary of the Treasury who is at the head of the Coast Guard and Life-saving Service; Lester Jones superintendent of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey; Professor P. C. Frankenfield, chief forecaster of the United States Weather Bureau; John Hayes Hammond, Jr., and Emer-son McMillan, of New York. Presidents of 27 aero clubs also will be appointed nembers of the committee.

While efforts will be concentrated first on establishing a chain of aero coast patrol stations along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and the Great Lakes at intervals of 100 miles, sta tions later will be established in the interior. The service is designed chiefly for observation purposes in case of war, but it is expected to prove a valuable adjunct to the Coast Guard

AEROPLANES RAID ITALY

Fifteen Killed, Hospital and Historic Church Damaged.

PARIS, Feb. 13 .- Austrian aeroplanes nade a raid yesterday over Ravenna heavily defended by the Germans and, and the neighboring towns of Codigoro and Bottrighe, in Northeastern Italy day, just as had been the case in May near the Adriatic. A Havas dispatch on the Dunajec line, it was realized by from Rome says 15 persons were killed and several wounded;

Several women and children were mong the wounded. A hospital and the Basicila of Sant Apollinare at Ravenna were damaged.

The church of Sant' Apollinare was srected in the years 535 and 538, and was consecrated in 549 by St. Maximiam. It was restored in 1779 and h the largest of the Basilicas still existing at Havenna.

BABE SMOTHERS IN SUGAR Astoria Boy, 14 Months Old, Falls Into Stored Sweet and Dies.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 13 .- (Special.)-Henry M. Hauke, the 14-months-old yesterday at 2 o'clock, when the openldent today in a most peculiar manner.

The child fell head first into a can cant of a great new movement in which

n which all of the ranges have been BULGARIA ASKS FOR PEACE redoubling credit to the enterprise Athens Says Report Is Confirmed in Entente Circles.

smothered.

LONDON, Feb. 13 .- The Exchange Telegraph Company received the following dispatch today from Athens: is confirmed in entente circles It was felt by the Russians that if this that Bulgaria has made overtures for

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GREAT CONVENTION

All Sects Fused to Further Missions.

WOMEN HAVE OWN MEETING

Sheppard, of Texas; Representative Great Throng Is Inspired by Kahn, of California; Byron R. Newton, assistant Secretary of All Progressions of Progressions o

SEATTLE FAR SURPASSED

Seven Widely-Separated Cities Open Sessions to Awaken Men of All Churches to Needs of Foreign and Home Fields.

PROGRAMME FOR TODAY.

Morning at 10-Conference of ministers, but of interest to all delegates. Theme: "The Minister's Supreme Opportunity'-"As an Educational and Recruiting Force," Morris W. Ehnes; "As a Financial Force," J. B. Trimble; "As a Spiritual Force," J. P. Mc-Naughton.

Afternoon at 3-Theme "Christ for Every Man"-"Catching Men Alive," J. O. Randall; "The Life That Wins," Henry H. Kelsey; "Pioneering on the Congo," Thomas Moody, Africa; "God's Missionary Plan for the World," Bishop J. W. Bashford,

Evening, 730-Theme: "Christ the World's Need.'-"The Dawn of a New Day and Around the World in Motion Pictures," William M. Gilbert; "The American City and the City of God," H. F. Swartz: "War Experiences in Turkey," J. P. McNaughton, Place-White Temple.

***************** BY EDITH KNIGHT HOLMES.

Old men, young men, doctors, lawers, bankers, preachers, mechanics hard-headed busines men, more than 2000 strong filled the White Temple on of Mrs. Erick Hanke, met with a ing meeting of the Laymen's Mission-

It was an inspiring audience, signifiof augar in the family pantry and was the men are getting to work in missionary efforts and are not leaving it all to the women,

was a magnificent achievement, and earnestness of the local committee, of which E. L. Thompson is chairman and John A. Goodell, of the Y. M. C. A., executive secretary.

Only Woman Present Is Writer. The women were not admitted to the

meeting in the White Temple. It was "for men only," "Ye church editor" had the distinction of being the one woman present. But across the street in the First Methodist Church, there was an equally enthusiastic meeting for the women. E. L. Thompson, who presided at the

men's assemblage, congratulated the committee and praised its work in that it had obtained a registration nearly twice that of Scattle, where a similar meeting is in progress. Seven conventions opened simultaneously yesterday in Greensboro, N. C.; Seattle and Tacoma, Wash ; Dayton, O.; Decatur. III.; and Richmond, Va. To the last two a telegram was sent yesterday by C. V. Vickery, one of the leaders in the

movement. Large Registration Elates. "Tell them that we have this large registration, and don't forget to send our greetings," said Chairman Thomp-

Secretary Goodell, who was introduced as "the human dynamo," thanked the pastors and laymen for their cooperation. Bishop Cooke, of the Methodist Church, led the great throng in prayer, calling for the divine blessing on the meetings that they might be the beginning of a great wave of good

works. On the platform were men of many denominations, but all united in the one effort, to spread the doctrine of Christ in all lands and among all peoples. The audience was representative of many faiths and creeds, but all lines

Singer Inspires Crowd.

nam.

Ernest W. Naftzger, who led the singing, was the right man in the right place. He inspired the men. They all sang whether or not they knew how, and the result was splendid.

Mr. Naftager was heralded by Fred B. Fisher, of India, as "a temperamental duck who knows how to give a message old-young man," gave a stirring talk

on Alaska and John Muir. "How many of you old sour-dough: have ever banged at the Chilcoot?" he asked the men, and then went on to give reminiscences of early days. He recalled his first visit here 3% years ago, when he came by steamer from

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JUST VALENTINES.

