Fifty Great Warships Are Seen in North Sea.

LONDON THINKS BATTLE ON

British Authorities Speculate as to Real Meaning of Naval Sortie.

ZEPPELINS ALONG

Numerous Trawlers Accompany Ships, Ostensibly for Mine-Laying Purposes.

LONDON, March 8 .- A German fleet consisting of at least 50 big warships, followed by a large gray painted armored trawler fleet, two big Ymuiden, says Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent. The fleet was proceeding westward.

Five Big Cruisers Seen.

The correspondent adds that on Monday morning five large cruisers cutting down the car crew on this line of unknown nationality passed Ymuiden at full speed.

Reuter's Ymuiden correspondent, telegraphing under date of Wednes- Explosion Reported and Piece of day, says that the fleet returned to its base on that day.

"A Dutch trawler which was searched by one of the warships," the correspondent adds, "reports that pearance. Those carrying several aircraft guns. funnels had their sternmost funnels

BY ARTHUR & DRAPER. Correspondent of the New York Tribune, (By Special Cable,)

LONDON, March 8 .- (Special.)-The report that a German fleet of warships has sailed from the Kiel CHELAN COUNTY EXCLUDED Canal and is now in the North Sea is unquestionably accurate, a high naval Proclamation Eliminates Vast Area authority said tonight. Britain now believes a big naval battle is in prog-

While the number of vessels comprising the fleet was first given here along both sides of the Entiat River, 24 hours. In foreign waters, however, as 20, reports from Holland indicate that it is much larger. A Dutch trawler, which made port today, reported having seen at least 50 war vessels, which will be held for settlement under tion eight days and up to tonight the trailed by a large fleet of trawlers, ostensibly for mine-laying purposes.

Fleet Headed Westward.

According to the crew of the Dutch headed to the westward.

purpose of the dash of the German fleet from its hiding place. One division of naval opinion has it that the sortie is an attempt to create diver-British to the larger fleet, while anhigh seas to emulate the spectacular today.

A majority of officials and experts, however, seem to be of the belief that the fleet is merely engaged in reconnoitering as a prelude to a huge

naval battle. Mines Laid Effectively.

One feat already accomplished by the Germans, it was learned tonight, is the mining of the English Channel and parts of the North Sea more effectively than those waters have been Great quantities of mines have been reported along trade routes, those of Springfield: neutral countries not having been ex-

cepted. trade of Holland will be seriously affected and that some countries may eventually be forced to cease the shipment of merchandise owing to the enormous quantities of explosives lurking beneath the surface of the

Neutral Blockade Probable.

A high official here today declared the Germans contemplated a blockade of neutral countries as a part of their new submarine campaign and that (Concluded on Page 4, Column 3.) people are greatly alarmed.

DAKOTA LOSSES BY FLOODS GREAT

HORSES AND CATTLE OCCUPY ING HOUSES OF OWNERS.

Three Towns Threatened With Dam age, as Ice Gorge in Missouri River Remains Unbroken.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 8 .- Heavy losses of hogs, cattle, horses and sheep by farmers in the lowlands of the James and Missouri rivers near Yank-ton, S. D., are reported by Yankton rescue parties who patrolled the flooded area in boats today. Sixty-eight families are occupying single houses to night. In some houses horses and cat tle have been quartered in the first story, while the family, together with

efugees, occupy the upper stories. One train from the west, the first fo two days, made its way into Yankton today. East and north the tracks ar covered with from 18 inches to six feet of water. Between the towns o Volin and Mission Hill, Kan., communication by boat was established today.

The ice gorge in the Missouri River between Yankton and Vermillion, remains unbroken tonight, but the water did not rise perceptibly during the day The dammed waters of the Missour have poured into the James River Valley and thence around the gorge and downstream. Meanwhile the gorge is he James River holds fast and Mission Hill, Volin and Gayville are threatened with damage tonight.

ONE MAN RUNS STREETCAR

Vancouver Operator Gets Off at Crossing, Waves, Then Goes On.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 8 .- (Spe cial.)-The one-man system of oper-Zeppelins and numerous submarines was sighted Monday in the North Sea off Terschelling Island, North Holling I acts both as motorman and conducland, according to the report of a tor, taking the fares as the passengers cordance with the law prevailing at the steam trawler which has arrived at board the car. All but one entrance is

onto the track, waves his hand, then climbs back onto the car and goes nhead. Inadequacy of revenue is given by company officials as the reason for

ZEPPELIN IS HIT IN RAID

Propeller Found in Kent.

many of the vessels had a peculiar ap- the Zeppelins, which took part in the Sunday raids was damaged by anti-

One message says a Zeppelin which painted yellow or covered with yel-low cloth, while the other funnels ward bound early Monday morning was seen to be in difficulty. Another dispatch says it is reported an explosion took place on board the Zeppe lin when it was hit hard and this crippled it.

A broken portion of a Zeppelin propeller was found in Kent today.

From National Forest.

Forest under an executive proclama- how ships are armed. tion made public today.

the homestead laws from May 4 to May 31, and which, after the latter date, will be subject to disposition under any applicable public land law

boat, the huge German fleet was VILLA IS NEARING BORDER

Speculation is rife here as to the Rebel With His Followers Reported Ten Miles From Line.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 8 .- Franisco Villa and his forces today reached the ranch of the Palomas Land & Catsion and draw the attention of the tle Company, at Nogales, Chihuahus, 10 miles below the border and 44 other, or possibly as many as a score, east of here, according to a telegram of commerce raiders escape to the sent by the American foreman of the ranch and which was received here late

The message made no mention of Arhur McKinney, James Corbett and James O'Neill, American cattlemen, believed to have been taken prisoners

T. R. DISAVOWS CANDIDACY

Illinoisans Who File Petitions Preferring Colonel Repudiated.

NEW YORK, March 8 .- John W. Mc-Brath, secretary to Theodore Roosevelt, innounced today that he had sent the mined since the outbreak of the war, following telegram to Louis G. Stevenon, Secretary of State of Illinois, at

"I have today received the following cable for transmission to you: 'I here by disavow candidacy of any and all As a result of the new menace to delegates to Diinois primary who file navigation it is believed here that the petitions expressing preference for me "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

PERUVIAN VOLCANO ACTIVE

Falling Ashes Make Region Dark and People Are Alarmed.

AMBALO, Ecuador, March 8 .- Tunguragua volcano, in this province, has been in eruption several days. rounding region are almost in darkness on account of falling ashes. The

Offer Made to Abide by Existing Law.

ANSWER REACHES WILSON

Administration in No Haste to Announce Stand.

RUMOR OF CHANGE DENIED

American Citizens Must Decide for Themselves When They Embark on Armed Vessels Not Entering American Waters.

WASHINGTON, March 8 .- Germany today made a further explanation to the United States of the position it has taken in regard to armed merchant vessels of the entente allies.

Count von Bernstorff handed Secretary Lansing a formal memorandum, which, after reviewing the events leading up to Germany's recent decision to treat armed merchant ships as auxiliary to conduct undersea warfare in ac outbreak of the war, providing Great Britain and her allies would regard the In crossing the railroad track he same laws, and expressed the hope that the people of the United States, remembering the long existing friendly relations between the two nations, would appreciate the German opinion.

Administration in No Huste.

The memorandum was submitted to President Wilson shortly after its re-ceipt. It would be considered, together with other documents from the German vernment, in determining what shall be the next step of the United States in the submarine negotiations. There was every indication that the Adminis-LONDON. March 8.—Messages re-ceived here from newspaper corre-spondents in Kent, assert that one of the Zentral European powers, or to pass finally on Germany's latest proposal for a settlement of the Lusitania

> From both the White House and the State Department there came, in the course of the day, emphatic denials of a rumor that the Administration itse intended to warn American citizens off armed ships. At the State Department it was explained that it was for the citizens themselves who took passage on armed ships not entering American waters to determine whether they were offensively and the nature of the instructions under which ship captains would act in the presence of a submarine.

Foreign Waters Another Issue. An offensively armed ship which enters American waters, it is said, would WASHINGTON, March 8 .- A large be regarded as a war vessel and would area in Chelan County, Washington, not be allowed to remain in more than s excluded from the Chelan National it is no concern of this Government

The new submarine campaign of the

J. M'LEMORE PAYS 40-YEAR-OLD DEBT

PORTLAND, OREGON, THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1916.

OREGON MAN REMINDS TEXAS REPRESENTATIVE OF LOAN.

Congressional Publicity Recalls Boyhood Friend and Long-Forgotten Favor to W. F. Carter.

EUGENE, Or., March 8 .- Forty years ago Jeff McLemore, now Representa-tive in Congress from Texas, and auhor of the famous McLemore resoluarmed belligerent merchant ships, found himself stranded while visiting at Cincinnati, O., and borrowed \$15 from W. F. Carter, a boyhood friend. who was then clerking in a hotel at that place.

Today Mr. Carter, who is manager of a printing concern in this city, reorder for \$25 enclosed from McLemore McLemore and Carter were raised on adjoining farms in Tennessee, and it was but natural when the farme boy found himself far from home and without funds he should seek his oldtime friend for assistance to get back home. The money was forthcoming, but, according to Carter, the man who was to be a famous Congressman for-

got the favor. Carter never again heard of McLe-more until a few months ago, when he read in one of the Oregon papers some reference to Jeff McLemore, Congressman from Texas, and reaching the conclusion that it was the same man, wrote him a letter. It was not answered, and another letter followed, reminding the Congressman of this indebtdness. This brought the money

OREGON ASKED TO PROTEST

England's Proposed Embargo on Dried Fruits Opposed.

SALEM, Or., March 8.—(Special.)— Aid of Oregon commercial bodies in urging the State Department at Washto protest to Great Britain against its proposed embargo on diled fruit imports is sought by California fruitgrowers, according to a communication received today by the Salem ommercial Club,

The California growers request that the Oregon commercial organizations communicate with Oregon's Congres-donal delegation that they may urge action by the Department of State. It is declared that California grow-

rs now have arranged for shipment of dried fruit products and that an emwould seriously injure them financially,

NEWLANDS RAPS CONGRESS

Senate Predicts Failure to Evolve Practical Defense System.

WASHINGTON, March 8. - Senator wlands, of Nevada, in the Senate today predicted that the present Con- scribable mass, the earth jagged with gress would fail to evolve a practical fragments of barbed wire and splintered system of National defense, and charged poles. both the Senate and House with pursuost inefficient methods in under taking the great problem."

"Five separate committees, two in the Senate and three in the House, are investigating the subject," he said, "and the witnesses are rushing from one to the other repeating their stories

Half of Co-Eds Have Goiter.

MADISON, Wis., March 8 .- More than 50 per cent of the University of Wisonsin co-eds are affected with golter a moderate form, according to Pro-ssor W. J. Meek, of the university, in his lecture today to a health and dis-

ENEMIES EXCHANGE

French Retake Wood, Germans Redoubt

COURT LAND DOUAUMeurene Court Blos

Crown Prince's Army Said to Have 20,000 Prisoners.

GUNFIRE IS TREMENDOUS

New Artillery, Even More Destruc tive Than Famous "42's," Reported to Be Employed by Teutons in Their Attacks.

PARIS, March 8 .- The French, by a strong counter-attack today, succeeded in driving the Germans from the greatthe official statement issued by the War Office tonight, the Germans now hold only the eastern extremity of this wood. The Germans, however, have occupied the Hardamount redoubt.

Douaumont, to the north of Verdun is again being heavily bombarded.

BY OSWALD F. SCHUETTE, War Correspondent of the Chicago Dally News. (By Special Cable.) WITH THE CROWN PRINCE'S ARMY ON VERDUN FRONT, March 6.—(By Courier to Berlin and Wire to London, March 8 .- The number of French prisoners taken by the Germans in the action around Verdun now is approaching the 20,000 mark.

Effect of Artillery Terrifie. The chief impression received from all of them is of the terrific effect of the Russian capital. the German artillery, especially the 42-

destructive than the famous "42s." Captured Turcos are said to be alosses in this great action have been less than were expected. Stories told by French prisoners of the havoc caused by the artillery bombardments are easily verified by what I have seen of the French trenches. I saw miles o them so pulverized that no earthquake could have razed them more thorough-"bombproof" dugout Trenches. and barbed-wire barriers are one inde-

the positions.

The artillery fire on both sides is comparatively quiet today. This gives the French opportunity to strengthen their new positions, but, apparently, the Germans consider it important to provide an overwhelming artillery strength before renewing their attacks on the north and northeast.

PARIS, March 8 .- Prisoners taken at Verdun estimate the losses of the battalions which took part in infantry (Concluded on Page 4, Column 4.

WATSON LEADS IN RACE IN INDIANA NEW SECOND IN REPUBLICAN

coodrich and Adair Conceded a

Primary Choices for Nominations for Governorship.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 8 .- Representative John A. M. Adair, Democrat, o Portland, and James P. Goodrich, Re publican, of Winchester, were selected in yesterday's state preferential pri mary to run for Governor next Fall Opponents of Goodrich and Adair conceded their election tonight.

nation for United States Senator is undecided. Returns received up to 9 o'clock tonight from 1920 precincts ou of 3177 in the state give James E Watson 58,142 and Harry S. New 51,355 It is believed the counting of secondhoice votes may be necessary to de sult may not be known for two three days.

CAR SHORTAGE LESSENING

O .- W. R. & N. Co., Actually Has Sur plus; Southern Pacific Gains.

The car shortage in Oregon rapid! s being overcome. The O.-W. R. & N. Company yester-day wiped out its shortage entirely

er part of the Corbeaux wood which and last night actually had a surplusted of the second of the sec The Southern Pacific still is shor several hundred boxcars, but is making rapid gains. An aggregate of 126 empty cars was received at Ashland yesterday; another consignment of 131 emptles is due today, and 102 tomor-

All other roads have an ample supply.

40,000 ARMENIANS GONE Only 16 Found Alive in Erzerum When Russians Enter Town.

LONDON. March 8 .- The Russians ound today only 16 Armenians alive n Erzerum out of the usual Armenian opulation of 40,000, according to inormation received in Petrograd and orwarded by Reuter's correspondent in

"The Turkish inhabitants of Erzerum, centimeter (16-inch) mortars and new the correspondent adds, "said that a week the Portland realty market came guns which, apparently, are even more few days before the capture of the back strong vesterday by furnishing a few days before the capture of the fortress by the Russians all the Armenians in the town were driven out the Union Meat Company, a \$20,000 restriction, where the most paralyzed by this artillery fire, in a westerly direction, where the This helps to explain why the German Kurds massacred them all."

JAIL VICTIMS NUMBER 18 land Motorboat Club.

Two More Die at El Paso, One of Them ex-Physician.

oy, the list of victims of the fire in said yesterday the official estimates the El Paso jall Monday mounted to 18, had not yet been filed, but that the James was 64 years old and was said new structure, which is to cover ground have been a university graduate and area of 80 by 122 feet for the full ormerly a physician at Dallas, Tex. He height, will probably cost about \$156. No wonder the French were reported abandoned his profession, friends said, 000. It is understood that other adparalyzed when the Germans stormed to become a member of a traveling min- ditions to the big meat plant may be

Clyde Workers Threaten Trouble. LONDON, March 8 .- Trouble again is threatened among the Clyde workers owing to the refusal of the government committee on production to concede an advance in wages there.

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VIRGINIA WOMAN IS BUYER

Portland Golf Club Acquires Links, With 113.6 Acres, for \$50,000, and Motorboat Club Buys Six Acres on Ross Island.

PORTLAND REALTY AND BUILDING MARKET YESTERDAY.

President Colt, of Union Meat Company, announces \$150,000 will be spent at North Portland packing plant for seven-story reinforced concrete cooler and curing building.

country home at Rivera to Mrs. Mary S. Napier, of Virginia, for \$30,000 cash. Portland Golf Club officers decide definitely to purchase 113.6acre tract at contract price of

Mrs. E. E. Lytle sells beautiful

\$50,000. Portland Motorboat Club buys six acres of Ross Island property as site for new clubhouse.

After a three-day buil following the record-breaking developments of last idence sale for cash and the conclusion of important land purchases by the Portland Golf Club and the Port-

C. C. Colt, manager of the Portland offices of the Union Meat Company, an-nounced yesterday that plans had been ordered for immediate erection seven-story reinforced concrete build-EL PASO, March 8.—With the deaths onight of T. D. James and A. C. Wan-ent plant in North Portland. Mr. Colt made in the early future, and Mr. Colt. last night admitted that he had hopes in this direction.

Contracts to Be Let at Once.

"The new building is required to take are of the increased business resulting from the tremendous expansion of the hog business in the Northwest." said Mr. Colt last night. structure, which is to be known as the ooler and curing building, will double our capacity for handling pork prod-ucts. We are about to let contracts for cupy the new building by November I.

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osition. Fine Home Brings \$30,000,

The beautiful country place of Mrs. E. E. Lytle at Rivera was sold yesterday to Mrs. Mary S. Napier, who moved to Portland recently from Virginia, for \$30,000 cash, the sale being handled through Frank E. Hart.

The former Lytle place is on the west bank of the Willamette River, five and one-half miles from Portland on the site of the historic old Whitetouse. The residence was erected in 1913 on a two-acre tract that embraces 260 feet of sand beach and a picturesque slope to the river. The at the railroad station Riverwood, where the C. D. Brunn, Thomas Kerr, Peter Kerr, Frank E. Hart and Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbett residences are

Because the newly acquired Napter property occupies a commanding point at a curve in the river bank many look upon the property as one of the choicest riverside homesites near Port-W. C. T. U. to offer women's jury service landscaping, which includes paths that lead from the main Guy Taibot says Northwest isn't attracting Eastern capital. Page S. on the bank of the river. The place is equipped with gas, electric light and

Mr. Lytle May Move to Ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Napier will take pos-

of the Riverview residence immediately while the Lytles will move back to Portland proper. Mr. Lytle. Wenther report, data and forecast. Page 10. who recently purchased a large wheat ranch in the Palouse country of Wash-

THE IRRESISTIBLE HIRAM. OH HIRAM!

