Morning Dregoman.

### SHIPS ARMED; EXTRA SESSION IS CALLED

President Issues Order From Sick Bed.

WAR DEPENDS ON GERMANY

munities May End.

U-BOATS MENACE TO CANAL

Mr. Wilson Convinced Berlin Is Prepared to Carry Reign of

JOHN CALLAN O'LOUGHLIN. -From his sick bed, President Wilson issued instructions to the Navy Department today to arm American merchant-

At the same time the President issued a proclamation calling Congress 625 DIE ON TRANSPORT into extra session on April 16. His orimary object in so doing is to assure legislation necessary for the defense of the American merchant marine.

Legislation Is Pressing. The official statement issued by Secretary Tumulty at a conference with

the President says: ecretary Tumulty stated in connection with the President's call for an lost their lives. extra session of Congress that the President is convinced that he has the power to arm American merchant ships and is free to exercise it at once. But so much necessary legislation is pressing for consideration that he is convinced that it is for the best interests of the country to have an early session of the 65th Congress, whose support he will also need in all matters collateral to the defense of our merchant

President Will Make Statement. Immediately after Congress as sembles the President will appear be- Porto Rican Editor Declines to Before it, acquaint it with his action in arming merchantmen and the consequences thereof in connection with Germany, and will ask for an immediate appropriation of \$100,000,000

defense of our merchant marine. dent to go even farther. No one in the new organic act. Washington can say tonight what acties believe, to secret instructions is- American citizenship. sued by the Berlin government. But the intimidation blockade has continand this the President is determined

War Depends on Germany.

Germany recently gave this Government to understand that the armament of ships would mean war. If this intimation should be translated into decisration, the President would be under the necessity of requesting Congress Chihuahus. to pass a joint resolution announcing the existence of a state of war.

So much evidence has accumulated that Germany will stop at no measure to attain her end-victory-that the President and his advisers admit their ignorance of what she may do against received here. the United States. There have been unearthed plots to create internal disaddition to the proposed alliance with and Japan, a far-reaching propaganda throughout Central and South America directed against this country.

German submarines are believed to be in close proximity to the United of terror which exists about England and in the Mediterranean.

Belligerent Intention Apparent.

In other words, everything the President has obtained shows that Germany ntends to make war upon the United States, if that be necessary, as her statesmen believe it to be necessary, to force a German peace in Europe. In the light of this knowledge, the 25 President feels he is compelled to re-

sort to measures for the defense of the

Nation. If Germany wants war with the United States it has become more and more apparent from the temper of the President and of Congress that she can have it. Neither Mr. Wilson nor members of the Senate and House want to embark in the European struggle. But there is no question of the overwhelming determination to defend American lives and American rights and to pre-

pare adequate means for such defense. Senate's Prompt Action Effective.

In determining to call Congress to- olution, gether the President was actuated, first, by the necessities of the country, and secondly, by the promptness DEPORTATION IS STOPPED with which the Senate revised its rules. It has been no secret that the Presi- Pope Reported to Have Caused Gerdent did not want Congress on his hands. He realized that if it convened a fight would take place at once on the question of organization of the House of Representatives and that both chambers would dawdle along and sit says he learns from Berlin the German until late Fall. Mr. Wilson will be government has suspended the deporta-pressed by the Senators and members tion of Beigians, as a result of interfavoring stronger measures against vention by the Holy See. Germany to adopt a more warlike poltoy. The pacifists will urge him to correspondent, 13,000 are reported as encluded on Page 1, Column 2)

### 59 YARROWDALE'S COALITION MAY BE

Company Leaves Brandenburg for Swiss Frontier-News They Were on Armed Ships Surprises.

BERLIN, March 8 .- (By wireless to Tuckerton, March 9.)-Fifty-nine Amercans taken from vessels sunk by the German raider in the South Atlantic and brought to Swinemuends on January 1 on board the captured British steamer Yarrowdale, were released Washington Thinks Secret Im- from quarantine today and left at 4 P. M. for the Swiss frontier. The route over which they departed was the one chosen for their return by the United States Government.

News of their impending release was conveyed to them in the detention camp at Brandenburg yesterday by the Associated Press correspondent. Their attire and wardrobes hardly qualified them for a walk up Fifth avenue, but the information that their quarantine had ended and that they soon would be homeward bound elicited an instant

Most of them were seamen and were unaware that the Georgic and Mount Temple, upon which steamers they had been shipped were armed merchant-men and were considered by Germany WASHINGTON, March 9 .- (Special) as fair prizes of war. The majority of them live in Boston, Brooklyn or Philadelphia. Their detention for the last 23 days was due to the discovery of spotted typhold fever in their camp.

British Vessel With African Labor-

LONDON, March 9. - The British transport Mendi, carrying South Africollision February 21, and 625 persons

ers Sunk in Collision.

The Mendi was a British steamer of 4230 tons gross, built in Glasgow in 1905, and owned by the British & African Steam Navigation Company, of Liverpool (the Elder-Dempster Company). The last entry in shipping records regarding her movements was on December 27 last, when she was reported arriving at Port Natal from

CITIZENSHIP IS SCORNED

come American Subject.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, March 5 .-Vincent Balbas, editor of Herald de la to pay all expenses arising out of the Antilles, a native Porto Rican, and a consistent anti-American, has declined Conditions may compel the Presi- to accept American citizenship under

tion on the part of Germany will follow District Court Balbas says he will go does not favor Representative Mann to this time. American vessels have es- zenship there. Thus far he is the only Connecticut, Sulloway of New Hampcaped destruction, due, as the authori- person in Porto Rico who has refused shire and Graham of Pennsylvania are

> Large Hidden Quantity Revealed by Prisoner.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, March B. - A large quantity of hidden Villa ammu nition was found by the de facto troops following the battle at Cusihuirlachic,

A prisoner, captured by the Carranza forces in the battle, revealed the hiding place of the ammunition in return for pardon. The cache contained several thousand rifle cartridges and artillery shells, according to an official report

sension. There has been discovered, in DYNAMITER JOINS MARINES

Recruit Says He Is Ready to Blow Up Tin Can or Battleship.

CHICAGO, March 9 .- Robert S. Phillips created considerable excitement at States and the Panama Canal, prepared the Marine Corps recruiting station to bring to American waters the reign here yesterday when he applied for enlistment, assuring the enlisting officer that he could "blow up anything from a tin can to a battleship."

He was accepted for service, however, when he explained that he was a professional dynamiter. He left last night for the East, where he will join a mining company on the seaboard.

STUDENTS DISLOYAL

About 2500 Others at University of Washington Pledge Selves.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 9 .- Twentyfive hundred students of the University of Washington gathered in an all-university assembly today, adopted resolutions pledging loyalty to the President of the United States during the present crisis, and condemning Senators who prevented passage of the

armed neutrality bill. There were 25 votes against the res-

many to Stop Practice.

ROME, via Paris, March 9,-The Cor. riere d'Italia's Zurich correspondent

Of 60,000 persons deported, says the old back and suffer any humiliation already having been sent back to their (Concluded on Page & Column 2)

## TRIED IN CONGRESS

Parties Will Try Issues First, However.

BOTH SIDES ARE CONFIDENT

House Leaders Claim Votes Enough to Organize.

THREE REPUBLICANS ILL

Another Said Not to Favor Mann for Speaker-All Agree Fight Must Not Tie Up Business in Grave Crisis.

WASHINGTON, March 9 .- Optimistic forecasts of the control of the next House came from Democratic and Republican leaders tonight when they heard of the President's call for an extra session of Congress April 16. Many unbiased observers, however, foresee only a long and bitter organization fight unless a coalition agreement

Both Speaker Clark and Representative Woods, of Iowa, chairman of the Republican Congressional committee, predicted victory for their respective parties. Each said his party was assured of at least 218 votes and that this probably would be its minimum strength.

Vacancy Is in Democratic District. The official standing of the incoming Iouse is: Republicans, 215; Democrats, 214; Prohibitionist, 1; Progressive 1; Progressive Protectionist, 1; Socialist, 1; independent, 1; vacant, 1.

The vacancy exists in the Fifteenth New York district, which is overwhelmingly Democratic. Under the New York law this vacancy can be filled before the extra session begins if a special election is called before next Friday. It has been generally believed Governor Whitman would call the election, which lican membership on the opening day

Then the winning side would have to gain three of the five so-called independents in order to have a majority.

Three Republicans Ill. Republican leaders are worried over the illness of three of their members

ill. Though their condition is not serious, there are fears that Hill nd a Democrat, recently said a letter to a since Monday. query that he did not "favor" Mr. Mann. Dr. Cary T. Grayson, his physician, and wounded, He did not say, however, that he would said tonight that, although his fever not vote for him.

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Dr. G. E. Hale, Director of Mount Wilson Observatory, Prepares to Go to Washington.

PASADENA, Cal., March 9 .- (Special.)-Lowering war clouds are calling Wilson Observatory and chairman of the National Research Council, to the National cap'tal, where he will have headquarters for several months and ther work in the interest of preparedness. He will leave Pasadena Sunday for the East.

Dr. Hale said tonight the council will hold an important meeting in Washington in April, when matters of vital importance in regard to the cour

try's defense will be considered.

Dr. Hale said he work of the council was largely secret for the present, at least. He is one of several of the country's leading scientists who are fevoting their learning to helping the Government prepare against every war emergency. He went to England last Fall in the interests of the work of the council.

BRITISH TO CONTROL FATS

Ministry of Munitions Takes Over Source of Glycerine.

LONDON, March 9 .- It is announced that the Ministry of Munitions, by arrangement with the Minister of Agriculture and the food controller, is assuming control of all fats, oils and oil seed, and their products, including oil cake, soap and margarine.

ganized under Alfred Bigland, member of Parliament, who for a year has had charge of the work of the Ministry of Munitions in the matter of oils and fats required for extracting glycerine for use in the manufacture of ex-

PROF. NEARING OUT AGAIN

Teacher of Economics in Trouble Over Views on Submarines.

TOLEDO, O., March 9 .- Declaring that he is hampered in his work by an element clamoping for war between the United States and Germany, Scott Nearing, professor of economics in Toledo ould make virtually certain a tie at University, today tendered his resigna-215 between the Democrat and Repub- tion. He has been criticised adversely recently because of his attitude toward the submarine controversy, about which he has made several public

> Professor Nearing came here about s year and a half ago from the University of Pennsylvania.

In a declaration made before the and the statement of a fourth that he PRESIDENT STAYS IN BED the armament of American ships. Up to Spain and renew his Spanish citi- for Speaker. Representatives Hill of Dr. Grayson Orders Another Day's

Sulloway may not t out for some time. Wilson probably will be confined in bed

uery that he did not "favor" Mr. Mann.

Ie did not say, however, that he would not vote for him.

All of the newly elected Democrats

Dr. Cary T. Grayson, his physician, said tonight that, although his fever had disappeared, he thought it better that the President rest completely for way Company and three locomotives of INDEX at least another day.

THE BOY STANDS ON THE BURNING DECK, AND THAT ISN'T ALL HE DOES.

# DEFENSE RESEARCH AMERICAN MARINES LAST WORD SPOKEN, SAYS ZIMMERMANN

Rebels Are in Suburbs of Santiago.

REINFORGEMENTS ARE RUSHED

Threatened City.

Considerable Damage Is Wrought Also in Outskirts of Province Capital, Although Revolt Is Believed to Be Broken.

Santiago, recently the stronghold of that they may use them to the best adthe Cuban revolutionists, appear from atest Navy Department dispatches to be facing the possibility of an attack by the rebel bands waging guerilla warfare in the city's suburbs.

General Attack May Develop. The dispatches, apparently several behind developments, said the For this purpose a new branch of rebels had turned back after fleeing the Ministry of Munitions has been or- the city and were doing considerable damage around the outskirts in a movement which showed some signs of de

veloping a general attack. Cuban government troops under General Betancourt were reported hurrying to Santiago to reinforce the small government garrison, however, and many officials believed the rebels would stay out of the city proper and avoid clash with the Americans.

Guerilla Campaign Feared.

Although the loss of Santiago is re garded here as marking the collapse of the revolution, it is realized that a continuation of the guerilla campaign in outlying sections may make serious trouble for the government command-

When the rebels fled they left a when the resets hed they left a notification that they would continue to refuse allegiance to the Menocal administration, and already they are reported to have destroyed several bridges and to have wrought great have in the cane fields of the Santiago the children are living.

MANY ARE REPORTED KILLED Engagement Is Fought in Vicinity of

SANTIAGO, March 9,-Major Rigoberto Fernandez, leader of the liberal forces, left Santiago last night with his troops and many civillans. Before leaving he liberated all political pris-WASHINGTON, March 9. — President Wilson probably will be confined in bed ones, including Rodriquez Fuentes, the ex-Governor. The city continues peaceful under the protection of American sailors.

An engagement is reported in the vicinity of San Luis, and many combatants are said to have been kill d fall for March since the establishment effected the arrangement with Gill he

the same railroad

DENT WILSON'S HANDS.

Berlin Still Ready to Head Alliance to Maintain Peace, Says Foreign Minister.

AMSTERDAM, via London, March 2 .-Dutch newspapers publish the followng statement made by Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, the German Foreign Secretary, to a representative of a Budapes

"So far as the United States is con-Government Force En Route to and the decision is in President Wilson's hands. "We are determined to carry through

the submarine war to the end. The results of unrestricted submarine war thus far have been very satisfactory.

GUERILLAS WRECK BRIDGES the refusal of our peace offer, Germany still stands by the words of the Imperial Chancellor and is prepared to place herself at the head of an alliance of states for the maintenance of the world's peace. "As to Luropean neutrals, I believe

there will be no change in their present relations with us in the course of the war. Neutral shipowners should give up their trade with England. They have made enough money and can afford to bear the loss of English trade. They WASHINGTON, March 3 .- American will soon recognize that it is to their narines and bluejackets occupying interests to keep their ships at home so vantage after the war."

Dr. Zimmermann added that the milltary situation is entirely satisfactory to

AMERICA'S AID IS SMALL First Presbyterian Church, threatened Contribution Less Than 4 Per Cent grand jury last November if he did not of Belgian Relief.

NEW YORK, March 9 .- The United tection, States has contributed a total of \$9,-250,602 to Belgian relief, according to once to Mayor Gill and asked him if a statement made by the Commission he regarded Dr. Matthews as his friend, r Relief in Belgium here tonight. This sum, the statement said, was

ess than 4 per cent of approximately \$250,000,000 that has been expended Gill that the clergyman was "doubleby the Commission in Belgium and Northern France.

Eureka Mother Receives Congratulations on Annual Event.

daughter, her 20th child. Thirteen of by the police, his lawyer set afoot nethe children are living.

with two exceptions. BOISE HAS RECORD SNOW

Fall Is More Than 7 Inches in Less Than 20 Hours.

o'clock Friday night,

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BETRAYAL OF GILL CHARGED

Witness Says Mayor Got \$4000 to Release Papers.

CARLOAD ORDERS FOLLOW

All Crimes on Calendar, Including Murder, Are Admitted and Defense Is Told That Its List of Arrests Is Short.

SEATTLE, Wash., March D .- Logan Billingsley, confessed liquor seller in prohibition states and chief witness for the Government in the trial of Mayor Hiram C. Gill, Chief of Police Beckingham, ex-Sheriff Robert T. Hodge and City Detectives Peyser, Doom, Poolman and McLennan, testified today that Dr. Mark A. Matthews, pastor of the im with indictment by the county come through" with a confession that he bribed Mayor Gill with \$7500 to permit him to sell liquor under police pro-

Billingsley testified that he went at and Gill replied that he did.

Gill Disregards Threat. Billingsley testified that he warned crossing" him, and repeated to Gill the threat that Rev. Mr. Matthews had nade. Gill, according to the witness, county grand jury, because it never indicted any offenders except little

Earlier in the day Billingsley had testified that in August, 1916, after he troubles" owing to the seizure of all his business correspondence on July 25 1916, when his drugstore was raided gotiations with Mayor Gill for a The stork has visited the Thurbers promise," by the terms of which the every year since they were married, prosecution of Billingsley and his brothers for selling liquor and for forging permits to import liquor were to

be dropped. 84000 Paid Gill, He Says,

Billingsley said he clinched the bargain with Gill in the office of Chief of Police Beckingham on August 20, by giving Gill a rell of \$4000 in \$100 BOISE, Idaho, March 9 .- Seven and bills, which Gill pocketed at once, the one-tenth inches of snow fell here be- incriminating papers seized in the tween midnight Thursday and 7:30 drugstore raid being returned to him the same day.

here of the Weather Bureau station had been a retailer, importing barrels and cases, but afterward he became a wholesaier, importing carload lots and furnishing goods to retailers in Seattle. Billingsley told his story of his alleged dealings with the police in the most matter-of-fact way, as though he YESTERDAY'S Maximum temperature, 47 were describing something that hap-degress; minimum, 37 degrees, pened a long time ago, and in which

degrees; minimum, 37 degrees.

TODAY'S — Partly cloudy; northwesterly winds.

pened a long time ago, and in which he had only a spectator's interest. \$10 Given Police, He Testifies. He was asked why he had telegraphed to San Francisco, asking for shipment of 50-gallon barrels instead of 40-gallon barrels, and explained that as he was obliged to pay \$10 for each barrel to the waterfront detective squad he saved money by getting the

> He said that when Sergeant Putnam, of the dry squad, seized some of his liquor at a railroad terminal, Detective Putnam against the seizure. "That is, Peyser told me he did," added Billings-

larger barrels.

The only time during the day when Billingsley appeared humiliated was ence in the police raid. He told the the papers from a safe place to refer to

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Forgotten Crimes Recalled.

Late in the afternoon direct examination of Billingsley was ended, and he was turned over to the defense for cross-examination. His record of trials and convictions in Oklahoma was 12. brought up immediately, but he replied calmly to all questions, assuring counsel that their list was far from complate.

He told how he had got into illegal liquor selling accidentally, by importing bottles for his friends. He himself had never liked whisky-that is, to drink, he added.

Billingsley matched his wits against those of Wilmor Tucker, of counsel for Mayor Gill, and honors were about even when court adjourned for the day. The point of the defense was to estab-

lish by Billingsley's own admission that the witness had had a long record of convictions against him and instead of rattling the witness. Billingsley admitted everything and assisted the defense in elaborating on the record.

"Were you ever arrested and charged with rape?" Tucker asked. "Yes, rape or seduction, something of

"And you married the girl and killed her father?" continued Mr. Tucker. "Yes, as a direct answer, but I will be glad to explain the circumstances of

the case," returned Billingsley,
At another point in cross-examina-(Concluded on Page & Column 2)

ued, to the injury of American trade, VILLA AMMUNITION FOUND Representative Heintz, of Cincinnati, at least one more day because of the who succeeds ex-Representative Allen, cold from which he has been suffering

