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Bernstorff Presents Kaiser's Agree- Strong Turkish Citadel, Objective of ment, But Lansing Says That Germany's New Policy of Sinking Merchantmen Warning Reopens Entire Question.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today presented to Secretary Lausing the latest draft of the Lusitania agreement, embodying the changes suggested by the American government and also one change the objective of the recent campaign astrons fire on the Brooklyn watersuggested by Berlin.

Secretary Lansing said today that the German government's announced intention of sinking armed merchantmen without warning after February 29 has reopened the entire question of submarine warfare. The Lusitania agreement presented today cannot be finally accepted until the United States determines whether anything in it conflicts with the new at Erzerum with 80,000 men; that with war munitions, some of which policy of sinking armed merchant their escape had been out off and were intended for shipment to the

Later Secretary Lansing said the German communication was being studied closely to determine if anything contained in Germany's recent the Russians with heavy losses, notice of intention to sink armed conflicted with the assurances given if accomplished, as reported, reprein the Lusitania negotiations.

Must Clarify Situation.

It was pointed out that American agreement refers to "liners" and that for, the newly announced German submarine policy refers to all armed Before the Lasitania agreenecessary to clarify the situation.

Lausing today the German ambassador discussed the advisability of a postponement of the effective date of the new submarine orders to give those of the French in attempts to opportunity for negotiations. Secretary Lansing did not commit himself hure, in the Chamcagne.

Count von Bernstorff told Secretary Lansing it was his personal epinion that in carrying out the new submarine campaign it was not the intention of the German government to sink "liners." Mr. Lansing is understood to have informed him that such a statement from the German government would be desirable.

New Agreement Offered.

ambassador presented the draft of ities. ment's new submarine policy, which scentred." later was announced from Vienna and

As now drawn and formally signed by the German ambassador, the agreement is in reply to the last American note.

It begins with reference to the formal assurances given by Germany last September that salamorines would not sink unresisting liners without warning and regard for the starve the central powers, and then explosives. promises indemnity for Americans lost on the Lusiania and expresse "profound, regret" for their deaths.

It goes on to say that the German government recognizing liability for their loss, makes the proposals contained in the draft submitted to day, and then deals with the question of reprisals against others than enemy subjects.

PRESIDENT SIGNS

of the national defense bills. One mary poison, teent at the New York navy yard. worth foreign colony.

LUSITANIA CASE RUSSIAN ARMY AND DOCKS BURN

Caucasian Campaign, Captured-Germans Repel British Attempts to Recover Trenches Southeast of Ypres, Lost Yesterday.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Reuter's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs that Erzerum has been captured by the

of the Russians in the Cancasus, Its possession is of considerable strategic importance, as it is the chief city of TSurkish Armenia and the center of a system of roads,

Von der Goltz Commands,

Baron von der Goltz was in command fortnight. A relief expedition was Vladivostok. sent by the Turks, but it was reported these forces had been defeated by

Erzerum is about sixty miles west ships without warning after Feb. 29 of the Russian border. Its capture, sents one of the few definite accomplishments of the Cancasian army.

The attacks were designed to relieve pressure on the British in Mesofficials realized that the Lusitania opotamis and this result is still hoped

British Repulsed,

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—Three attacks ment finally is accepted it will be by the British in efforts to recover the trenches southeast of Ypres, in In his conference with Secretary Belgium, which they lost to the Germans, are announced today by army headouarters. All the attacks are declared to have been fruitless, as were regain ground lost northwest of Ta-

"In the Champagne the French repositions northwest of Tahure, with tions, the same failure as on previous days. "Generally speaking, stormy It developed that when the German weather is hindering fighting activ- 000. A statement issued on hehalf Main and Spring streets, occupied

the Lusitania agreement more than a "Eastern theater: There has been week ago he at that time informed a driving snow along the whole Said their investigation "thus far has New Bedford, Taunton and Newport, the state department of his govern- front. Nothing of importance has

ENGLAND TO SEIZE ALL DISTILLERIES

LONDON, Feb. 16.-The Central safety of live aboard, and that the News says it is able to confirm the instructions to submarine command- report that the government is about ers were so definite as to allow no to commandeer all distilleries in the misunder-tanding. It then states United Kingdom with as little delay that the submarine warfare around as possible. This step is necessary, the British isles was a reprisal for it is said, exing to the constantly what is characterized as "the inhu-growing demand for alcohol in conmane" blockade of Great Britain to hection with the manufacture of high

SEARCH FOR POISON GIVING CHEF PROCEEDS

CHICAGO, Feb. 16,-Police Captain Morgan Collins said today he en's ballots. had received information that the mineral poison beileved to have conventional delegates ar eto be caused the Bluess of guests at the chosen will be held on April 11. lanquet to Archbishop Mundelein last week was only a secondary poi- TURKEY HEAVY BORROWER on, but that some other drug was put in the somp with intent to kill, WASHINGTON, Pec. 16 -Presi- He refused to disclose what drug he dent Wilson today signed the first believed was employed as the pri- den .- A report of the budget com-

increases the currance class at the Search-for Jean Crones, who, the reported here from Constantinople naval academy by 300 cadets and the police believe, poisoned the soup, shows that since the beginning of the other makes immediately available spread today to include six nearby war the central powers have advanc-\$500,000 for incilities for building cities. One report was that after ad to Turkey 21,000,000 pounds sterly warships at the Mare Island navy fleeing Chicago he left the train at ing. Turkey is soon to borrow an yard and \$100,000 for like improve- Granite City, Ill., where there is a additional 21,200,000 pounds sterling

Steamships Bolton Castle and Pacific Destroyed, Steamer Pallozie Daniaged, Twenty-Five Scows Burned With 900-Foot Pier of New York Dock Company.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.- The steamships Bolton Castle and Pacific and a 900-foot pier belonging to the New York Dock company at the foot of Pioneer street, Brooklyn, were de-The capture of Erzerum has been stroyed early today by the most disfront in years. Another steamer, the Pallazia, was damaged, about twenty five seews and lighters were part's or wholly burned and two persons are missing. The loss is estimated at more than \$3,000,000.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Press dispatches from Petrograd but suspicious that it was incendiary recently said German Field Marshal were aroused because of the fact that some of the steamers were loading

Surrounded by Barges.

wives and families of the captains. Some of them were compelled to Some of them were compelled to jump overboard to escape the flames. \$2,000,000 LOSS Firemen and policemen dragged many of them out of the water to adjoining piers and others were rescued by turboats or fireboats.

The Bolton Castle was loading with gasoline for Russia and this fed the flames. The boilers of both the Bolton Castle and the Pacific blew up when the fire was at its height, completing the work of destruction. Several barges loaded with gasoline lying near the steamers were destroyed.

Loading War Munitions. "Western theater: The English opore, Port Natal and St. Lucia, The approximately \$2,000,000. A score were heard while the fire was burnmade three vain attacks yesterday on Pacific arrived from Hall, England, of buildings, including an apartment ing. but according to the police there the position southeast of Ypres, vesterday. Both belong to the Castle hotel and several of the largest re- were no detenations before the flames Barber & Co., steamship agents, and and many others were damaged.

> failed to develop any evidence which R. I. would lead to the conclusion that the fire was of incendiary origin."

BAR WOMEN FROM ILLINOIS PRIMARIES

SPRINGFIELD, III., Feb. 16 -committees in the supreme court to-

en this suffrage, it had not yet done ince of the court to write the priv-

Hege into the law. is filed by J. T. Garretson, of Spring- in private residences. ield, against County Clerk Byers, to force him to put the names of candidates for those offices on the wom-

The primary at which national

FROM CENTRAL POWERS

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 16, via Lonmittee for the Turkish parliament as from Germany.



LITTLE MARJO RIE STERRET

The three steamers lying at the tion, same as Paul Jones did," is the too." On some of the barges were the of Arc sent a dime to a newspaper yet sail the seas.

Little Marjorie Sterret wants to with these instructions: "Use this nomic, industrial and financial, as that they had provisions for only a Russian government to be delivered at build a dreadnaught with dimes. dime to help Uncle Sam build a big well as military," including a recom-A fighting ship that will "sall fighting ship. I'll send a dime every mendation for a naval general staff not a new one when the law of 1894 right into a scrap and lick all crea- week; maybe others will send dimes, and substantial strengthening of the was passed. The supreme court had

pier were surrounded by a fleet of kind this 13-year-old Brooklyn pa- Marjorie wants the warship called United States. about fifty lighters and barges, on triot wants to give to Uncle Sam if "The America." From the way the each of which was one man or more, a fight is necessary. This little Joan dimes are coming in the ship may

IN BLAZE SWEEPING FALL RIVER, MASS.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 16.dicated that the total loss would be American club. Several explosions a foreign power."

peated their endeavors to regain their merchandise, including war muni- put forward any theory as to the plot, the American club having reprobable origin of the fire. It start- cently been the scene of demonstra-Late reports placed the estimated ed in the basement of a four-story tions in favor of the entente allies. property loss at more than \$3,000. brick building at the corner of South of the agents for the owners of the by the department store of the Stei- suffocated just inside a window on steamships Bolton Castle and Pacific ger company. Help was called from

Before the out-of-town engines arrived the flames had made such a start that it was impossible to stop Main street until they had reached was slightly burned while making his Columbia street. There the Edward escape. building, with a double fire wall, serve ed as an effective check, and by flooding the building and adjoining roperty the firemen got control of the conflagration.

At the north end of the lurning district a water curroin on the de Women of Illinois were denied the partment store of R. A. McWhirr & right to vote for delegates and alter- Co. prevented a further spread. The nates to national nominating con- granite walls of St. Marys cathedral ventions, state central and precinct protected a residential district there

The Lenox hotel, diagonally across The decision held that while the the street from the Steiger store, was

so and it was not within the prov-drug stores, re-laurants and ten-round hout between Champion ditional duty of serving the nation's churches were thrown open for the Jess Willard and Frank Moran of relief of firemen, police and people Pittsburg after Tex Rickard, over the nucleus and source of Instruction The decision was made in deny- driven from their homes. The guests telephone from New York, agreed to and administration of the army of ig a petition for a writ of mandam- at the Lenox hotel were given sliciter a postponement declared necessary

The fire was the most disastrons in the history of the city,

ASTOR TAKES SEAT IN HOUSE OF LORDS

LONDON, Feb. 16 .- Baron Astor, stes. There was no debate.

King George on New Year's. .

FIRE DESTROYS AMERICAN CLUB TORONTO, CANADA

yet unconfirmed, were that the blaze American merchant marine. is believed to have been filled with Police and feremen were unable to was the result of an alien military

A man believed to have been P. I. Hurston, of Dallas, Texas, was found the third floor. Edward Johnston, bank, next door to the American club, was dangerously injured when he was quarter whatsoever." struck by A falling chimney. Captain Asa Minard, of the Ninety-sev-

is placed at \$50,000.

legislature had the right to give wom- one of the first buildings to setter. CHICAGO, Feb. 16.-March 25 Throughout the progress of the fore was set today as the date for the made adequate to perform its trathe Willard and his manager, Tom | Tones

> The bout will be held in Madisor Square Garden, New York.

hard's throat that he breathes with difficulty and with too much of an effort to make effective training possible, according to Tom Jones, his manager. He has been confined to his had must of the time for several days, if was given out.

he in a few days.

engagements,

SOUND KEYNOTE JUDICIAL MINDOF

Barnes in Control - Wadsworth, History of Income Tax Desision Whitman, Tanner and Brown "Big Four" to Represent State in Mational Convention - Preparedness Leading Feature.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 .- The republican state convention today unanimously adopted a platform intended as the keynote for the republican national eampaign, endorsed the Whitman state administration and named ed States supreme court is that he United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Governor Charles Whitman, Frederick Tanner, chairman of the state committee and State Senator Elon R. Brown, republican leader in the senate, as the "big four" to represent New York state in the national convention.

The principal points of the platform adopted are:

Advocacy of "complete preparations for the common defense, eco-

A demand that in international relations the United States Insist upon universal observance of the princi-Wilson Policy Denounced,

toward Mexico as one of "inconsist- proceedents to the effect that the ent and irresponsible interference," court is not bound by its own preceand a demand for the protection of scale American rights in Mexico, either by a responsible Mexican government or through co-operation with other American republies.

which we had captured. The lost 100 line. The burned pier was leased to tail stores in the city, were destroyed were discovered. Early reports, as ures for the quick upbuilding of an in the decision. Measures advocated by the platcredits and amendment to the fed-

> eral reserve act to avoid possibility of inflation in currency. Complete Preparedness,

support is pledged "for the full rights has been so framed that in matters night watchman of the Mechanics and privileges of American citizen- of taxation for its support and mainship against any attack from any

their progress southward along South enth battalion of the American legion, world," the platform declares, "and vestments of whatever kind have we apport the movement designed privileges that cannot be accorded to to make increasingly difficult and those having incomes derived from The interior of the building was improbable a resort to force in the the labor of their hands or the exdestroyed and the roof fell in. The settlement of international difficult errise of their skill or the use of their walls are intact. The property loss ties. But we assert the right of brain." America to oppose any violation of international agreement to which it is a party and its duty to insist upon the security and guarantees of the law. The opposition in congress laws of nations. We advocate com- had been hitter and it is charged by plete preparedness for the common a former United States senator that lefense economic, industrial and fi- bribery was even attempted in the efvancial, as well as military."

The navy is to be relied upon first or defense from without, the platform declares. It is set forth that the military establishment should be first line of defense and to be the the citizen soldiers. Provisions

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A secret cold has so affected Wil- INQUEST POSTPONED TO EXAMINE POISON

CHICAGO, Feb. 16. - The coroner's Jones said he would remain in Frances Lambert, the Lake Forest Marye had resigned. of Herer castle (William Waldorf Chicago until Willard was about high school girl found dead in the Astor), took his seal for the first ready to login work, and then take woods on the Cyrus McCormick estime today in the house at lords. him to New Nork, where he would do tate, will not be resumed, it is believed and Marye's resignation will be acfrom experts testing poison crystals It was said today that the state de-Willard stands to lose \$10,000 by found in the girl's hand, in an effort partment had no reason to detain William Waldorf Astor, formerly the postponement, it was said, be- to definitely establish the exact us- him longer than was necessary in a of New York, was created baron by cause it interferes with theatrical ture of the poison which caused her chimate where his health was afdeath

CAMPAIGN SUPREME COURT

Shows Qualities Morninge Lacks for Confirmation, Which Include a Marked Leaning Toward the Protection of Privilege.

By GILSON GARDNER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 - One of the charges brought against Louis D. Brandeis by those who oppose his confirmation as a judge of the Unitlacks the "judicial mind."

Just what this quality is in a candidate for the supreme court may be inferred from a glance at one of the court's principal performances, namely, its decision of May 20, 1895. on the income tax law. By that deeision the law was declared unconstitutional and void. It took twenty years to get an income tox law back on the statute books by means of a constitutional amendment and anther congressional enactment

The subject of taxing incomes war: naval and military forces of the considered income tax nets on five previous occasions and in all those decisions hat upheld the validity of such legislation. The decision of May 20, 1895, therefore, reversed ples and rules of international law. five of its own decisions. In doing this the court was fortified by a brief Denunciation of the Wilson policy i resented by Jos. Choate, cituig

Income Tax Decision.

This decision did more to bring the supreme court into disrepute than anything that has happened in the Denunciation of the bill to grant history of the court. The verdict was independence to the Philippines reached by a vote of five judges to which already has passed the senate four. One judge, generally believed TORONTO, One., Feb. 16. One as "an abandonment of the duty of to have been Shiras, changed his ju-Estimates by owners of property and man was killed and two others in this nation and a breach of trust dicial mind over night. The change proprietors of stores in the business fured in a fire which early today toward the Philippines," leading pos- was made necessary by the action of The Bolton Castle, a British vessel, district swept by fire early today in- wrecked the six-story home of the slbly to the "seizure of the islands by Justice Jackson, who favored the validity of the law, and who, though A demand for the "restoration of mortally ill, left his bed and insisted the republican policy of a tariff com- on being brought in a special car from mission." And for adequate meas- his home in Belle Mead to take part

Justice Faller wrote the majority opinion. Justices Brown, Jackson, form include development of farm White and Harlan dissented. Of the court's rating, Justice Harlan in his dissenting opinion said; "By its present construction of the constitution the court for the first time in all its In its discussion of preparedness history acclares that our government tenance those who have incomes derived from the renting of real estate. "We wish to continue on terms of or from the leasing or using of tangpeace and friendship with the whole lible property, bonds, stock and in-

Was Last Resort.

The supreme court was the last resort of those who sought to nullify fort to prevent enforcement of the

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MARYE RESIGNS AS AMBASSADOR

PETROGRAD, Feb. 16 .- George T. Marye, the American ambassador, has resigned, giving ill health as his reason. He has not been advised of the acceptance of his resignation by the state department.

Mr. Marye expressed a desire to be relieved as early as possible.

The foregoing confirms the report nquest in the death of Marian from Washington yesterday that Mr.

> WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 .- Ambass freeted.