# **ARMED SHIPS**

No Intention of Postponing or Altering New Instructions to Submarine Commanders to Treat as Warships Enemy Merchantmen Armed Defensively-Observes Pledges Given in Lusitania Case-Austria Takes a Similar Stand.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.-In a note presented to Secretary Lansing today by Count Bernstorff, the Gerin the Lusitania case.

The note says Germany can courceive of no reason for changing or pieces. postponing the new instructions to armed "defensively," and that special Cote Lorraine. precautions have been taken to prevent ships that are not armed from being attacked.

The note at the outset reiterated the war office today. the previous pledges, which were that the German government does not guns were captured. believe those assurances have been modified by the new memorandum.

Germany Stands Pat.

During the negotiations over the Lusitania, it says, no mention was made of armed merchantmen and that the United States in none of its notes on the Lusitania mentioned unarmed merchantmen. Attention then is called to the assurances privately given in which it is stated that the liners will not be sunk without to the statement of the American places. government in its notice to port aucreates the presumption that the ves- meters of an enemy position, sel is armed for offense,

It is stated that a submarine coman enemy merchantman which has a road from Somme-Py to Souain.

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### WAR SECRETARY FIX COMPENSATION FOR POWER SITES

WASHINGTON, Ech. 28.—Debate in several places." on the Shields bill to provide for waterpower grants on navigable streams to private interests was resumed in the senate today with opponents of the measure preparing to renew with more vigur than ever their fight against it.

Senator Shields in debate on the waterpower bill criticised Gifford Poschot, whom he described as a "discharged subordinate official of

Wilson, saying passage of the Shields of the navy war college.

tion of dams across navigable fleets, one in the Pacific powerful on appropriation bill. streams was ended when the senate enough to overcome any enemy there Milliam committee continued work rate over the turbulent island reguler mission during its first activities unadopted an amendment by Senator and the other in the Affantic, where ton details of army representation lie, taking over the control of its fi- der enlarged powers which resulted by ramors atlant affecting Mexico ney General Gregory decided to in-Commins, providing that the value of it would be exceeded in strength only plan. public and occupied by power plants by the British fleet.

on a basis of power developed and and insures in every against 90 out real years he has been obliged consisted while Lyman was out on Senator Norres both accepted that of 100 possibilities of international program. Cumining amendment.

Teutons New Less Than Five Miles From Center of Verdun-In Plain of Weevre, Germans Are Steadily Pushing French Back to Base-Capture of Mavarin Farm Report.

BERLIN, Feb. 28,-Attempts by the French to retake the fortress of Donnumont have not entirely failed, north of Verdun in which the Gerbut the German advance on Verdun continues, according to the reports from the front. In rapid succession, positions conquered by them during Louvemont, Champnenlle, Cole de the first four days of the battle, ac-Talou and Hardanmont have been cording to reports from the front, stormed, and the Germans, with 15,- are considered as inaugurating a 000 French prisoners in their hands, now stand less than five miles from der conditions most favorable to the the center of Verdun.

Miles of railroad line had to be repaired in order to make possible tives of the press today how the tide the transportation of heavy cannon was furned. man ambassador, Germany assures to within range. The French telethe United States that it has no in- phone lines of communication had to fires," said M. Briand, "covered with tention of revoking the pledges given be destroyed in order to prevent the shrapnel from all sides, attacked by French artillery from interfering with the setting up of the heavy field of battle at an unexpected mo-

her submarine commanders to treat Germans steadily are pushing the titanic one. Our heroic troops went as warships enemy merchant ships French back toward their base of into the melec frantically. Our light

> Capturei n Champagne. The capture of Navarin farm, in the Champagne, was announced by

French positions on both sides of given September 1 and October 5 of Navarin farm over a front of about last year, for the safety of unresist- 1600 yards were taken. It is said ing liners, and then goes on to say more than 1000 men and nine machine

> In the Verdun region fresh French reserves were exhausted in fruitless Germans advanced their lines further French lines in the immediate vicintoward Bras and Vacherauville and ity of Verdun are holding firm. The made fresh gains in the Woevre.

have been driven from the Meuse

#### peninsula. Violent Artillery Duels,

The text of the German official statement reads:

"There have been exceedingly vioresistance. Attention also is called lent artiflery engagements at several

"On the front north of Arras there thorities that the presence of arma- has been intermittent mining activity. ment on board a merchant vessel The Germans blew up about forty

"In the Champagne the Germans, after efficient artillery preparation, mander cannot be expected to warn began an attack on both sides of the right to fire on the submarine which They captured the Navarin farm and warms it, and the German government positions on both sides about 1600 sets up the contention that equip- meters long and took prisoner 26 ofment and intention to resist a warn- ficers and 1000 men and captured nine machine guns and one mine-

attack the German positions in and paign district. Lardaumont.

Meuse peninsula of enemy forces. "The Germans advanced their liens

lle and Bras. Lorraine was reached from the east French troops, who withstood the drowned."

## SEEKS FLEETS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The the agricultural department seeking many general hoard's conception of to continue himself in the limelight," the needs of the United States as a Schator Morris defended Mr. Pin- naval power were outlined to the chot and had read to the senate Mr. house naval committee today by Rear Pinchol's recent letter to President Admiral Austin M. Knight, president

bill would be a "public misfortune." In formulating the policy that the power bits. Dispute over means of determining havy should equal the strengest Senater Bustings introduced sub-

be fixed by the secretary of war. A total force slightly in excess of Senalor Walsh, who introduced an the strength of the British fleet, he ship reported by the to California when he was twenty There were some material recover-department of justice decided that amendment providing compensation said, would accomplish this purpose some provision of the tariff law. 4 complications.

Official Report Shows Situation Unchanged. With Heavy Fighting in Progress About Douaumont-Furious Onslaughts Withstead With Tremendous Losses.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Impetuous counter-attacks by French troops mans were thrown back from many second phase of the great action undefenders.

Premier Briand told representa-

"Caught between two barring our fresh divisions surging upon the ment, the Germans saw their efforts In the plain of the Woevre the stopped short. The struggle was a and heavy artillery dug sanguinary furrows in the compact ranks of the Germans.

"Finally exhausted, their ranks decimated, the German armies retreated under our counter-attacks. We have regained the advantage. Installed apon formidable positions, our heroic soldiers remained masters of the field of battle."

#### French Lines Holding.

So far as the French official re-Forts against Fort Douamont. The port of this afternoon shows, the German attack is developing along It is said that all French troops the front east and southeast,

At Fort Douamont, where the fight ng has been heaviest, the situation is unchanged. The fortress itself apparently is still held by the Germans. In the village of Donamont, a few hundred yards from the fort, there resulted in failure.

Southeast of Verdun, over the line bending south to St. Mihel, the Germans are pressing the attack. The German attack against Manheulles, nary 31-February 1 follows: ten miles southwest of Verdun, cation of the front in this sector has not been made known.

#### Surprise Attack Succeeds.

German troops by a surprise at-"In the Verdan district new masses tack, have been successful in enter- destroyed twenty-two houses. concentrated by the enemy were ex- ing certain advanced French trenches hausted in unsuccessful attempts to near the Navarin farm, in the Cham-

near the fortress of Donamont and In the region to the north of Ver-"The Germans have cleared the with intensity, particularly in the central sector and on our right.

"German forces yesterday evening most furious assaults.

"The situation at the fort of Douamont is without change. This fort

is closely encircled, "In the Woevre district the Gernans yesterday evening and last

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. Senate Resumed debate on Shields water

House

program.

## PRINCIPALS IN CHICAGO EGRAFT SCANDAL LINER MALOJA



Above, Mrs. Page Waller Eaton, center of "woman political scandal; below, Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, commissioner of public welfare, named

was a furious struggle last night, mingham and one ammunition fac- not the only one who had been forced the hospital ship. Marechiaro near of battleships. He was opposed to The war office announces that Ger- tory at Bradford were destroyed by to split her salary with the "higher- San Giovanni di Modua, Albania, is pure food and drug legislation, havman attempts to capture the village bombs, the Overseas News Agency "spec-

yesterday of the damage done by the forced to divide her salary with her were numerous victims. French statement reports a futile airship attack on the night of Jan- superiors. He said she would tell The Italian steamship Marcchiaro,

which may indicate an advance in factories and two ammunition fac- of graft that would make the Eaton- owned at Naples. that quarter, although the precise lo- tories were destroyed. One brew- Rowe controversy seem insignificant. ery was damaged at Eccles Hill. Near Bradford one ammunition factory charge that she was forced by her

"On the Humber a battery was siin the vicinity of Hull considerable with Mrs. Rowe on the stand. dun the hombardment has continued damage was done as was also the case at Sherfield.

"The cruiser Caroline and the destroyers Eden and Nith were sunk. arther in the direction of Vacherau- made several attempts to capture the The Caroline sank in six minutes, village of Douamont. Their efforts ink 31 members of the crew being "In the Woevre the foot of Cote were broken by the resistance of killed, 58 wounded and 47 were

> A Berlin disputch of February 10 said that the three warships mentioned had been sunk during the Zeppelin raid. This was denied by the British government, which stated ght assumed an attitude of greater that neither the Caroline nor any stivity. The railroad station at other British warships nor any merix, after having changed hands sev- chant ship was struck by a bomb.

## SENATE RATIFIES

## OTHERS FORCED TO

sion of the last Zeppelin raid over to the city hall split salary case was itely accounted for. England two government factories forecasted today by Seymour Stedand two ammunition factories at Bir- Enton, who declared his client was

Investigation of Mrs. Eaton's and three spinning mills were superior, Mrs. Louise Oshorne Rowe, ment, to give a third of her salary February 26, were washed ashore tofor the support of a relative of day at Donna Hook, Lincolnshire. lenced, the cannon and searchlights Moyor Thompson was continued by

It was expected Mayor Thompson would follow Mrs. Howe,

LOS ANGELES, CAL. Feb. 28. John M. Echelman, Heutenant-governor of California, died of a hemorthage this morning at Indio, Cal., He was taken from a train there early today and died soon afterward. Mr. Elshieman was returning from a trip to Washington, where he had appeared before congressional committees in the interests of California interests. He was also heard by the senate sub-committee in the Bran-

the United States assumes a protecto- deut of the California railroad com- 10 to 15 points.

Wars and means committee favore to develop the resources. The treaty Ridge, Ill., June 14, 1876 and came quotation of 93% Haltien congress and its terms vir years old. He was not robust and for its in the mad hour, the improvement inasmuch as the crime charged was I pulmonary trouble.

## 150 LIVES LOST

Ashere-Hespital Ship Sinks Off Albania-Liner Dido Sunk.

LONDON, Feb. 23.-Of the total complement of 411 passengers and erew on the Peninsular & Oriental ine steamship Maloja, which struck a mine and sank within half an hour two miles off Dover yesterday, only leaders, headed by Murray Crane and 260 are known to have been saved, seconded by Boies Penrose, for the Of these, 64 were passengers. There republican nomination at Chicago in were 119 passengers abourd, 19 be- June. The Burton-Fairbanks-Hughes ing children.

The bodies of three more Lasears were to be delivered for him. of the crew of the Maloja have been washed ashore, making the total of etts. He was for years a member of bodies recovered 47. Many relatives the house of representatives. He was are arriving at Dover for the pur- chosen governor after being nominpose of endeavoring to identify the ated as a straight republican, be-

was a buby, warmly clad, found ands of progressive party votes, Massfloating on its back. The child was sachusetts progressives took Bird's found by a patrol boat and was taken word for it that McCall was in some into the engine room. After being measure a forward-looking person. warmed it smiled at its reseners and And because he was elected governor seemed none the worst for the ex- by this happy combination of party

#### Mines Freshly Sown.

The British press is almost unaninous in assuming that the Maloja and the other vessels snuk by mines during the week end were victims of these mines could have been laid.

neutral shipping was employed.

The Pall Mail Gazette suggests hat such operations may dri e Engand to still more stringest supervisbeen exercised by the admiralty,

Of the 119 passengers on the Ma-CHICAGO, Feb. 28. - A new angle loja fifty-five have not been defin-

#### Hospital Ship Sinks.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The sinking of He said he would place on the reported in a dispatch from Rome to ing voted against the Beveridge meat stand at the civil service commis- the Exchange Telegraph company, inspection bill and the pure food and The news agency statement, which sion's investigation another woman The vessel is said to have struck an drug acts, as subsequently passed. supplements the account given out who would testify to having been Austrian mine. It is reported there He was a loyal and persistent sup-

of thousands of dollars being passed 412 tons gross and 175 feet long, was for the retention of the Cannon reg-"At Birmingham two government to higher-ups and lay bare a story built at Ancona in 1912 and was line against the proposal finally

#### Liner Dido Sinks.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The hodies of eight sailors and the captain of the wrecked. At Partington our bombs head of the public welfare depart: Wilson liner Dido, which was sunk

being destroyed. At Grimsby, and the civil service commission today, gross, carried a crew of twenty-nine eral, containing such modern things gian steamer.

#### Russian Stramer Sinks.

ierman steamship Erik Larsen, enpured by the Russians early in the war. She was of 1647 gross tons.

### SEVERE DECLINES IN STOCK MARKET

Tresh complications in the interna- ball for arrangement tomorrow on the tional situation and the further suc- federal indictment returned in New SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28. John were of the Tentonic forces in France York charging him with using the Morton Eshelman was elected lieu- coursed severe declines in the stack mails to delyand. Lyman declared tenant-sovernor of California at the market today. Losses in standard he was not the men wonted and de-WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. The last general election. November 3. Issues ranged from 2 to 3 points, war nied that he had used the natures of compensation to the government for afford by 1919, he said the board had stitute proposed by convervationists. senset today unanimonally ratified to the government for land some of the John Putnam & Co. as charged in the public land occupied by the construe- in mind the establishment of two. Indian committee continued work the treaty with liarti under which fore the public of the state as presi- more observe stocks were lower by indigtment.

nances and police, guaranteeing its in broad control of public utilities. and heavy selling of Anglo-French struct United States Attorney Philterritorial integrity and undertaking Mr. Eshteman was born at Wills bonds, which established a new low lips to send Lyman to New York for

program.

Gersewer of Bassachusetts Long Grounded by Old Guard for Reputslican Bamination at Chienga-Becerd Shows Him Opposed to Stailroad Regulation.

By GILSON GARDNER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28,-Samuel W. McCall is the dark horse long groomed by the standpat republican and other miscellaneous delegates

McCall is governor of Massachuscause the progressive leader, Bird, in-Among those rescued yesterday dorsed him. McCall received thousfactions he was regarded by Crane and the other leaders as an ideal presidential condidate.

#### Publish McCall's Record.

Because the progressives are unwilling to accept McCall as a "fora fresh sowing of German mines, ward-looking" person the latter's rec-There is much speculation as to how ord has been dug up and is now being sent out to the country in order The theory most frequently ad, that all progressives may take note canced is that a certain class of and oppose McCall, even before the convention meets.

Among the high points in the record as disclosed are these. He voted against the Dolliver-Hepburn railroad or of neutral shipping than has yet rate regulation measure and in the discussion of that measure was one of its ablest opponents. He voted against the fortification of the Panama canal sone. He unvaryingly opposed the creation of a strong and efficient navy, always voting for a porter of the Caunon rules in the house of representatives and voted adopted by more liberal republicans to take from the speaker the power of appointing the committees of the

#### Voted Against Arizona.

McCall voted against the admission of Arizona to statehood, basing his opposition on the fact that the pro-The Dido, a vessel of 4769 tons posed state's constitution was too libmen. The first reports of her sink- as the initiative, referendam and reing said that the captain and two of call. He was one of the very few the erew had been landed by a Bel- men in the house who voted against the constitutional amendment for the direct election of United States senators. He opposed, by the negu-LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Russian live process of dodging the roll call, teamship Petshenga has been sunk, all measures to limit the use of inifteen of those aboard were saved, junctions in labor disputes. He vot-The Petshenga was formerly the ed against the service pension bill of

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## LYMAN HELD ON

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 28 .- J. Grant NEW YORK, Feb. 28. Reports of Lyman was held today in \$100,000

> trial instead of to California. The charge in New York.