

**AGAINST LIBERTY LOAN.**

**SENATE KILLED RESOLUTION FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR LIBERTY BONDS.**

Legislature Making Desperate Effort to Adjourn Tonight—All Contested Matters Going to Free Conference Committee.

Columbia, Feb. 9.—The senate resumed this morning to adopt a resolution asking the State tax commission to exempt Liberty bonds held by State banks from taxation.

The senate and house are rushing business today in a desperate effort to adjourn tonight.

The free conference committee is at work on the appropriation bill.

The senate today passed the Council of Defense bill, after amendments proposed by the finance committee had been adopted. The bill was amended by the senate so as to make the appropriation \$50,000, the amount asked by the Council. The house had cut the appropriation to \$25,000. The bill will probably go to free conference.

**MEINGITIS AT CITADEL.**

Military Institution and Artillery Men at Charleston Placed Under Quarantine.

Charleston, Feb. 8.—Because of a suspected case of meningitis, the coast artillerymen at Fort Moultrie have been quarantined while army surgeons investigate whether any of the soldiers are carriers of the disease.

The Signal Corps Company in the Market Street barracks in town, are already quarantined. The corps of cadets and faculty of the Citadel Military College of South Carolina, have been under quarantine for two days, a cadet from Florence having meningitis.

Surgeons insist that the contagion is in no danger of an epidemic and that the entire situation is well in hand. The meningitis quarantined at the naval training camp at the navy yard has been only partially lifted.

**DR. ILDEBERTON KILLED.**

Florence Physician Shot by Son and Lawyer.

Florence, Feb. 8.—William Ildeberton, physician, was killed and J. Wilbur Hicks, an attorney, seriously wounded in a shooting affray which occurred at noon today in the hall of the Florence county court house. Both are well known citizens of this city. Geddings Ildeberton, a son of the dead physician, participated in the shooting, firing three shots at his father. This happened just after the judge of probate had pushed the half crazed man away from the prostrate form of the attorney, whom he had shot down. Ildeberton and Hicks emptied their revolvers at each other. Hicks was shot down and Ildeberton was in the act of attempting to club him in the head with the butt end of his pistol when Mr. Brunson, who had rushed into the hall from his office, pushed him away. Just then young Ildeberton entered the hall from the front, firing as he came. The escape of Mr. Ildeberton from harm is deemed miraculous.

Ildeberton was shot five times and either one of two or three bullets would have proved fatal. One entered the heart. Hicks was shot in the head and in the abdomen, but the cavity was not pierced and he will recover. Young Ildeberton was unharmed.

The shooting grew out of bad blood between the attorney, who was representing Mrs. Ildeberton in a suit for alimony, and the dead man. Dr. and Mrs. Ildeberton separated three years ago. Today was set for the first hearing in the case before the master, H. A. Brunson, acting as referee. Mr. Brunson postponed the case on account of the fact that Ildeberton appeared to be drinking. Hicks and Ildeberton came together in the hall of the court house later and the shooting began.

Ildeberton came to Florence from Dochester county. At one time he was prominent in county politics, having served several terms as senator for Florence county. He was about 55 years old. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that Ildeberton came to his death from gunshot wounds in the hands of J. W. Hicks and Geddings Ildeberton.

**SLAUGHTER AT HELSINGFORS.**

Red Guards Butcher Masses of Finnish People and Destroy City.

London, Feb. 9.—According to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, a special correspondent of the Berlinke Tidende, who succeeded in escaping from Helsingfors, sent his paper a wireless report saying that the Red Guards had made a frightful slaughter of great masses of Finnish people in theatres and a large number of public buildings. Helsingfors was practically destroyed.

**I. W. W. TRAITORS INDICTED.**

**FIFTY-FIVE ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY WORKING FOR GERMAN.**

Charged With Conspiracy With I. W. W. to Obstruct Enforcement of Law and to Destroy Property.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 8.—An indictment charging 55 persons with conspiring with William D. Haywood, secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World and others, to hinder the execution of laws of the United States in the prosecution of the war with Germany, was returned today by the federal jury.

Forty-six of the persons indicted are held in custody here. Nine others reside in or about San Francisco.

Separate indictments charge William Hood and G. F. Voetter, named in the conspiracy indictment, with illegal transportation of dynamite. These men were arrested in connection with the attempted dynamiting of Governor Stephens' home recently.

General charges in today's indictments include alleged obstruction of the selective draft, causing strikes and encouraging sabotage. Bail was fixed at from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

Frank H. Little, lynched at Butt, Mont., last year, was named, among others, as persons with whom men indicted here had entered into conspiracy.

Letters mailed to some of the defendants from Industrial Workers of the World being in jail at Chicago were reproduced in the indictments. They urged men on the outside to greater effort in their work as the best means of helping other fellows in jail. A poem belittling American soldiers, alleged to have been written by Miss Theodore Polak of San Francisco, also was reproduced.

The conspiracy indictment charges that the defendants entered into a general conspiracy with the other 300,000 members of the Industrial Workers of the World to overthrow the government and carry on a "widespread campaign of sabotage."

Assistant District Attorney Johnson said that evidence "had revealed acts of sabotage in many sections of the United States." He said the campaign was aimed at the destruction of railroads and crops.

**GROUP OF PLOTTERS PLANNED MUCH HARM.**

I. W. W. Workers on Pacific Coast Expected to Interfere With Prosecution of War.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Industrial Workers of the World on the Pacific coast have planned wholesale destruction of industries and shipping and other interference with prosecution of the war, it was said today at the department of justice. The indictments of 55 at Sacramento by a federal grand jury is the result of recent investigations by government agents who discovered that leaders were plotting systematic sabotage.

The investigation was a direct result of the recent attempt to blow up the governor's residence at Sacramento. Agents discovered a group of plotters whose activities extended throughout the Pacific coast territory. In addition to blowing up factories, plotters in that section of the country had planned to foment strikes among workmen engaged in war industries, destruction of fruit trees and crops.

**TO DEAL WITH I. W. W.**

Montana Legislature Called on to Act.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 8.—The Montana legislature, which is to meet in special session February 14, will deal with the Industrial Workers of the World situation in this State. Governor Stewart, in his call for the extra session recommended the passage of a sedition and sabotage act. The governor in recent utterances has dealt in a spirit of apprehension with the possibility of trouble from Industrial Workers of the World sources this spring.

**ATTACKS AT VERDUN.**

Crown Prince's Army Defeated Seven Times in Two Weeks.

With the French Armies in France, Feb. 9.—The armies of the German crown prince before Verdun since February 2d have suffered costly defeats in seven vain raids on the French positions on both sides of the Meuse. Not a single permanent advantage was gained by them.

**TWO WOUNDED IN ACTION.**

Gen. Pershing Reports Two Accidental Deaths and Two Wounded.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The wounding of two more Americans in action was reported by Gen. Pershing today. Both were infantrymen, and they were only slightly wounded. Two deaths, resulting from airplane accident, are also reported.

**HOUSE AGAINST SENATE.**

**COURSE OF LEGISLATION BLOCKED BY DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN HOUSES.**

Fight is Over Appropriations for Law Enforcement and Tax Commission—Time of Adjournment is Still Uncertain.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—Indications today are that there will be a bitter fight between the house of representatives and the senate over the appropriation bill. The senate last night inserted an appropriation of \$50,000 for law enforcement, restored the appropriation for the tax commission and inserted other items that the house had opposed.

It is understood that there will be a determined effort in the house to have some of these amendments killed. Whether the effort will succeed or not cannot be forecasted. The sentiment in the lower house is pretty well divided. There was some talk today that there might be a compromise on the law enforcement fund of \$25,000.

There seems to be a disposition on the part of some members of both branches to block the Saturday night adjournment plan. The overwhelming sentiment, however, is in favor of adjournment tomorrow night if the two houses can get together on the appropriation measure.

In the senate this morning the resolution by Senator Sherard of Anderson asking the tax commission to rescind its order increasing general assessments and calling upon it for information as to what it proposed to do was passed. The commission has prepared a statement which will be read later today.

**GERMAN SPY CAPTURED.**

Was Passenger on Dutch Ship and Brought Instructions to German Agents in United States.

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 8.—A German spy was reported tonight to have been found among 40 first and second cabin passengers of the Dutch liner Nieuw Amsterdam, who earlier in the day were detained by federal agents for examination.

After 12 sheets of paper covered with letters and figures of a code had been found upon him, the man is said to have broken down and to have confessed that he was in the pay of the German government and had come here in order to furnish spies operating in this country with the new code. He is also said to have stated that he had received a large sum of money for undertaking the mission.

The man was said to be a naturalized American citizen of Dutch or German origin.

Since the arrival of the Nieuw Amsterdam here on Tuesday elaborate precautions have been taken to prevent German spies on board from smuggling papers ashore.

Only government officers were allowed to meet the ship and when the vessel docked it was guarded by 100 sailors and marines and rope barriers were stretched between the passengers leaving the ship and the persons waiting to meet them.

Every person on board was thoroughly searched before he was permitted to pass the barriers and communicate with those on shore and after all had been searched 37 men and three women, it was stated, were detained for questioning. It was among these the spy was found.

**PEACE WITH UKRAINE.**

Berlin Dispatch Announces Treaty With South Russia.

Copenhagen, Feb. 9.—A peace agreement was signed early this morning between representatives of the central powers and the Ukrainian rada, a semi-official Berlin telegram announces.

**Peace With Ukraine.**

Berlin, Feb. 9.—Peace between the Central Powers and the Ukraine republic was signed at two o'clock this morning, according to the official statement today.

**FLORIDA DESERTER ARRESTED.**

Runaway Soldier Crook Picked Up in Utah.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 9.—Harold J. Keyes has been arrested at the instance of the department of justice and is held on charges of impersonating an officer, and obtaining funds by worthless checks. He is a deserter from Company 1, One Hundred Twenty-fourth infantry, Florida, according to a message from Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga. It is planned to take him to Macon.

**DRAFT LAW AMENDMENTS.**

**UNANIMOUS REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION'S NEW BILL.**

Men Will be Required to Register as Soon as They Reach Twenty-One Years—Allotment of State Quotas Changed.

Washington, Feb. 8.—A favorable report on the war department's bill amending the selective draft law so as to require the registration of men as they reach twenty-one, basing the State's quotas on the number of men in class one, instead of on State populations, was unanimously ordered today by the senate military committee.

The proposal to exempt men as they reach thirty-one, if they had not been drafted, was not included in the bill.

**BRUTAL WORK OF HUNS.**

After Sinking Tuscania U-Boat Attempted to Slaughter Survivors.

London, Feb. 7.—That a German submarine endeavored to attack the destroyers while the latter were engaged in rescue work is the statement made by an American officer at another Irish port where a large number of men were landed. The officer said to a correspondent of The Associated Press:

"The thing that impressed me most in the whole experience was the promptitude and precision with which the British naval men handled their craft under the trying condition of rescue work. This work had only just begun when there came the most exciting moments of the night.

"A u-boat from the curtain of blackness behind which she was skulking, thought to finish the work by an attack on the destroyer. Three torpedoes were discharged in a few minutes at three destroyers and it was only due to the watchfulness of the lookouts and the splendid seamanship of the British naval men that they failed to reach their targets.

"This onslaught, however, revealed the approximate location of the enemy, and a pair of destroyers at once attacked with guns and bombs so effectively that even if the u-boat was not sunk it was afraid to show itself again."

**News From Dark Corner.**

Dark Corner, Feb. 7.—I will write a line for the Watchman and Southron this pleasant afternoon as so many of the readers keep after me to write oftener.

Mr. R. R. Thames whose wife died on December 19th died himself on January 18th, just one month lacking one day.

Mr. Thomas H. Osteen of the Sycamores died last Friday night, the first instant, aged 62 years. He left a wife and one daughter, Mrs. E. T. Kolb, and a host of friends to mourn his death. The interment was at Bethel church, and the funeral was by Rev. William Haynsworth. The pallbearers were E. C. Geddings, Wash Broadway, Mack Owen, John Owen, Furman Kolb and Lamar Kolb. A large crowd attended the funeral.

Mr. J. E. Johnson, his son, W. J. Ardis and several others have been quite sick with grip.

Mr. L. E. Avin is wearing a large smile of late; it is only a little girl the stork left at his house.

Very little farm work has been done hereabouts. Oats it seems are all dead from the severe weather and wheat is badly injured. Farms are almost at a standstill on account of the boys being called off to the war.

It is sure a serious time and the end is not yet, and will not be for a long time. But let us all pray for God to raise up peace makers and not depend so much on soldiers, shot and shells, for God says all power in heaven and earth is mine, so let us take it all to him in prayer. He has said call on me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Owen and two sons John and Mack, of Orangeburg, attended the funeral of Mr. Thomas Osteen last Sunday; also Mrs. John Owen.

We are having some pretty weather at last. I have just been informed by Dr. G. W. Dick, postmaster of Sumter, that Route 2 out of Sumter will be continued down into the Dark Corner commencing on Saturday, the 16th instant. Hope all who are interested will have their boxes up by the night of the 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Terrell Kolb spent yesterday in Sumter and Mr. E. P. Thompson is in Sumter today.

A good deal of cord wood is being shipped from Broadway Siding of late. Hard Times. Stranded Steamer Floated.

Atlantic Port, Feb. 9.—The American steamer which ran aground off the New England coast Sunday was floated at high tide today.

**EXPULSION FROM RUSSIA.**

**SENSATIONAL REPORT FROM PETROGRAD BY WAY OF STOCKHOLM.**

State Department Advised of Rumor That Allied Ministers Have Been Driven Out of Russia by Bolsheviki—No News from Ambassador Francis This Week.

Washington, Feb. 8.—An unconfirmed report that all allied missions at Petrograd had been driven out by the Bolsheviki government and are now on their way to Swedish border was received today by the State department through Minister Morris, at Stockholm.

The State department has not heard from Ambassador Francis at Petrograd since February 2nd.

**DESTROYED AFTER SINKING TUSCANIA?**

American Officer's Statement Indicates Destroyers Destroyed the U-Boat.

Londonderry, Ireland, Feb. 7.—The submarine which torpedoed the Tuscania was attacked by a destroyer. An American officer gave an intimation that the submarine was destroyed.

This officer was one of the last to leave the Tuscania. He gave the Associated Press a vivid account of the disaster.

The second torpedo fired by the submarine missed its mark, he said. Thereupon a destroyer which was near behind the liner dashed off toward the submarine, using a bomb dropping device. The claim is made that the submarine was "done in" by the bombs thus exploded.

The American officer said:

"Everything went well with us during the voyage. Many of our men had never been to sea before and I must say they stood it like soldiers. We were one of a powerful convoy. I must not tell you our position in the convoy or how the various ships were formed, but you may take it that all the other boats have got through as far as I know. As for ourselves, well, the Huns succeeded in getting only a fraction of our fine fellers in addition to our boat; but if they have, they have put the iron into our souls and we will be ready to repay them when the chance offers.

"Monday was a mild night. Had the disaster occurred during a gale I do not like to think of what would have happened. But Tuesday evening was calm.

"The first intimation we had of possible danger was an order for all men to go on deck with life belts. It was about 4.30 o'clock, at the same time we sharply altered our course. At 5 o'clock, just as the darkness was settling well in, we got the blow. Nobody saw the periscope, nor could one have seen well. Some soldiers described having heard a hissing sound immediately before the torpedo struck us in the engine room."

**MEDICAL OFFICER IN JAIL.**

Former Captain in Reserve Force Charged With Accepting Bribes—Resigns Commission.

Augusta, Feb. 7.—Capt. Edgar S. Bullis, medical officers' reserve corps, U. S. A., Camp Hancock, is in jail here on failure to give bond of \$5,000 to answer to the charge that he accepted a bribe of \$2,850 to use his influence to obtain the discharge from the army of Private W. J. S. Burgen of Carnegie, Pa.

The army authorities today turned him over to the department of justice, taking him to the border of Camp Hancock and surrendering him to a United States deputy marshal. The charge is that the bribe was offered and accepted Monday. After his arrest his resignation of his commission was demanded and submitted. The alleged bribe transaction is said by United States officers to have been consummated Monday through a supposed representative of Private Burgen's father.

Bullis was attached to the Second Motor Mechanics Regiment. Private Burgen is enlisted in this regiment.

**AMBASSADOR FRANCIS SAFE.**

Cablegram Received Today From Petrograd.

Washington, Feb. 9.—All fear that Ambassador Francis has been expelled from Petrograd by the Bolsheviki was dispelled today when a cablegram from the ambassador, dated February 5th was received. He made no reference to any conflict with the Petrograd authorities.

**AIRPLANE MECHANIC KILLED.**

Serious Accident Reported at Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, Feb. 9.—Walter Swan, a mechanic, was killed and Lieut. J. P. Lersch seriously injured, when an airplane fell a hundred feet yesterday at Hick's field, near here.

**FIGHT ON PRESIDENT.**

**REPUBLICAN LEADER CALLS CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER WILSON MEASURE.**

War Inquiry is Resumed—Representative Glass Refutes Chamberlain's Charge That War Department Broke Down.

Washington, Feb. 7.—A move toward concentrated Republican opposition of the new administrative bill proposing to give President Wilson blanket authority to reorganize and coordinate government agencies, a speech in the house by representative Glass, of Virginia, denouncing critics of the government and temporary suspension of senate debate were today's developments in the controversy over war machinery organization.

A conference Saturday morning of senators—the first held since the United States entered the war—was called late today by Republican Leader Gallinger, to consider the new bill President Wilson sent to the senate yesterday. Bitter opposition to the measure is expected openly by Republicans and privately by several Democratic leaders. There were 25 signatures on the call for the Republican conference.

The Republicans also expect to consider joint action of the administration measure to create a war finance corporation which is being urged by Secretary McAdoo and upon other administration legislation.

With the Overman bill injecting a new and unexpected element into the controversy several senators planning addresses on the military committee's war cabinet and munitions director bill postponed them and the senate held but a brief session without renewal of the debate.

In the house, Representative Glass praised the administration's war record and denied Senator Chamberlain's declaration that the war department had broken down. He detailed army achievements and declared ten times more troops had been sent to France than had been expected.

Representative Mason, Republican of Illinois, who followed Representative Glass, told the house he admired Secretary Baker as a man who could admit mistakes had been made in his department and added: "For God's sake let's quit fighting each other and fight the Kaiser."

While waiting for Secretary Baker's information regarding tonnage available for transportation of troops to Europe the senate military committee today resumed its war inquiry, examining Major Gen. Wheeler, acting chief of ordnance, and his aides behind closed doors regarding explosives production. Tomorrow the committee will consider general army legislation.

When Secretary Baker will reappear before the committee has not been decided.

His next testimony in connection with the prospect of shipping to France, Senator Chamberlain said, would be in secret session.

**SENATE ON SUPPLY BILL.**

Kills Australian Bill—Gibbes Not Yet Confirmed.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—At the night session of the senate objection was raised to consideration of the supply bill on the grounds that the bill had not been on the desk of the members twenty-four hours. The point of order was sustained.

The Australian ballot system bill was tabled by a vote of 23 to 18.

Debate on Senator Sherard's inheritance tax bill was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Senators Christensen, Alan Johnston and E. C. Epps were appointed as a committee on free conference on the appropriation bill.

The county supply bill was later taken up during the evening and given its second reading without objection.

The senate killed the bill to take the election of the directors of the penitentiary out of the general assembly and give it to the governor.

The senate remained in executive session for an hour. When the senate reconvened Mr. Sherard moved to reconsider the county supply bill because there may be some doubt about the legality of the supply act. He wished to be fair and Senator Lee, who had objected to the consideration of the bill, was out of the hall. The senate refused to reconsider its action, voting the supply bill to third reading.

The senate did not consider or vote on the confirmation of Chief Game Warden Gibbes. The matter is still open. Without confirmation, the appointment fails. In the event that the senate should not confirm the appointment of Chief Game Warden Gibbes, he can be reappointed by Governor Manning as a recess appointment.

The Christmas sale of Red Cross seals in Sumter netted the sum of \$30.14, which will be used for anti-tuberculosis work under the direction of the Civic League.