SUBMARINES SINK

LONDON REPORTS LOSS OF TWO GERMAN SHIPS

NO CHANGES IN THE WAR

Russians Continue Their Offensive in East Prussia While Austrians Assail Their Trenches in Galicia and Bukowina-Fleet Battering Dar-Danelles.

London reports on Friday an ading of a German submarine by de- proposals because they still are under stroyers and said another rammed by the British collier Thordis, probably

The text of the statement follows: firm the evidence of Captain Bell and the crew that on the 28th of February the vessel rammed and in all Reports from London that Great her keel and to her propeller con-

submarine U-S was sunk in the chandecisive battle develop from the pres-

Thursday afternoon the German

ably interfered with.

A few weeks ago Field Marshal von the south the Austrians were pressing forward in both Galicia and Bukowing. Now Russian troops are attacking from the Niemen to the Vistula and although the Germans are ward Warsaw has been brought to a rights of neutrals.

ward Warsaw has been brought to a rights of neutrals.

First. Great Britain's preliminary standstill and they are being forced slowly back to their own frontier.

News dispatches say that in the south the Austrians continue to fling themselves with great bravery American commerce, has not been anagainst the Russian lines. These onsular stackers Second. Great Britain's reply to enormous losses, but the Russian the American warning against the general staff declare they have measure of responsibility that would brought no gains. The German con-tingent in the Carpathians has been reduced to three army corps, according to report, leaving the Austrian forces to bear the brunt of the fight-

Meantime, the allied fleets are battering their way slowly up the Dardanelles without, so far as is known, a single serious loss among the ships. The sultan of Turkey, says an Athens dispatch, has fied from Constantinople, but that has not been confirmed, and reports from Turkish sources, nodepreciate the seriousness of the Dar- be continued in further correspondtably an interview with Enver Pasha, danelles bombardment and insist that ence only insofar as it relates to the Phillippine enlarged self-government not been affected.

It can be said that from the British viewpoint, the situation, wherever fighting is going on, is taken as favorable. The South African rebellion has been crushed; the Turkish invasion of Egypt seemingly has been encouraging; no adverse news reof belligerents may import food if
garding the operations against the
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The distribution is supervised by Germany is about to be enforced.

In the west the Germans, judging from dispatches are fighting hard pagne and the Argonne.

JOHNSON SELECTED.

President Determines to Appoint Leg-

islator a Federal Judge.

Representative Joseph T. Johnson of Spartanburg has been selected by President Wilson, according to a Washington dispatch, for the new federal judgeship in South Carolina created by congress shortly before adjournment. He was endorsed by gressional delegation. Former Gov. nale d'Italia expresses the hope that It will be several days before an accumembers of the South Carolina con-John Gary Evans also has been sug- it may be the first step toward fur- rate tabulation is made, but the total

new federal judgeships in Georgia standing. and South Carolina were laid out to public view at the department of juscreating the positions, passed during the closing hours of congress. It was the first time such a thing had been done in the history of the American judiciary.

More than 2.000 persons endorsed W. W. Lambdin, appointed district judge in Georgia, and many individendorsements were posted for candidates for the judgeship in South Carolina.

182 MINERS BURIED.

Terrific Explosion Causes Entomb-

ment of Many Foreigners.

rescuers early Tuesday night had opinion, be folly only equalled by one capitol in their efforts to prevent the brought out alive only six of the 182 who declined to walk outside withminers entombed by an explosion in out a lightning rod down his back the Layland mines of the New River

company, near Quinnimont, W. Va. The force of the explosion was terrific. The stone arch over the main at this time. entrance of the workings was destroyed; windows within a 300-yard radius were broken and the shock

was felt for miles around. A. B. Cooper, who was delivering groceries to a house within seventyfive yards of the mine entrance, was blown against a telegraph pole and killed. Guard lines have been established about the workings and only Stuart, Fla., and took all cash in rescuers are permitted within them. Company officials refuse to give out any information.

FRENCH OPPOSED TO PLANS.

Press Declares Embargo on Food to Germany Must Stand.

The French press is unanimous in declaring Great Britain can not accept the informal proposals said to cept the informal proposals said to have been made by the United States had left the robbers. Posses are now that the same proposals are now that the same proposals said to reported to the authorities where he major general for his services as had left the robbers. Posses are now builder of the Panama canal and gave Germany be raised, provided Ger- scouring the country for them. many abandons her intention of destroying merchant ships. The papers express appreciation of the spirit in Matin declares such a step would be predicted to turn into rain on the ton, stepped back into private life as been removed from his post and sent carrying altruism altogether too far. Atlantic coast.

TO DO NOTHING NOW

U. S. MAKES NO MOVE IN DIPLO-MATIC TANGLE.

Washington Patiently Awaiting Answer to Its Five Unanswered Notes

The publication of the official text of the German reply to the American proposals for a cessation of subma-rine warfare and for free shipment of foodstuffs to civilian populations of belligerents was the only step taken by the United States government Thursday in connection with the maritime situation as its affects

neutrals. The State department declined to miralty statement confirmed the sink- give out the text of the American consideration by Great Britain and revised the tariff and the currency her allies. Until some reply is resystem of the nation, supplemented ceived from the allies it is unlikely that any further move will be made and demonstrated the first popular "The steamship Thordis has been ex- by the United States, though prepaamined in dry dock and injuries to ration of a protest on Great Britain's ended at noon Thursday. declaration of an embargo on com-

probability sank a German subma-rine which had fired a torpedo at her. can opinion on her declaration of a commercial embargo were read with Sir Cecil much interest Thursday. nel off Dover by destroyers; the of-ficers and men were taken prisoners." called on Secretary Garrison, and it London reports: Even should no was reported he had sought unofficially to learn Mr. Garrison's views. ent Russian offensive, the allies claim The secretary of war would not disthe Austro-German spring campaign cuss his conference with the British in the final legislative rush, after plans in the east have been measur- ambassador beyond saying it was un- desperate efforts had been made to official.

With the adjournment of congress Hindenberg was sweeping victorious-ly through northern Poland, while in son and the cabinet will give almost president continuing in force approit generally is believed President ... il- tions were passed and signed by the exclusive attention to the foreign sit- priations of the present year. uation.

from the belligerents are expected to gies to final essentials, President be taken up within a few days. The Wilson spent more than an hour in clinging tenaciously to their positions United States has pending five sepa- his room at the capitol, surrounded before Ossowetz and at other points rate negotiations, all related to the by his cabinet, signing the last fruits north of the Vistula, their thrust to- subject of maritime warfare and the of legislation. The president found

observations and the complete reply made the occasion entirely one of to the American protest of December congratulation, making no reference 28. concerning the treatment of to projects which had failed.

seem to be imposed should American vessels be attacked on account of fictitious use of neutral flags has not been answered. The statement of the American position in this note probably will not be reiterated, but the United States is expected to stand on the warning already given.
Third. Germany's reply to the

note from the United States stating ber in order to be able to adjourn that Germany would be held to a for the political conventions and Nathat Germany would be held to a strict accountability for any attacks on American vessels or lives in the new marine war zone has been left unanswered. This, too, probably will interview with Enver Pasha, unanswered. This, too, probably will the end of continued in further correspondant the seriousness of the Darba be continued in further correspondant to the seriousness of the Darba be continued in further correspondant to the seriousness of the Darba be continued in further correspondant to prohibit interstate commerce in the many bills and resolutions repostations. This services as prestants of the Senate.

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Britain for the removal of mines, the abandonment of submarine warfare on merchant ships and an arrangeabandoned; reports from the east are ment by which the civilian population An answer from Great Britain is still any other measure. awaited.

Fifth. The American government to recover the ground lost during the has under consideration the most re- tions to be carried on during recess. gress. last fortnight. Near Arras they have cent note from Great Britain and A committee will continue the inforged ahead somewhat, but the allies France to all neutral governments quiry into alleged lobbying in connecreport progress, both in the Cham-announcing that the allies would hold tion with the ship purchase bill; a every seat among the spectators pagne and the Argonne. merce between Germany and neutral legislation, and Democrats of the Sencountries. A reply to this communication is under consideration.

AMERICAN NOTE PRAISED,

Meets With Warm Approval Among Italian Government.

The ientical note of the American statutes. government to Germany and Great Britain meets with general praise gan tabulating the amounts of the both in the political world and in various bills which took money out the newspapers of Italy. The Gior- of the treasurer during the seassion. ther negotiations which will lead to appropriations are estimated at about Endorsements of all kinds for the pourparlers for an ultimate under- \$1,120,000,000.

ed in the document and requested trouble. After the Indian bill had tice Friday as requested by the acts Cardinal Gasparri to send him the made its devious ways through the text and also the German reply. He Senate it reached the House just ten also had Cardinal Gasparri inquire minutes before final adjournment. A at the British legation to the Holy filibuster was immediately instituted See as to what the British attitude by the Republicans, which forced the would be. Sir Henry Howard, the withdrawal of the conference report British minister, replied that he had on the bill. nothing to say on the subject.

PRAISE FOR TILLMAN.

Andrew Carnegie Lauds Senator for

Navy Opinions.

read to the Senate a letter from An- the House in his absence. drew Carnegie saying that for the United States "to build a great navy ests and railroad attorneys," he said or increase the army would, in my "have been active at both ends of the because once there was a man struck and Pocahontas Consolidated Coal by lightning." Mr. Carnegie praised Senator Tillman for advising the country against increasing the navy

TOOK ALL CASH IN SIGHT.

Robbers Capture Automobile and Make Escape.

sight, which was about \$40,000. Escaping from the bank, the robbers ered a formal farewell to the memoverhauled a passing automobile and bers and resolutions were adopted commanded the driver, Frank Coven- thanking the speaker, Majority Leadtry, to take them south, which he did er Underwood and Minority Leader

at a sixty-mile clip. At Port Sewell they ordered a halt, throughout the long session but in leaving the machine one of the robber's revolver was accidentally ex- son signed the seamen's bill, the neuploded, the bullet entering his jaw. trality resolution empowering him to This did not, however, prevent the prevent ships leaving American ports escape of the robbers. Coventry was with supplies for belligerent

Snow Storm Moving East.

A snow storm which is sweeping long prominent national figures. eastward from the middle west is among them Senators Root and Bur-

AFTER BEING IN SESSION FOR **NEARLY TWO YEARS**

MANY PATHETIC SCENES

Speaker Clark Overwhelmed by Expressions of Regard-Mann and Underwood Receive Laudatory Encomiums-Much Business Rushed Through on Last Day.

After two years of almost continuous session, the 63rd congress, which system of the nation, supplemented the trust laws, created an income tax election of United States senators,

When gavels fell in the House and they signalled the close of half of President Wilson's administration, the first under domination of the Democratic party since 1895. Strenuous scenes enlivened the fading hours devoted chiefly to completing the appropriations for subsistence of the government.

Two important measures, the post office and Indian supply bills, failed have them. In the emergency occasioned by their failure joint resolu-

While tired senators and repre-Replies to various diplomatic notes sentatives were devoting their enertime in the midst of this task to greet senators and representatives, and he

> Scores of members of both houses joined in an exodus from Washington, taking with them assurances that no extra-session of congress would be called, at least before fall. Despite the fact that many important bills failed of consideration because of the long filibuster against the ship purchase bill, it was generally understood congress would be given a rest and the country a respite from legislation it was regarded as extremely probable, however, that the 64th congress would be summoned in Octotional Convention of 1916.

> Other, important measures, which by a Senate committee, also failed.

Before adjournment congress provided for several important investigarecommend revision of Senate rules with a view to establishing cloture of debate to prevent filibusters.

A mass of miscellaneous legislation hurried through in the last days included claim bills, public buildings, fish cultural stations, bridge bills and minor amendments to various federal

The appropriations committee be-

Pope Benedict was greatly interest- which failed caused considerable

The joint resolution which continued the current post office appropriation bills brought forth a protest from Representative Moon of Tennessee, chairman of the post office committee. He declared his committee had not been consulted regarding the abandonment of the bill and that the

Senator Tillman Wednesday night joint resolution had been put through "Representatives of railroad interests and railroad attorneys," he said

Representative Fitzgerald declared

the decision to abandon the measure had been reached only after it be came apparent that it could not pass and that Representative Moon was fully cognizant of the circumstances. "May I be permitted to say," said

the vice-president in closing the sesyears ago it was the first time I ever hall. I know that I have made mistakes, errors, sometimes of the head, has been an error of the heart."

Mann for their untiring efforts

In the closing hours President Wil promotions to other officers associat-

ed with the work. In the Senate several members. the curtain feil. In the House Dem- | from Kiel to Berlin.

ocratic Leader Underwood said goodbye, to sit in the next Senate, and three score or more other members

At the request of Republican TILLMAN CHARGES SENT TO COM-Leader Mann Speaker Clark turned the chair over to Progressive Leader The Republican leader then eulogized the "able and loved speaker," and the House passed with a cheer a resolution thanking Speaker Clark on behalf of the entire membership for his services during the

The speaker then resumed his place and began a speech of thanks. "The multiplicity of honors and kind-palachian coal fields in the interests conforms in Main Details to Early nesses that this House has heaped on of a "coal trust" were referred to me goes straight to my heart," he said, but got no further, for his voice for investigation in a report publish-broke and his eyes filled with tears. ed at Washington Thursday by the

who are retiring from public life made farewell addresses. A farewell letter from Senator Thornton, who has been too ill for several days to be present in the Senate, was presented by Senator Kern.
President Wilson meantime work

ed steadily in his room consulting charged that the Southern had cut members of his cabinet and senators off the natural outlet for coal from made public at briefly about each bill and signed his section by maintaining prohibitive day. It follows: many measures in quick succession. Among the most important were the neutrality resolution passed early Senate, signalizing the adjournment, Thursday morning, a resolution givfor their work at the Niagara conference and the regular appropriation measures.

> following statement: "A great congress has closed its sessions. Its work will prove the purpose and quality of its statesmanship more and more the longer it is

"Business has now a time of calm and thoughtful adjustment before it, disturbed only by the European war The circumstances created by the war put the nation to a special test, a test of its true character and of its self-

control. "The constant thought of every patriotic man should now be for the country, its peace, its order, its just and tempered judgment in the face of perplexing difficulties. Its dignity and its strength alike will appear not only in the revival of its business, despite abnormal conditions but also in its power to think to purpose and to act with patience, with disinterested fairness and without excitement, in a spirit of friendliness and enlightenments which will firmly establish its influence throughout the world."

For many moments before adjournment there was a lull in the Senate. Senator Simmons paid a tribute to Senator Perkins of California, whose term ended at noon. Senator Perkins sat for a moment in contemplation of the tribute. Then he slowly half rose from his seat, feebly waved the coal fields from Alabama to indicated. Moreover, they agree to his hand toward the North Carolina senator and his colleagues in a gesture of farewell and took his seat again, too overcome with emotion to

speak. died with the end of congress along shall for his services as presiding of-

goods manufactured by child labor, ing there, and from time to time American rights.

Fourth. The proposals from the United States to Germany and Great United States Un tigation into senatorial campaigns in through the corridors of the capitol Pennsylvania, Illinois and other to report the fact to the other. Virstates, which had been recommended tually all of these were private claims bills or measures of a purely local na-

As the roll of the more important Dardanelles yet has been received, American organizations or agencies, post office bill, which failed to pass, bills was called requests of "let it go contained more new legislation than over" from the floor sent them one They must be reintroduced if they are to be renewed in the 64th con-

Crowned galleries are the rule in the last hours of any congress, and Wednesday night. The crowds began ate appointed a special committee to to return early Thursday, hoping for some unusual development to award their patience.

The House at 4:20 took a fifteenminute recess and the members then organized the usual chorus and sang songs, including "Good-bye, My Lov-er, Good-bye," "Way Down Yonder in the Cornfield," "Annie Laurie." etc. Representative Heflin of Alabama amused the members by telling negro stories. When the recess was taken the House had been in continuous session for eighteen hours

and fifty minutes. MANY STILL SHUT UP IN MINE.

Bodies Recovered Show Men Met Death by Suffocation.

Rescue parties Wednesday continued their efforts to penetrate the workings of the Layland mine of the New River and Pocahontas Consolidated Coal company at Hinton, W. Va., where 182 men were entombed by an explosion Tuesday, but Wednesday night only four additional bodies had been brought to the surface. This increased the total known dead to 14.

Rescuers said that the farther they advanced in the mine the greater was the destruction by the explosion. The work of bratticing the main entry is progressing rapidly, but it was said it would be several days before the mine was clear of afterdamp.

APPROVES MEASURE.

Manning Carefully Considers the Appropriation Measures.

After going over the appropriation bill carefully, item by item, Gov Manning made this statement: "I find that the interests of the various departments of the State govsion, "that when I came here two ernment have been carefully scrutinized and guarded, and for the first abating Friday. Reports from westset my foot inside of a legislative time in years the amount carried by the appropriation bill does not exceed that section was from 6 to 18 inches the amount that will be raised by the in depth. Robbers Tuesday morning held up but, thank God, I can look you in the levy, and that the deficit brought Cashier Wallace, of the Bank of face and say to you that there never over from last year has been in part provided for. Besides this, the ap- said it probably would reach the At-In the House Speaker Clark deliv- propriation for schools have been lantic coast. raised, so that I am satisfied with the measure and will sign it."

Killed by Automobile. Luther Means, colored, of Green ille, was run over and instantly killed Tuesday night by an automobile driven by W. C. Gresham.

Steamer Royperana Torpedoed. The steamer Royperana was sunk day. It is believed that she was torpedoed. The crew was saved.

German Admiral Removed. Admiral von Ingenohl, commander of the German high sea fleet, has

PUSH COAL INQUIRY

MERCE COMMISSION.

Senate Subcommittee Turns Over Investigation of Railroads and Eastern Coal Ports.

In the Senate some of the senators Senate subcommittee that investigated them. The report held that only

a question of rates was involved. resulted from a resolution by Senator Tillman. Extended hearings were held, at which B. L. Dulaney, an independent operator of Bristol, Tenn., off the natural outlet for coal from made public at Washington Thurs- congress a rest. Rather than force rates to Atlantic ports south of Norfolk.

In its report the subcommittee ing medals to the A. B. C. mediators dence against the reasonableness of these rates, but added that the South-ern had had no opportunity to pre-agreed upon for the protection of sent its side of the case because ex-haustion of the funds appropriated new evidence of the friendly feelings After his return to the White haustion of the funds appropriated new evidence of the friendly feelings of the American government toward of the American government toward

> that since the entire question now was before the interstate commerce commission, no appropriation be made for further hearings. The report concluded as follows: "It is unquestionably true that the

rates in the territory covered by the Southern railway are higher than the rates on coal from the fields reached by the Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, Norfolk & Western, Chesapeake & Ohio and all connecting lines in West Virginia.

"It is not surprising that complaints should exist of the high rates in the Southern territory by reason of the fact that coal abounds from Alabama to the West Virginia mines and the fields, generally speaking, run parallel to and about equally distant from the Atlantic seaboard. It seems beyond dispute that the territory lying between the coal fields and for the practical solution of the questhe Atlantic ocean ought to enjoy tions which have arisen. reasonable rates upon coal and that it ought not to be necessary for the of the American note they beg to ports south of Cape Hatteras to be make the following remarks: compelled to pay the combined rail

established in 1894 and extends into have anchored mines constructed as southern Virginia. It has not deput the stamp of the government on veloped as a coal carrying road as all mines to be planted. On the have other railroads that reach the other hand, it does not appear to coal fields.

Senator Gallinger offered a resolu-tion of thanks to Vice-President Mar-tial investigation. Indeed the rea-"Second. The German government sons may be so important if the pol- would undertake not to use their subterritory served by the Southern Railway company every reasonable facili- be ascertained submarines would proty which the resources of the com-

"Since this investigation began the Southern railway has commenced the construction of coal docks at Char-

"Regardless of what the truth may be with reference to this matter, the fact is that the terminals are being built and the rates on coal hereafter will in all probability be as low as

obtained at Norfolk." HOLLAND STILL NEUTRAL.

in The Netherlands.

Reports reaching Holland from the United States and other countries indicate a belief that the Netherlands is about to enter into the hostilities. Semi-official circles at The Hague declare such reports are without foun-dation. It is asserted that Holland's attitude of neutrality has not changed but that she continues determin-

ed to protect her national rights. "Naturally the various naval as strongly resolved as ever to do all

ity and maintain her rights." There has been a considerable influx of Germans into Holland recently. The hotels in Hague and in other cities are crowded. It is understood that many Germans are leaving their country owing to the effects of the food restrictions.

BIG SNOW STORM.

Nebraska

Fourteen inches of snow had fallen at Omaha up to early Friday. The temperature has not been severe, and, although there had been some wind,

The storm showed few signs of ern Nebraska points said the snow in

Sunk by Mines.

Washington received Friday a supthe Carib and the Evelyn. The ships were off the German official safety house. off East Boarne, England, Wednes- plementary report on the sinking of route.

No material damage was done.

day.

Charges that the Southern Railway had discriminated against certain Apthe interstate commerce commission

The sub-committee's investigation

The subcommittee recommended fully reciprocated by Germany.

"The reasons for its failure to do ents wholly to forego the use of an-

pany will permit. leston, S. C. It is claimed by Mr. the submarines is contingent on the Dulaney that the installation of these tigation. The Southern, on the other rangements to supply this outlet for coal before the resolution providing

for the investigation was considered.

Mir ster Van Dyke Sees No Change

Henry Van Dyke, the American minister, referring to the reports, said: declarations have caused considerable anxiety among the neutral nations. But I see no signs whatever of any change in Holland's attitude. She is both peaceful and calm, and

in her power to preserve her neutral-

Fourteen Inches of Snow Falls in

winter raged over Nebraska, South nationality.

Dakota Thursday night and Friday. "The Gern

The storm extended eastward dur-

Torpedo Destroyer Launched. Miss Helen Neel of New York christened the United States torpedo boat destroyer tender Melville as it was launched at Camden, N. J. Tues-

Earthquake Shock in Italy. A slight earthquake shock, lasting

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHES FULL REPLY OF THE GERMANS

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Summary Already Published-Government Appears to be Ready to Aid in Ameliorating Conditions

Dangerous to Neutrals.

ply to the American note suggesting some of it hard pressed by the presithat Germany and Great Britain dent and party leaders, was left unagree on a plan to lessen danger to done. It is the present intention of neutral shipping in the war zone was the president and his advisers to give Occupying quarters in a remote and

has taken note with greatest interest constructive aspirations to a new of the suggestion of the American congress next winter, which, although said Dulaney had produced much evi- government for certain principles for under Democratic control, will have the conduct of maritime war on the a greatly reduced majority in the the German government, which are

"It is in accordance with Germany's wishes also to have maritime war conducted according to rules which without discriminately restricting one or the other of the belligerthe 16th instant that observation of law. the declaration of London in the part of Germany's adversaries would cre- exemption for American coastwise ate a new situatiin from which the shipping. German government would gladly

draw the proper conclusions. "Proceeding from this view the German government has carefully examined the suggestion of the American government and believe that they can actually see in it a suitable basis "With regard to the various points

"First. With regard to the sowand water rates now existing in order ing of mines the German government to receive this necessary commodity. would be willing to agree as suggest-"The Southern railway system was ed not to use floating mines and to them to be feasible f r the belliger-

vessel or the presence of contraband ceed in accordance with the general

rules of international law. "Third. As provided in the American note this restriction of the use of stain from the use of the neutral flag It would appear to be a matter of and from all resistance by force, since such procedure contrary to international law would render impossible any action of the submarines in ac-

cordance with international law. "Fourth. The regulation of legitimany suggested by the American gov- gram. ernment appears to be in general acceptable. Such regulation would, of course, be confined to importations of farm mortgage loan banks, perby sea, but this would, on the other sistently urged throughout the con-

hand, include indirect importations gress. by way of neutral ports. "The German government would, would be guaranteed. The Imperial prohibit importation of convict-made government must, however, in addi- goods, and several measures for retion, emphasize having the importa- organization of the army. tion of other raw material used by the economic system of non-combatants, including forage, permitted. To that end the enemy governments and woman suffrage. Proposed conwould have to permit the free entry into Germany of the raw material mentioned in the free list of the declaration of London and to treat materials included in the list of conditional contraband according to the same

principles as food and foodstuffs. "The German government ventures to hope that the agreement for which the American government have paved the way may be reached after due consideration of the remarks made above and this way peaceable neutral shipping and trade will not have to suffer any more than is absolutely of the 16th instant, some way could murder of Green Gibson during the munitions of war from neutral coun- cember, required only 28 minutes to The heaviest snowstorm of the tries to belligerents on ships of any find a verdict of not guilty.

course, reserve a definite statement race riot was threatened. The deof their position until such time as they may receive further information from the American government enabthe railroads have kept their lines ling them to see what obligations the British government are on their part

willing to assume." Safe Passage for Ships.

The German government Wednesday informed Dr. Henry Van Dyke, ing the day and the weather bureau Amercan minister to the Netherlands through the German minister, F. von Mueller, that arrangements had been made to grant safe passage through the naval war zone to American relief ships bearing supplies for the people of Belgium.

Prisoner Starts Fire.

Sunday night destroyed the town

Fire in Mayesville. Sumter county

guard house, a big frame building and spread from there to livery stables nearby. The fire was started the Pocahontas mine at Laylan, Va.

Goethals Made Major General. Col. George W. Goethals has been four seconds was felt in Italy Friday. of his services in building the Pan-

THE WORK OF CONGRESS BOTH FOUND DEAD

SUMMARY OF THE ENACTMENTS

OF PRESENT CONGRESS. Has Been In Almost Continuous Ses-

The 63rd congress, first under complete domination of the Democratic

sion Since Wilson's Inaguration

party since 1895, ended at noon Thursday. It had been in almost continuous session since President Wilson's inauguration two years ago. Beginning with an extra session called by the

president April 7, 1913, the congress

has worked actually 637 days. Much important legislation was accomplished, but much contemplated, an extra session, they would leave the "The Imperial German government remainder of the administration's

> Foremost in the enactments of the 63rd congress were: The Underwood-Simmons tariff act

with the income tax, which replaced the Payne-Aldrich tariff law. The federal reserve act, reorganizing the currency system.

Anti-trust laws to supplement the Sherman act, including the Clayton been dead for five or six hours, and law and federal trade commission ent powers in the use of their means act, the former providing for punishof warfare are equally considerate of ment of individuals who violate busithe interests of neutrals and the dic-ness regulations and the latter establishing a government institution to spigot end of the tub, as if she had tates of humanity. Consequently it lishing a government institution to was intimated in the German note of aid in keeping busness within the

Act directing the building at a cost

of \$35,000,000 of a government railroad to the mineral fields of Alaska. Act to regulate cotton exchanges and to penalize dealings in purely speculative cotton future sales. A special internal revenue tax

A government war risk insurance

act providing for the transfer of foreigned owned or built ships to American registry. Of those measures which failed of enactment or could not be considered for lack of time, the following are

commonly called the "war tax."

paramount: Bill for government purchase or charter of trans-oceanic ships for the establishment of an American merchant marine which encountered the most stubborn filibuster in the history of the Senate, created an insurgent movement in the Democratic ranks and held up general legislation for weeks of the last session.

The immigration bill, including a Mrs. Charles C. St. Clair, at the same iteracy test for admission of aliens, address. Phone, 4413 Plaza. which passed both houses, was vetoed by President Wilson and fa..ed by a I am causing you. Please take care on a motion to overturn the veto.

mineral resources of the country. Bill to enlarge the measure of Phil-Filipino people, a measure which passed the house and was approved by a Senate committee.

railroad securities, originally a part mate importations of food into Ger- of the administration's anti-trust pro-Rural credits legislation contemplating the establishment of a system

Regulation by the interstate com-

merce commission of the issue of

In addition to the foregoing, scores of general legislative bills covering a therefore, be willing to make declara- wide range of subjects died with the tions of the nature provided in the end of the congress, among them American note so that the use of the measures for federal road improveimported food and foodstuffs solely ment, general waterway development, by the non-combatant population reorganization of the civil service, to

> The last session of the congress was notable, too, for the failure of two great issues, national prohibition stitutional amendments precipitated two of the most exciting legislative battles in the history of the House of Represenatives, both measures failing to receive a necessary two-thirds

vote. WHITE MEN NOT GUILTY.

Charged With Lynching Negro a

Fairplay in December. The jury charged with determinnecessary from the unavoidable effects of maritime war. These effects could be still further reduced, if, as Colma C. Kay. S. Arrington Jones was pointed out in the German note and John McDonald, charged with the be found to exclude the shipping of exciting scenes at Fairplay last De-After giving the matter careful at-

The negro, Green Gibson, was kill-"The German government must, of ed at Fairplay in December when a fense in the case of McClure and his co-defendants was that McClure, acting in his capacity as a magistrate, was doing his duty as an officer in suppressing the disorder and had formed a posse to assist him in re-

storing peace. Wilson May Abandon Trip.

President Wilson Wednesday practically decided to abandon his contemplated trip to the Panama canal in July, because of the action of congress in eliminating from the legislative and executive bill the appropriation for the celebration of the formal opening of the canal. He still is undecided about the trip to an operation. San Francsco this month.

where a gas explosion entombed and killed 178 men. Forty-four bodies have been recovered. Acid Runs Wild.

Five More Bodies Recovered.

Five more bodies were taken from

Ten thousand gallons of sulphuric plant at Woburn, Mass.

MAN AND WOMAN IN NEW YORK

HOTEL

SUICIDE AND MURDER

Philadelphia Hostelry Receives Tele phone Message From New York

Saying Two Guests Are Probably

Dead in Their Rooms-No Reason Two persons, a man and a woman vent to their death Monday night in a bathroom of the Windsor Hotel at Philadelphia by murder and suicide as the result of an evident compact quiet wing of the house, their death was only discovered several hours

ceived from New York a long distance telephone message asking if they were in the hotel and advising that an immediate search be made The couple were found in the bathroom of a suite in a rear eastern ving of the hotel, on the second floor. Each, when found, exhibited a single bullet wound. As their room was the

later, when the hotel authorities re-

only one occupied in that wing, the noise of the shots was not heard. Physicians, when called in, said that in their opinion the woman had

the man for a briefer period. The woman's body was found in the bathtub, undressed, face upward and the head turned away from the been engaged in taking a bath when shot. The tub was partially filled Repeal of the Panama canal tolls with water. In this the body was half affoat. Clasped in one hand was a towel, and a round hole, ringed with powder marks in the center of

her forehead indicated the manner in which she had met her death. The man was lying upon the floor the bathroom beside her. His head, however, was turned in the opposite direction and he was partly clothed. Indications were that he had shot himself in the mouth.

Still clasped in his hand was a long bureau to insure American ships against the hazards of war, and an revolver of a six chamber type. Three bullets were missing from the weapon, although the first examination of the bodies only revealed the evidences of two shots. The woman was described by the police as being of blonde type, five feet seven inches tall, and of great regarded by Democratic leaders as physical beauty. She is thought to have been about thirty years old. The

> Little doubt of the man's identity remained, when a note was discovered upon a bureau of the bedroom occupied by the couple. The note in part said: "I am Charles C. St. Clair, of No. 156 Sixty-first street. Pease notify

man appeared to be somewhere be-

tween thirty-five and forty years old.

"P. S .- I am sorry for the trouble narrow margin to repass the House of my cane, as it is very valuable." The cane referred to in the note Conservation measures urged by was a curious article made out of a the president to provide a new sys- dried strip of bull's hide. The pair came to the Windsor tem for leasing of water power sites and a leasing system to open the Hotel in Filbert street Saturday night and registered as "Mr. and Mrs. Charles St. Clair." They were so

happy that many of the hotel guests promise of ultimate independence to and employees thought that they were bride and bridegroom. Authorities of the hotel described the couple as of quiet and somewhat They engaged refined demeznor. their room and could 'n no way be distinguished, either by appearance or conduct, from dozens of other persons in the hotel. A search of their ffects revealed only a single cent in cash, and no jewelry was found exsept the woman's wedding ring,

> 1914, and a set of scrolled initials which could not be deciphered. The clothing of the couple was: mingled together in their travelling cases, which consisted of a suitcase and two small bags. The woman's clothing was of good character and her shoes bore the mark of a Tacoma

It is believed at the hotel that the

intelligence of the couples intention

to die together, was sent to the own-

(Washington) maker.

which bore the date October 23,

er of the myserious voice in New York by a letter mailed by them earlier in the day. About nine o'clock in the morning, it is said, they rang for a bell boy and gave him the letter to mail to a New York address. It is thought that the addressee of this letter, immediately upon receiving it, called up the hotel

and to the crime itself were observed by the police. One of these was that the man's body was still warm, although the woman's gave evidence of being dead for some hours longer:

Two curious circumstances with

regard to the writing of the letter

APPOINTMENTS MADE. Gov. Manning Names Regents of the

Hospital for the Insane

tention and earnest consideration, Gov. Manning has selected the regents of the State Hospital for the Insane. He announces the appointments as follows: J. E. Sirrine of Greenville, R. B. Scarborough of Conway, Dr. C. Fred Williams of Columbia, Dr. S. C. Baker of Sumter, and B. W. Seegars of Lee county.

Kept Alive With Broken Neck. With his neck broken, Frank Smith of Bude, Miss., has been kept alive forty-eight hours by artificial respiration at a hospital, volunteers, working in shifts, raising and lowering his arms to induce a continuation of the function of the lungs. Physicians declare Smith's life may be saved if

he can be induced to breathe during

Killed Boy in Drunken Rage.

Frank Shilling, while in a drunken

frenzy, at Lepanto, Ark., it is claimed

by officers. Saturday shot and killed Grover Starkey, 19, when the lad cautioned him against making a disturbance.

Prohibition in Idaho. Gov. Alexander of Indaho has signacid were released by a fire which de- ed the prohibition bill, which makes made a major general in recognition stroyed the sulphuric .cid house of the manufacture or sale of intoxicat-

the Merrimac Chemical company's ing liquor in Idaho unlawful after January 1, 1916.