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PARS BILL. TO DISCUSS FARM PROBLEMS. EXPECT BREAK WITH AUSTRIA STEP TOWARDGENERAL SERVICE **RESORTS TO CONSCRIPTION.** GET TOGETHER MEETING. AS DR. W. W. LONG TO TELL FARM- REPLY THIS WEEK MAY NOT BE WAR DEPARTMENT BELIEVES 1 11 11 11

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h the s for the country. The ane of the sural credits Mr. Lover's subas had to do is that of The subcommitte d last Friday to a will go be trom today. ter bes been found it interest-Id. "That legislaai 180 an hid b tor a yell Constanting of the state of the second THERE OF THE PARTY OF

of the United

d I have always found that it is more, the impasse in the Lusitania thed better to take the advice or counsel of negotiations becomes a factor in the ested informed party than situation. Bat of a party who has studied every ent that he can give, which scarcely can request Austria to conthe United States, cannot be proved a false statement, duct submarine warfare in its relaaben of the 13 in order to sell his product. It seems tion to the rights of neutrals in a to \$6,000,40, with to me that we ought to adopt a slogan manner different from that permitted s especity of \$120, in this county and, decide at this to Germany. a will be increas od inmeeting what would be a maximum rowers come amount of dollars per acre to spend tion not to sink liners without giving for the present unbalanced fertilizers warning and making provision for the nal banks will do busthat are being offered for sale. ations of farm There is one thing that the farmers viding there was no resistance. So far organizing under federal of Sumter county will make no mis- no agreement has been reached as to licitions for take in doing, that is to make all of the exact meaning of the word liners. and recommended the manure under shelter that they The Germans hold it applicable to al organizations to the can make this winter. I have shen vessels carrying passengers alone and te of interest to good crops of cotton grown this year plying between certain points on regthe interest at with nothing except three or four ular schedules. The state departwill sell h the open loads of stable manure per acre. The ment's view has been that the terms 1/per cent. It is thought manure produced out from under a include any merchant line, but not back of the bonds shelter does not have very much pot- to a regular steamship line," but no to strict that such ash because the rains leach it out. y soll at 4 per cent., This is the time of the year to flush interpretations because Germany has and this means that the the land and subsoil and harrow so undertaken to use such precautions as d to the farmer would as to make the greatest amount of may be consistent with the use of the aborhood of 5 per cent. plant food, in the soil available, for submarine as to warning merchantt which the farmer is to next year's grop.

What Are Best Fertilizers to Use and If Dual Monarchy Does not Comply How to Use hem-Save Stable Ma-

There is to be a very important meeting in Sumter at the Court House next Monday, January 3rd, just after in Columbia before mak- the sales are over. Every farmer, merchant and business man , in the county and those who .do business hrough Sumter should be present. were so much up in the air about our had not received the reply up to Mon-Those farming arrangements for another day evening, however. year. About ten per cent. of the large a are badly mis- farmers have already made some kind and it a burden and of arrangements. Nobody has been to be borne philosoph- able to secure any potash of any conthe than to be sought after sequence. Last summer I saw since the and gave up because of the light applier, has been en- cations of potash. Some agents and tonic diplomatic circles were authorijoint committee of dealers are telling us that lime will tatively represented as being prepared nate on which he is hberate potash in the soll and assist us for a break in diplomatic relations beppointees, in an in our present perplexing problems.

bie plan of Prof. W. W. Long of Clemson College has accepted an invitation to adnot afford to do another year.

fore the full com- liner as they have in the past. Here of demands regarding the Ancona. is where the business man is concernen the joint committee ed. It would be suicidal for the coun- dormant nearly two weeks, is again ty to purchase large quantities of an beginning to take on the aspects of a upbalanced fertilizer at present prices, crisis, the status of the negotiations because no one can predict what the of the United States over submarine Oh / ome statements are made to sell the pro- tically a defeat of the submarine net at ducts of the agencies making them gotiations with Germany. Further-

SATISFACTORY TO UNITED TIME IS COMING WHEN ALL STATES.

with Demands Rupture with Central Allies Will Probably Follow, as There is Little Hope of Averting it.

Vienna, Dec. 26 (by Courier to Berlin, via London) .-- The answer of the Austro-Hungarian government to the American government in regard to the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona is expected this week. Frederic C. There has never been a time when we Penfield, the American ambassador,

Washington, Dec. 28 .--- Unofficial advices received here today conformed with intimations from abroad that Austria's forthcoming reply to the Annumber of fields that rusted cona note will fail to meet the demands of the United States and Teutween the two countries.

Various developments, it was agreed, might avoid such an eventualdress this meeting along the lines. of ity, but none of the counter proposals what we can afford and what we can- which it has been intimated the Vienna foreign office might advance Because of the price of cotton, some have been regarded so far as coming may be tempted to use as much ferti- within the state department's renewal Now that the situation, after being

able the farmer to result of using an unbalanced fertiliz- warfare against merchantmen, not a low rate of in- |or is going to be. From observation I with Austria alone, but with the Teuhave come to the conclusion that the tonic powers as allies, is commanding standard \$-3-3 which we have been attention. Although Germany has ing is high in phosphorous for our given the United States assurances eral needs and low in potesh. I that she will conform to the principle thei sure that this is true for corn. of visits and search before attack, the to you see what we are up against, practices against which the Unfted with in Sumter county we States so vigorously contended are bemight use fifteen dollars' worth of ing carried on now by her ally, Ausfertilizer per facre and not make tria, and it has been charged that the mough conton to pay the fertilizer Austrian submarines are in some inall, without any potash. I have seen stances furnished by Germany and in statements by nitrate dealers that ni- others are officered and manned by mate of soils would stimulate the soil the German navy. Such a situation, it and make it give up its potash. Such is being pointed out, amounts to prac-

If British Fail With Volunteer System, Compulsion May be Introduced in **Connection With Continental Army** in This Country.

MUST SERVE ARMY.

Washington, Dec. 28 .- Great Britain's effort to carry on the war without resort to conscription is being anxiously watched by the American war department. Army officers say, United Kingdom's situation touches at the root of conditions the United States faces in carrying out the administration army increase programme.

If Great Britain decides for conscription, high officials said today, a long step will have been taken towards the time when universal service will be generally accepted in the United States as a national necessity. If Great Britain goes on with volunteers. American officials feel that nothing short of a great military defeat would bring the United States to universal service. Entirely aside from its part in the European war, officials believe the question of whether service with the colors in time of need shall be a legally recognized duty of citizenship is of vital importance on this side of the Atlantic. The virtually unanimous opinion of the commissioned, personnel and the civil officers of the war department is said to be that adequate preparedness can be secured only on the basis of universal military service.

While Secretary Garrison has made no public declaration of his own opinion, Assistant Secretary Breckinridge, who frequently serves as his chief spokesman, has clearly indicated in public utterances adherence to the belief that universal service is the only fair and democratic solution to the military problem of the nation. Signs are not lacking that the military committees of congress will be formally acquainted with this view at the coming hearings, either by the secretary himself or by an authorized spokesman. It is understood, however, that the department will urge that the vital thing is to put through at the present session a definite tatement of military policy and cre-

DECIDES ON MODIFIED FORM OF LIVENY BANQUET AND SPEECH-SYSTEM. ES ON NIGHT OF JANUARY 6.

Measure Permitting Government to Apply Compulsion to be Presented Soon.

London, Dec. 29 .- It is stated on excellent authority that the cabinet has virtually decided upon a modified form of conscription bill to be introduced in the house of commons next week, giving the government the necessary power, should it be found necessary, to bring in single men and festive occasion will be the total elimipreserve Premier Asquith's pledge to married men.

Yesterday's cabinet meeting, although it failed to result in an agreement of all the ministers upon the vexed question of the voluntary system versus conscription, was of a very

critical and decisive character and virtually reached the decision that the application of force may become necssary after all willing eligibles are effectually brought to the colors.

Therefore it was resolved that at he earliest opportunity a bill should social gathering with an intermixing be introduced in parliament in order and exchange of ideas, in short form, that the government might take the necessary steps should it be found no other course was effective to this end. The premier is expected to make a

statement on the whole question in the house of commons on Wednesday or Thursday of next week and announce the speedy introduction of a throughout, and good cheer will prebill of a permissive character, making vail. "Let the dead past bury its service in the army obligatory on unmarried men who have failed to atest under the Derby scheme.

The anti-conscriptionist ministers offered strong opposition and it still unknown whether any resignations will follow. It is believed, however, that this is quite likely.

The line of policy upon which a majority of the ministers agree, indicating that some, at least, of the anti-conscriptionist section of the

binet so far waived their principle to consent to a modified application of force is as follows:

married men is binding on the whole government.

Second, that the peldge should be edeemed forthwith. Third, that the principle of compulsion should be accepted.

Fourth, that the premier

It is believed that the actual formal

postponed until another meeting of

the cabinet on Thursday and that in

the interval Mr. Asquith will be em-

ployed in using the strongest influ-

ence to avoid disruption of his cabi-

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Chamber of Commerce Will Endeavor With Dollar Dinner to Instill More Optimism into Minds of Sumter's Business Men-J. K. Crosswell Heads Committee in Charge of Ar-

rangements.

Arrangements have been completed for the dollar get together business men's dinner, on January 6, 1916. A rather unique feature of this nation of "set pieces of pyrotechnical oratory," all speeches being of five minute limit, "sky rocket" variety, quickly up and quickly down, except by unanimous consent for extension of time. -

It has been decided that there will be no long or short "reports" of committees, and no possible opportunity for expressions or explanations of "regrets" of what "might have been" or what was done.

This dinner is going to be largely a between business men about what can be. accomplished for the general welfare of Sumter and Sumter county during the year 1916.

"Looking Towards the Future" will be the motto for the approaching dinner. Optimism will predominate dead." Those now living must be 'boosters," says the committee.

The committee however, has in view several matters of importance for consideration by any sufficiently interested to participate in the discussions, and who think they can open and close on the rapidfire, high gear process. hitting only the high places as they proceed. Only high tension talks will be permitted.

All who desire to talk will be afforded an equal opportunity to do

As one of the committee express-First, that the premier's pledge to ed it, while being a business men's dinner, with more or less business intentions, the "real thing" is the "simon pure feed" we are going to get, taken in connection with the desire to get our business men together for social intercourse and to blow the cobwebs off of their minds, and to get out announce this policy at the earliest their system old standing grouches opportunity after the reassembling of that are now unnecessary and out of fashion in Sumter, onward to the 1916 model prosperity, we are going to enresolution on the new policy has been joy.

the principal each year is al with the borriwer, ezthat the maximum period for a fixed at 26 3 ars. Provision is is land banks to accept and in cartain exigencies sents through special agenci ne deposits may be loaned on

attempted to adapt to the a of/this country of rural credits and I believe the legislation which will finally ble navies."

Lever was asked. "Oh. I suppose congress will authorize a conis increase in the army and " he said, "as well as an increase ast defense, but congress is by no al expense imposed by this nime have the task of a full d unpopular, as, for example, stamp ed to think that we are justi- the full committee receives the rural

J. Frank Williams.

CAUSED TRAIN WRECK.

Operator Sent Two Trains Together With Fatal Results.

hunting for Perry Kelley, the missing contention that international law, the district. 1 Each district would be called exceed \$400. operator who is charged with respon- Hague coventions and the declara- upon for 333 recruits annually. In sibility for a train wreck at St. Paris, the best European The operator sent the trains toward the safety of the passengers and crew. only action necessary would be to tary problems.

h will be both practical in Panama canal has been built largely ligations and recent events in the tarily by a predetermined date, to tive army and many on the retired list. and of immense benefit in out of current funds in the treasury Mediterranean indicate that submawhile the country is in a and of course the Panama canal is rine commanders are sinking merover the proposition of military a permanent institution to be ejoyed chantmen without warning and withdaces, it is well for some of by the future even more than by the out inquiry as to whether they carry least not to overlook the matter present. We have something over neutral passengers. So far no exagricultural preparedness. These might be sold and this would go a necessity has been offered. the colors and 400,000 reserve prolong way in providing for the addias are standing armies and tional expense for preparedness. I believe, too, that the income tax den and total severance of diplomatic do not contend that the proposed two to get the machinery for a citizen hat so you think of the presi- law can be modified in such a b programme of preparedness?" way as to provide for a larger ters that the Austrian foreign office three years is sufficient to make a sol- and supplies necessary piled up, motion to this a federal inheritance tax." "Is there likely to be any opposition to the nomination of President Wilson?" Mr. Lever was asked. He anunanimous on the proposition. swered promptly: "If the president who have to provide the means desires the nomination, he can have it ing the taxes to care for the by the unanimous voice of the convention and I am inclined to think that the country will demand a conman upon their hands, internal tinuance of his services during this taxes are always exasperating crisis through which we are passing." Mr. Lever will return to Wasingand the like. Personally, I am ton next Monday to be present when

fed in selling the Panama canal credits bill from the subcommittee,

It is admitted that the United States

Germany has admitted her obligasafety of passengers and crew proissue has been made of the differing men as to insure the safety of passengers and crew provided these arc not a part of the military establisment of the enemy.

Ancona case is broader than any Gertion of London all require warning be- the event that compulsory service the first few years, to carry home a even when the vessel is of belligerent authorize the war department in any

Unless the expected note from that government should amount to a sudwill seek to justify its methods, per- dier. As a matter of fact they do haps adopting one of the original not believe it will be possible to se-German contentions in the Lusitania cure more than 30 days' training ancase, that the appearance of the sub- nually under a purely volunteer sysmarine as a weapon of war has in- tem. troduced new problems and not only

justified but demanded a departure from the old rules.

Canadian Farmer Murdered. Montreal, Dec. 28 .- Held up near his home by three desperadoes Francois Frechette, a farmer, was murder-

ed last night. His head was severed.

ate machinery for organization of a citizen army, volunteer to begin with, but based ultimately on universal service. Department officials are unwilling to see the fate of their policy jeopardized by tying it up with the

universal service issue which may be well disposed of after the policy has been written. The administration's continental

army plan, it was learned authoritatively tonight, is designed to operate with either the volunteer or the universal service system. It was framed Company Capitalized at \$50,000 with the Swiss system as a model and lacks only one feature-that of compulsory service-to adapt that sys-Savannah, Ga., Dec. 29 .- The Globe tem to what army officers regard as Machinery and Barrel Factory, with American needs and conditions. a capital of \$50,000 has filed an ap-Should events prove that a sufficient plication for a charter. It is pronumber of volunteers will not come posed to make barrels to handle the forward or public sentiment underge product of the \$3,500,000 sugar refin-

a change in favor of universal miliery to be erected near Savannah. tary service, a brief amendment in the law would set the continental army machinery in motion with little

the nation on that basis.

tion of the district liable for service.

framers of the plan to put the con-The demand of the United States tinental army project into effect in- much has been written, is no more.

when Engineer Coffee was killed. fore sinking a vessel, and insurance of were decided upon, it is stated, the practical view of the country's mill-

In determining upon his plan Secownership. The Austrian govern- year when the quota of recruits from retary Garrison is known to have confrom our efforts will provide a expense, but it is true also that the ment has not admitted any such ob- any district had not been made volun- sulted every general officer of the acdraft the necessary men for that pur- In addition he received hundreds of pose from the portion of the popula- opinions from officers of lower rank and for months conferred early and Advocates of the administration late with the officers and officials implan say that the 400,000 men with mediately about him in the war department.

> Efforts of the department officials will not constitute a force adequate first will be directed toward convincto the needs of the nation, and they ing congress that the urgent thing is relations, it is expected in official quar- monhs' intensive training a year for army created, the arms, ammunition bilization points selected and equipped, coast defenses extended and improved -in a word, the foundations laid upon which such features as universal miliary service, extension of the general staff idea of scientific control, and the is regarded by its framers in its pres- amount of training necessary for the whole plan toppling of its own weight that the continued rise in the price of

We propose also to have some fun while we are at it. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, etc. etc. don't you know. . The idea is to inject "some ginger" into the discussions.

The contract for serving the dinner has been awarded to the Hotel Claremont, Sumter's up-to-date and popular home for traveling men. Mr. C. F. Whitted, the proprietor and manager guarantees that he will find pleasure in furnishing a menu that will please every one present.

Mr. John K. Crosswell, the chairman of the committee on entertainment, and a well-known connoisseur of culinary art, has assumed the entire responsibility on the part of the committee for the variety, excellence, and seasoning of the bill of fare. His reputation as a connoisseur, of which he is justly proud, is therefore at stake.

The tickets will be placed on sale next week, and the sale will be discontinued forty-eight hours prior to the dinner, which will be held at 8.30 o'clock in the main dining hall of the hotel, unless sooner sold out. Seating capacty for 150 guests will be provided.

The following gentlemen constitute the committee who will gladly take the name of any . one wishing to reserve seats in advance. John K. Crosswell, chairman; H. A. Moses, Thomas Wilson, H. N. Forrester, W. W. McKagen, W. B. Upshur, S. L. Krasnoff, W. Percy Smith, W. A. Thompson, Dr. W. J. Bristow, H. G. McKagen.

Ticket reservation may be made at, through, or from the office of the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, by telephone or otherwise. Mrs. Grant, who is acting as assistant secretary will call on the business men in a few days with tickets as a special accommodation.

It is guaranteed that neither before, during, or after this dinner will there be any collections taken up, nor will any guest be asked to pledge himself, friends, relatives or acquaintances, financially for any cause or provocation.

Washington, Dec. 27 .- Officials of the department of justice said tonight gasoline probably would be made the There is no difference except in the subject of an inquiry to determine clusion must be reached, the officials ing, it is asserted, between the sec- tion of the Sherman anti-trust act.

It is an open secret that the plan ent form as more of a preparatory continental troops may be superimmeasure than anything else, paving posed later. To attempt to secure all the way to a decision by the people this now, they fear, would send the at large for universal service and establishing immediately the fundamen- and nothing would be accomplished. tal principles that must underlie any proper military. system. That con- numbers of men and amount of train- whether there had been any viola-

delay to establish the citizen army of Georgians' Favorite South Carolina **Resort Goes Out of Business at Last** Regulations contemplated by the Augusta, Ga., Dec. 29 .- The North Augusta dispensary, about which so

upon Austria in connection with the clude the division of the country into The remaining stock has been shipped military divisions corresponding gen- to the Aiken dispensary and the place Urbana, Ohio, Dec. 28 .- Officials are man admission, being based upon the erally to the present congressional is for rent. The stock on hand did not

