

FARM LOANS BILL.

Representative Lever, since the week in November, has been engaged with the joint committee of the house and senate on which he is the house appointee, in an effort to devise a workable plan of rural credits for the country. The committee has had to do in that of the rural credits. The subcommittee has agreed last Friday to a bill which will go before the full committee next week from today.

TO DISCUSS FARM PROBLEMS.

DR. W. W. LONG TO TELL FARMERS BEST METHODS FOR YEAR. What Are Best Fertilizers to Use and How to Use them—Save Stable Manure. There is to be a very important meeting in Sumter at the Court House next Monday, January 3rd, just after the sales are over. Every farmer, merchant and business man in the county and those who do business through Sumter should be present.

EXPECT BREAK WITH AUSTRIA

REPLY THIS WEEK MAY NOT BE SATISFACTORY TO UNITED STATES. 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. Penfield, the American ambassador, had not received the reply up to Monday evening, however.

STEP TOWARD GENERAL SERVICE

WAR DEPARTMENT BELIEVES TIME IS COMING WHEN ALL 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, the United Kingdom's situation touches at the root of conditions the United States faces in carrying out the administration army increase programme.

RESORTS TO CONSCRIPTION.

MEASURE PERMITTING GOVERNMENT TO APPLY COMPELSION 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 preserve Premier Asquith's pledge to married men.

GET TOGETHER MEETING.

LIVELY BANQUET AND SPEECHES ON NIGHT OF JANUARY 6. 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 Arrangements. Arrangements have been completed for the dollar get together business men's dinner, on January 6, 1916.