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LEAS COOLER AND WILL DA-VIS CONVICTED AT RIDGE. LAND.

we Men Found Guilty of Murder of President Wilson Wants to Know E. D. Thomas, Wood Rider for Messes Chab, by Jasper County My After Deliberating Four Hours,

and, March 3.—Declared of the murder of W. D. Thomas unty jury, Alena Cooler were tonight , entenced die in the electric chair on April 6. refer was returned at 9 o'clock ce shortly after 11 o'clock.

Cooler and Davis are in the armament. county jail here guarded by deputy sheriffs. Feeling has been during the trial and the aules are taking steps to prevent any disturbance of the law's course. W. D. Thomas was a wood rider for d or buckshot in his head, his horse g killed at the same time. Cooler Bavis were arrested charged with

tion of Davis and counsel representing soldiers were stationed eight to ten so State being assisted by attorneys crowd. for both detendants.

or and his son, Owen Cooler, ed that Davis shot Thomas, while Davis placed the blame on Cooler.

#### INFANTAY IN BATTLE.

at Close Quarters on Ancre River Front.

ing to the Overseas News Agency. ing operations continue on the Verdun front,

### Gerard's Ship Safe.

London, March 2.- A wireless dispatch received from the Spanish teamer Infanta Isabel, on which ames W. Gerard, the former Amerdor to Germany and his ary are pessengers says:

"Pinisterre, 8:30 p. m. Wednesday. d German danger zone without seldent. Weather delightful."

The dispatch was sent by the Daily Mail's correspondent, who is on board the steamer.

# **NESE FORCE**S DISAGREE.

CABINET AND PRESIDENT IN SHARP CONFLICT.

Decision to Join United States in Sev-Division—Premier

Peking, March 4 .- The cabinet tomy decided China should join the United States in breaking off relations with Germany. This decision was submitted to the president, who re- in the United States, Foreign Minister ing equipment, Carbondale Machine fused to approve the cabinet's action. Zimmermann's offer to Mexico is him. Premier Tuan Chi Jul imme- ed States will not forget Germany's diately resigned and left for Tien Tsin offer soon." accompanied by several other memhers of the caumet.

The resignation of the entire cabinet is expected.

Parliament is virtually unanimous in favor of the opinion of the cabinet. The vice president of the republic supports the cabinet.

An official statement issued from the president's office says the break the house. "The South," he said, "was between the president and the pre- unanimous in giving this power to mier was due to personal differences rather than to the foreign policy. President Li Yuan Hung has sent rep resentatives to Tien Tsin to induce

the premier to return to Peking.

# THE PRESIDENT'S POWER.

QUESTION REFERRED TO AT TORNEY GENERAL FOR IM-MEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

Once If He May Legally Proceed With Arming of Merchant Ships-'New Rules for Senate to Be Fram-

Washington, March 5 .- President Wilson has referred to the attorney general his doubts as to his power to arm American ships without direct authority from congress. Some dethe jury had deliberated for cision is expected within the next twenty-four hours, because he thinks men at once made arguments for that the killing of the armed neutra!new trial. Judge Moore refused the ity bill by the senate filibuster before adjournment yesterday may prevent him from proceeding with such

> The president advocates an immediate change in the rules at the spe cial session of the senate.

The Democratic senate caucus has been called to meet tomorrow to discuss the proposed rules to prevent o Okastee club. He was found dead such a filibuster as killed the armed neutrality bill.

TROOPS ON GUARD,

Washington, March 5 .- For the first time since the first inauguration al fractionalism and intrigue. The testimony was concluded late of President Lincoln troops were used at night and arguments heard this to guard the line of march when the Four hours were allowed Twelfth and Sixty-ninth regiments of urs for the State The situation stations along Pennsylvania Avenue, uffer. The State asked for between the White House and the viction of both men while Coo- capitol, through which the president attorneys saked for the convic- passed for his inauguration. The avis asked for Cooler's conviction, feet apart with their backs to the

GERMAN PRESS COMMENT.

Newspapers Do Not Seem Particularly Proud Over Intrigue Against United States.

Berlin, March 3-Via London, Mar. 4.)-Berlin newspapers, which in ch 1.-It is announced their editions this morning, were per bility of free peoples, and the equalthere have been violent infan- mitted finally to refer to the proposate on both banks of ed German-Mexican alliance revela Apere river in northern France, tions, do not seem particularly proud upon an armed balance power." h suffering heavy losses and over the matter. The majority conconers. It is also announced fine themselves to printing the Gerat the Germans extensively raided man official statement under more or cian trenches west of Lutsk in less non-committal headlines. The Nine armed Russian Tages Zeitung prints it under n have been destroyed by a question mark, while the Vossische submarine, which recently Zeitung and the Morgenpost refer to ples under rules set up by common nk them near Hammerfest, ac- the conditional nature of the meas-

> Only the Berliner Tageblatt and the Lokal Anzeiger venture to comment al order and domestic safety. The Anzeiger alone supplements the official explanation with details from dispatches received from the United

In its comment the Anzeiger pictures the measure as a patriotic and proper step of the government, and lays stress rather on the American than the German end of the story, which it treats as a manoeuver by President Wilson to force the armament measure through congress.

The Tageblatt after a brief state-

THE PLOT INCOMPREHENSIBLE.

Relations With Germany denounced the policy of Foreign Sec- of their architects, Wilson & Som-Quits retary Zimmermann. Count von payrac of Columbia, and D. E. Washmising advocate of unrestricted war- company of Chicago. fare, in the Tages Zeitung, says:

who hoped for the preservation of gusta; packing house equipment, The peace on the divided public opinion Brecht company, St. Louis; refrigeratring such power rested entirely with wholly incomprehensible. The Unit- Skinner Engine company, Erie, Pa.

### SOUTH STANDS TRUE.

Washington, March 3 .- Representative Heffin of Alabama during dis- fittings, W. B. Guimarin company, Co cussion of naval bill tonight told lumbia; insulation, Armstrong Corl the house that not one man south company, New York; elevators, Otiof Mason and Dixon's line voted Elevator company, New York. against the armed neutrality bill in the president of the United States."

Bowden, mayor of Jacksonville, has for in a bill introduced today by Repasked Mayor Lewis A. Griffith of Co- resentative Abercrombie, of Alabama According to the president's office lumbia and Mayor Pierpont of Sa- It would make it unlawful to transe of the break was vannah to plan a programme for the port into or from any State or terria dispatch sent to the Chinese min- Southeastern and Gulf States Mayors' tory or District of Columbia any inister at Tokyo, committing China to association to be held in Savannah toxicating liquors except for scientific s regions of relations with Germany March 13-15. Mayor Griffith was also sacramental, medicinal, pharmaceutiend a union with the entente powers asked to suggest persons to be invit- cal or mechanical purposes, or for use

Delivers Address to Great Crowd in Front of Capitol and Then Heads Parade to White House, Where He Reviews Inaugural Procession.

Says There Can Be No Turning Back from Policy Announced and Warns People Against Internal Factionalism. In His Inaugural Address President Points Out Principles Which Make Americans Citizens of World-Reiterates Statements Made to Congress.

Washington, March 5.-President Wilson took the oath of office in public at 12:45, where he delivered an address to a great crowd at the east front of the capitol. Vice Pres ident Marshall had been inaugurated in the senate chamber a few minute

The president touched the interrational crisis when he said, "There could be no turning back." He de clared a new America must stand for the stability of free peoples, and he sounded a warning against intern-

President Wilson then led the inaugural procession back to the White House and there reviewed it. he two defendants' attorneys and the New York National Guard took There were many demonstrations for the president on the march back.

Declaring that the last four yearhave seen significant changes in the "spirit and purpose of our political action" and that Americans are "no longer provincial," but had been "made citizens of the world" by recent tragic events, President Wilson in his second inaugural address outlined what the United States should stand for "whether in peace or in

His principles he announced as "That all nations are equally inter-

ested in the peace of the world, staity of all nations. "That peace cannot securely rest

"That governments derive all their just power from the consent of the

governed and this should be supported by the family of nations. "That the seas should be equally safe and free for the use of all peo-

agreement and consent. "That national armaments should be limited to the necessities of nation-

"That community of interests impose upon each nation the duty of seeing that the activities of its citizens managed the president's campaign for to foster revolutions in other states be suppressed."

PACKING PLANT PLANS.

Contracts Let for Big Orangeburg Venture.

Orangeburg, March 3 .- The contracts for the erection and equipping ment about the conditions in Mexico of the Orangeburg Packing Co's emphasizes the point in the German plant is to be completed by Ocdeclaration that the proposal was not tober 1, 1917. For the past three p. m., a few minutes after congress submitted to the Mexican government, days the offices of the Orangeburg had adjourned. With a stern inflec-Packing plant have been flooded with agents of various companies for the Berlin, March 5 .- While some Ger- purpose of submitting bids. The ofman newspapers received the news ficials of the packing plant have been of the German-Mexican intrigue with giving all their time to going over indifference, others have vigorously these bids and have had the assistance Reventlow, heretofore an uncompro- ington of the Packer's Architectural

The successful bidders were: Build-"Viewed from the angle of those ing, McKenzie Building company, Aucompany, Carbondale, Pa.; engines boilers, Bass Manufacturing company Fort Wayne, Ind.; tower and tank, R D. Cale Manufacturing company Newman, Ga.; generators, motors switchboards, Westinghouse company, Pittsburgh; steam and pip

### Would Forbid Liquor Shipments.

Washington, March 1 .- Practically universal prohibition against inter Columbia, March 5 .- J. E. T. state shipment of liquors is provided in the arts.

FOR SECOND TIME HE IS SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT.

Oath is Given by Chief Justice White, Who is First to Congratulate Executive-Repeated in His Room at Capitol-Will be Taken Again To-

Washington, March 4 .- President Wilson took the oath of office for his second term at noon today in his room at the capitol and will be formally inaugurated tomorrow with public ceremonies reflecting a great national expression of Americanism.

Before a desk piled with executive business laid before him in the closing hours of congress, and surrounded by members of his official family, the president reaffirmed with uplifted hand and grave features his favored passage of the measure. promise to uphold the constitution in whatever crisis may confront the nation in the momentous future.

After he had repeated solemnly the oath taken first by Washington a century and a quarter ago, he kissed the Bible at the passage reading:

"The Lord is our refuge; a very present help in time of trouble."

Chief Justice White administered looked fervently into his face for a moment, and then said brokenly:

"Mr. President, I am very, very happy."

Members of the cabinet then crowded up with expressions of regard. Mr. Wilson received them with a smile and then turned back to his desk to complete his interrupted task.

There were no preliminaries to the simple cermony which marked the formal beginning of a new presidential term. Accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and Vance C. McCormick, who re-election, Mr. Wilson had come to the capitol two hours before to clear up odds and ends of the executive business passed on to him by the expiring congress, Secretary Tumulty and most of the cabinet members had gathered in the room while the president worked. As he took the oat! Mrs. Wilson stood near him, dresse in mouring because of the recent death of her sister.

Mr. Wilson was sworn in at 12:03 tion in his voice he repeated the oath as it was read by the chief justice:

faithfully execute the office of president of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States."

James D. Maher, clerk of the supreme court, held out the Bible used by Mr. Wilson when he was inaugurated as governor of New Jersey. The congratulations of the chief justice, members of the cabinet and several senators who were present occupied but a few minutes and soon after Mr. and Mrs. Wilson left the capitol.

### PRIZE OFFERED BOYS.

W. C. T. U. Gives High School Boys of Sumter County Opportunity to Win Reward.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Sumter will present a beautiful medal to the boy who writes the best essay about alcohol and the police have not yet found him. human body. This medal will be given at the field day exercises. The exact subject and all contest rules will be mailed to the teachers of the boys in collecting facts.

W. C. T. U.

base in the Gulf of Darien.

# SENATE HELD BY FILIBUSTER.

FOLLETTE AND FELLOWS PREVENT MEASURES PASSING.

Armed Neutrality Bill is Not Allowed to Pass Because of Delay in Upper House Which is Characterized by Hitchcock as Most Reprehensible Course in History of Any Nation-Measure Dies With Senate as Time Limit Expires.

and encouraged by Senator Stone, Germany with forbidden information by President Wilson's spokesmen as of an overwhelming majority in con- jury. gress up to the last minute today and denied to the president a law authorizing him to arm American merchant ships to meet the German submarine menace.

Unyielding throughout 26 hours of be humiliating to the country; uncompromising in a crisis described to them as the most serious to the nation since the War Between the Sections, La Follette and his small group of supporters refused a majority of their Holland and Denmark, to whom letcolleagues an opportunity to vote on the armed neutrality bill and it died with the Sixty-fourth congress.

To fix responsibility before the country 76 senators, 30 Republicans and 46 Democrats, signed a manifesto proclaiming to the world that they

The text of the manifesto follows: "The major of United States ready having passed the house by bate it appears to be impossible to passage of ships to British ports. the oath and was the first to extend obtain a vote previous to noon March his congratulations. Wringing the 4, 1917, when this session of conpresident's hand the chief justice gress expired. We desire the statement entered on the record to esed the legislation and would pass it if

a vote could be obtained." Thirteen senators declined to sign the declaration, but one of them, Senator Penrose, Republican of Pennsylvania, announced that he would have voted for the bill had opportunity been afforded him. The 12 who went on record with the 12 members of the house against granting to President Wilson the authority he asked from congress in the crisis

Republicans: Clapp, Minnesota; Cummins, Iowa; Gronna, North Dakota; Kenyon, Iowa; La Follette, Wisconsin; Norris, Nebraska; Works, California-7.

Democrats-Kirby, Arkansas; Lane, Oregon; O'Gorman, New York; Stone, Missouri; Vardaman, Mississippi.-5.

Associated with them in opposition to the armed neutrality bill were the following 13 representatives who voted against the house bill Thursday night:

Republicans: Benedict, California; Cary, Wisconsin; Cooper, Wisconsin; Davis, Minnesota; Helgesen, North Dakota; Lendenberg, Minnesota; Nel-"I do solemnly swear that I will son, Wisconsin; Stafford, Wisconsin; Wilson, Illinois .-- 9.

Democrats: Decker, Missouri; Shackelford, Missouri; Sherwood. Ohio-3.

Solialist: London, New York-1.

STEALS CAR, SMASHES IT.

Negro Takes Ford Automobile of R. C. MacNeal and Runs it Against a

Saturday afternoon a negro whose name has not yet been found, took a Ford automobile belonging to Mr. R. street, where it had been run against gram follows: a tree and badly damaged. The negro was said to have been seen by several persons when he got out of the car, after smashing into the tree. that the senate of Tennessee will re-He went off leaving the car, and the consider the vote which it rejected

wreck. The engine was driven under pledged to its passage that it seems the seat and the windshield, lamps, to me the moral obligation is comradiator and fenders were broken by plete. rural schools in a short time. We the blow. The tree, a big oak, showarnestly hope that the teachers will ed signs of the collision and the cooperate with us and will help their ground round about it was strewn

Panama, March 3.—There is no from what plant the aborgines of for five thousand tons of grain for substantiation here for the rumors America developed the potato, for it the royalist population of old Greece, that there is a German submarine is not found growing wild anywhere has been sunk by a German submain the world.

# BIG GERMAN SPY PLOT.

TWELVE MEMBERS LED BY LA PLAN TO SEND MEN TO ENGLAND AS NEWSPAPER CORRE-SPONDENTS.

> Were to Find Out Information-Federal Grand Jury Returns Indictments Against Two Men in New

New York, March 2 .- Participation in an elaborate spy plot organization to send men to Great Britain under guise of being American newspaper Washington, March 4.-Twelve correspondents, but whose real pursenators led by Senator La Follette pose was to serve as spies and supply Democratic chairman of the foreign as to civil and military conditions in committee, in a filibuster, denounced England, was charged against Albert A. Sander, Carl W. Wunnenberg and the most reprehensible in the history George Vaux Bacon in indictments of any civilized nation, defied the will found here today by the federal grand

Arrangements were made in this city, the indictments allege, by which this information could be sent out of Great Britain through the use of a writing fluid which remained invisible until certain chemicals were applied continuous session to appeals that to the paper containing the writing. their defiance of the president would Bacon, it is charged, was hired to go to England as a supposed newspaper correspondent.

He was supplied by Sander and Wunnenberg, it is charged, with names and addresses of persons in ters on apparently trivial subjects could be written in visible ink, while information of military value couldalso be written in the invisible ink, to be forwarded to Germany.

It is alleged that Bacon obtained an American passport and succeeded in going to England and carrying out the plans formulated in this city. The information thus transmitted, it is senators favored the passage of the charged, had to do with sailing of senate bill authorizing the president merchant ships, conditions under of the United States to arm American which the civil and military populamerchant vessels, a similar bill al- tion of Great Britain were living, the a apparent amount of food available vote of 403 to 13. Under the rules there and the amount of distress that of the senate allowing unlimited de- might be caused by prevention of

Bacon, it is set forth, was given at least \$1,000 to defray his expense,

It was said additional indictments have been found against other Gertablish the fact that the senate favor- man agents in this city to be filed when expedient. The grand jury is to continue its investigation of spy

> Sander and Wunnenberg late today were relased under bonds of \$5,000

> > GET MAIL DELIVERY.

Lake City and Mullins Profit by Ore

Washington, March 3 .- Congress. man Ragsdale has secured an order from the postoffice department beginning mail delivery at Lake City and Mullins April 1.

London, March 2.—An Amsterdam report says that Emperor William is suffering from a severe chill. Although his condition is not causing anxiety, his doctors insist on great

## URGES VOTES FOR WOMEN.

PRESIDENT EXHORTS TENNES-SEE SENATE TO RECONSIDER.

Says Democrats are Bound to Princpile of Equal Suffrage by State Action in Party League.

Washington, March 3 .- President Wilson telegraphed the president of the Tennessee senate today expressing an earnest hope that the vote by which that body killed a woman suffrage bill a few days ago would be reconsidered.

The measure already had passed the lower house of the legislature and the C. MacNeal from on Liberty street president said he felt the upper house near the City National Bank and it was shirking a moral responsibility was later discovered on Washington when it refused to accept it. The tele-

"Hon. W. R. Crabtree,

"President of the Tennessee Senate: "May I not express my earnest hope the legislation extending the suffrage The whole front of the car was a to women? Our party is so distinctly

"Woodrow Wilson."

London, March 3 .- Reuter's says he Greek steamer Proconnissor, which had been requisitioned by the Botanists are unable to discover Greek government to go to America rine.