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in 1850 and the True Southron in pliance with the fuel administration's on the use of fuel. Reports received may be used for other voyages later \$66. The Watchman and Southron now has the combined circulation and order. influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

Second Lieut. Louis C. Bryan has received just and merited recognition and has been promoted to First Lieutenant. His military training at the Sumter High School and for four years at the Citadel, from which he was graduated as an officer of 'the battalion, taken in connection with his personality and character, peculiarly fitted him for a commission in the army and we were surprised that he did not receive at the least a captaincy when he completed the course of training at the first Ft. Oglethorpe Officers' Training Camp. He was the whole local staff of The Daily Item for several years and in that time those connected with the paper came to know him well, to appreciate his worth and have confidence that he would make good wherever a real man is needed to hold down a job. The Item extends congratulations to Lieut. Bryan upon his promotion and in doing so records the belief that we shall have occasion to congratulate him again ere long.

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Congratulations are likewise extended to Lieutenant George D. Levy upon a similar promotion. Lieut. Levy is also an old Item man having written the local news for several years immediately after leaving college until his law practice required all of his time and we have full confidence that he will go on up if merit is the prime requisite for rapid promotion.

Thinking of Bryan and Levy, th first named leaving The Item to entor; the training camp and the latte the first regular reporter The Item ever had, brings to mind the boys who, at one time or another have bee: carrier boys for this paper, and who are now serving in the army. Among the number are Captain Wilson Spann, Captain Harrison Saunders and Lieut. Wade Willeford, "somewhere in France," Maj. Wesley Bradford, Captain Joe Chandler, Lieut Sidney Burgess and Lieut. Warren Burgess of the Medical Corps, Turner White, Walter Mimms and Walter Sanders, the last named a sergeant in the regular army. There are other former Item carrier boys serving in the army, we are sure, but we cannot remember all of them at this time.

AMERICANS OBEY ORDER.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED GENERAL- EASTERN ROADS BATTLE TO LY EAST OF MISSISSIPPI.

With Few Exceptions Merchants and Manufacturers Obey Fuel Order to the Letter With Cheerful Spirit.

Washington, Jan. 21.-Business activity, east of the Mississippi river, dicapped by weather conditions even ment provides a charter for one was generally suspended today, the worse than have prevailed for the last round-trip of upwards of fifty vessels. first of the series of ten heatless Mon- fortnight, railroads in the Eastern It is a part of the agreement that days. At the same time manufactur- territory were battling manfully to- the Dutch ships shall carry one h ing plants throughout the east are day to untangle the congestion which dred and fifty thousand tons of food The Sumter Watchman was found- idle for four consecutive days in com- made 'necessary the drastic emborgo for the relief of the Belgians. They

TO REGISTER ALL MEN.

Bill Introduced to Draft All Men Between Eighteen and Sixty-Two.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21 .- A bill authorizing the president to order the registration and drafting of all males between eighteen and sixty-two years to be used in conducting industries necessary to the promotion of the war is provided in a bill introduced by Senator McCumber and referred to the military committee.

Prussian Minister Knows Nothing of coast. America, but Assumes Cocksure Attitude Discussing War.

Amsterdam, Jan. 20 .- "I do not know the Americans, nor do I know ported. what they are capable of doing in this war," said General von Stein, Prussian bargo gradually relieves the shortage minister of war in an interview in a recent issue of the Budapesti Hirlap. The general is quoted, however, as declaring that the central powers were well prepared for meeting America. The war minister said he did not regard air fighting as a decisive factor. He had heard of extensive American plans in this connection. "But," he said, "much depends upon what the American engineers can do and still more depends upon whether efficient,

HARD WORK MOVING TRAINS.

OVERCOME CONGESTION.

Movement of Coal Under Fuel Order to the United States government of England.

New York, Jan. 20 .- Although han- just been signed in London. The agree-

director general of the railroads, tota of desperate efforts to move trains in spite of great obstacles.

fic and has hampered unloading and clearing of main lines, yards, tracks and terminals.

For the 24 hours ending at 6 a. m. today it was announced that 1,402 cars of anthracite and bituminous coal had been dumped at tidewater terminals. compared with 1,464 the day before. There were 321 vessels waiting for bunker coal compared with 371 the previous 24 hours.

Coal handled for New England showed an increase in the last 14 hours.

Temperatures of from 20 to 30 degrees below zero were reported from the Pennsylvania coal districts and 18 degrees below in the Mohawk valley. In New England the thermometer reg-VON STEIN CERTAIN OF VICTORY, istered 15 below at the western connecting points and 20 below along the

> At some points the cold weather caused rails to break and numerous minor accidents to metal parts on engines and other equipments were re-

> As the fuel administration's coal emin New York and its suburbs the city looked forward cheerfully to its first "heatless Monday."

JOLT FOR NEWLY WEDS.

Washington, Jan. 21 .- The government appeal agents have been instructed to appeal all cases where local draft boards have granted deferred classifications in either class Two or Four because of marriage since Washington, Jan. 21 .- The churter

DUTCH SHIPS CHARTERED.

Holland Signs Agreement to Turn Gver

Fifty Ships to United States.

Encouraging for New York and New all Dutch steamers held in American ports has been decided by the Dutch government in agreement which has

HOLLAND IS INDIGNANT.

tention of Munitions.

Amsterdam, Jan. 18 .- Commenting necessary arrangements. on a statement made by the war minister to The Netherlands Parliament ocncerning the alleged detention in days stirring debate the United Mine Washington, Jan. 21 .- The Porto rante protests indignantly against alties for violation of contracts. such treatment by a friendly nation. The newspaper declares that the holding up of the arms and ammunition is

profoundly humiliating and amounts to a cool denial of Holland's good faith and asks whether it is in America's interest to deprive a neutral State of the means to defend its neutrality.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION NOTICE.

Heads of Families Urged to Join Food **Conservation Movement.**

Columbia, Jan. 18 .- Effort will be made by the United States food administration to register all homes in South Carolina in the food conservation movement, according to an announcement by Wiliam Elliott, food administrator for this State.

During the campaign last fall more than 100,000 homes joined the food administration forces by signing , the pledge cards. There are nearly 400,-000 homes in the State and every effort will be made to secure all for membership in the United States food administration.

There are 4,067 families in Sumter county registered as members of the

SODA DISTRIBUTION PLANS.

Indianapolis, Jan. 19.-After two

Fertilizer.

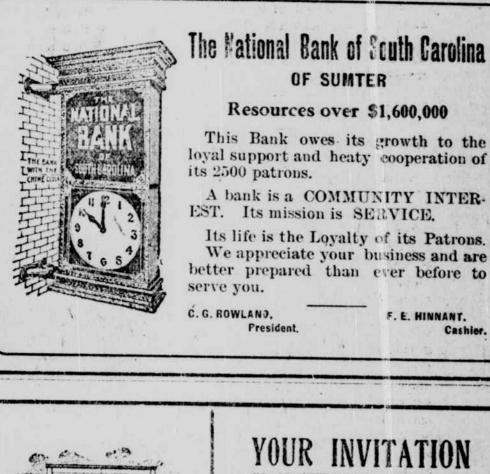
SODA DOCKED AT CHARLESTON

Cleason College to Assist South Car- Ships Change in Original Plans olina Farmers in Securing Chilean Found Necessary Because of Shallow Water in Other Harbors.

Clemson College, Jan. 20 .- The Washington, Jan. 20 .- It has been organization in the several counties held that inasmuch as Savannah can of the State will be perfected in the not accommodate deep draft vessels next two or three days by the dem- which are bringing nitrate of soda onstration agents and others for mak- from Chile to the United States, the ing arrangements to distribute the first ship, which will arrive shortly, nitrate of soda supplied by the gov- will dock at Charleston. Original ernment. The rules and regulations plans contemplated docking at Wilfor the distribution were prepared by mington, Charleston, Savannah and officials in the United States depart- Jacksonville, but as neither of the ment of agriculture. They will be two latter chies have deep enough published in the county papers and water, supplies for Florida, South Carby posters, demonstration agents olina and Georgia farmers will be unsimply carrying out special instruct loaded at Charleston, Sevannah intertions from Washington. Where coun- ests are today endeavoring to find ties are without demonstration agents some way of having the original plans a representative from Clemson College carried out, bot as this is a practical extension division will visit such coun-, question there appears to be no feasities on Tuesday, February 22, to make ble way of unleading, except at Charleston.

PORTO RICO DECREES.

America of 1,000 machine guns and Workers overwhelmingly ratified the Rico decrees holding the island to be 10,000,000 cartridges which had been Washington agreement which grants an organized incorporated territory bought and paid for by the Dutch a substantial wage advance to bitu- of the United States with the federal government, The Hague Nieuw Cou- minous coal miners and provides pen- constitution in full force here, have been reversed by the Supreme Court.



The severe cold has slowed up traf- Press Criticises America's Alleged De-

at the office of A. H. Smith, assistant in the American coastwise trade.

. . .

President Wilson so far has made terly criticised as blunders have been proven by the unfolding of events to have been wise and well considered parts of a broad and far reaching plan. His critics and ill-wishers explain, or excuse, their opposition to his administration by saying, either seems that he has evidenced excep- ly, our guns." tional foresight, wisdom and firmness in dealing with difficult and puzzling problems, both domestic and foreign. The record of his five years administration in the most momentous and tremendous era of the world's history gives us confidence to trust in his wisdom and in his sincere determination to do that which is best for all the people of the United States. His endorsement of the fuel order and the order, even though its operation in cash. seems likely to work unnecessary hardships in some instances. The be so far-reaching in their beneficial portation systems of the country, as a whole, as to many times over-balance

experienced crews can be obtained by them."

Speaking of the present situation General von Stein said:

"All humanity desires peace and naturally so do I. As a soldier I know only one possibility for ending the war and that is victory. Every renunciation is only a sign of weakness and an acknowledgment of defeat. He wh renounces the fruits of his success on the battlefield puts the enemy in a position to consider himself a victor and There is no sign of a desire for an understanding on the part of our enemies."

been defated."

ders of technical science.

"the tanks which made their first ap- agencies are encouraging, as the that he has been lucky in saying or perance in the Somme battle. At show that thousands of the citizens doing the right and wise thing at the first, we naturally did not know how are taking an active interest in the proper time, or that if he had done or to destroy them. My soldiers even campaign, which is simply for the said something different the result climbed on top of them and tried to purpose of diverting money to war would have been different and more blow them open with hand grenades. needs that would otherwise be exadvantageous. It does not appear But we soon learned that there was pended on unnecessary luxuries. that way to us, but to the contrary it one dead weapon against them, name- "We want every man, woman, and

FIXES NITRATE PRICE.

Secretary of Agriculture Makes Announcement.

\$75,50 a ton f. o. b. cars for the ni- for \$4.12, which represents the origtrate fertilizer which the department inal price plus interest at 4 per cent of agriculture has purchased in Chile per annum, compounded quarterly for sale to American farmers at cost The thrift stamps sell for 25c each was announced today by Secretary and can be converted into the war his outspoken approval of the policy Houston. The farmers must pay the savings stamps. of Fuel Administrator Garfield makes freight charges from ports and the "Every postmaster in the State is us hesitate to criticise any phase of State tag fees and payment must be selling these stamps and will give

directed to the most convenient ports, liver the stamps to any residence or practical results of the order may including Savannah, Wilmington, N. office on their routes. Many banks prove, and we believe will prove, to C., Charleston, Norfolk and Balti- are handling them, and hundreds of more, the secretary said, and the ni- other agencies will be appointed. Wa: effects upon the industrial and trans- trate will be handled at seaboard by savings societies among all classes of representatives who will serve with- people are being formed. It is ab-

May 18th last, became known today.

GOES TO PRISON.

Baltimore, Jan. 19 .- Walter Spoermann, who was arrested ten days ago at Newport News, Va., charged with violating the alien enemy permit, was sent to Fort Oglethorpe prison camp today.

War Savings Stamps Campaign.

Charleston, Jan. 17 .- The net rehelps him in his plans of destruction. sults of the first month of the war savings stamps campaign in South ful in the war. Carolina, in which this State is to raise \$30,000,000 of the two billions

"In reality a military decision has which the government expects to already been obtained. When our ene- raise during 1918 by the saving stamp mies recognize that they can not investment, are encouraging to the very few mistakes. Even the acts drive us out of the occupied territory State headquarters of the campaign. "and policies that have been most bit- they will thereby admit that they have R. Gouwyn Rhett, State director, today made the following statement:

General von Stein asserted that the "A review of the work accomplishmoving and decisive power is the in- ed during the initial month is satisdividual man," and he declared the factory evidence that the State in-Germans were not afraid of the won- tends to do its share in this great work. Reports received from post-"There are, for instance," he said, masters, county chairmen, and other

child in the State to use the dimes. quarters, and dollars usually spent for luxuries for the purpose of helping the government win the war and win it at the earliest possible moment. The government will pay in five years \$5 Washington, Jan. 18 .- A price of for every saving stamp bought now were 17,043. This represents a de-

complete information about them Ships carrying the nitrate will be Postmen and rural carriers will de-

food administration. There are 9,056 families in the county. All families who have not joined the food administration should write immediately to the food administrator, Arcade building, Columbia, and secure the beautiful window card, the kitchen card and other information which is to be distributed. The food administration is making arrangements for the wide distribution of information that will be of value to every householder. Those signing the pledge cards, merely promise to save food insofar as possible, so that America may be success-

The food administration has received a limited supply of War Cook books and the homekeepers who apply first for membership will receive one of these books free of cost.

"Food will win the war; don't waste it," is the slogan of the United States food administration.

LABOR FROM PORTO RICO.

Government Arranging to Bring in 50,000 Men.

Washington, Jan. 19.-Arrangements for the early transportation of 50,000 common laborers to the United States from Porto Rico is being made by the department of labor. As soon as tonnage is available 60,000 others will be brought from Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, sufficient, the department announced , today, to take care of any shortage in the domestic supply of railroad and agricultural workers.

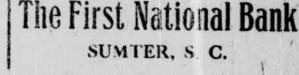
London, Jan. 21.-British casualties reported for the week ending today crease of nearly eight thousand.

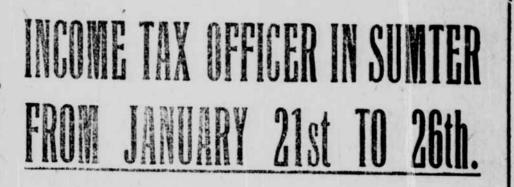


the liberal use of fertilizers, together with proper rotation of crops, so as to increase and improve the fertility and productiveness of the land, are all vital and necessary considerations at the present time.



If you have never had any dealings with us, please consider this an invitation to give us a trial.





All unmarried individuals with annual incomes over \$1,000.00 and all married persons with annual incomes of \$2,000.00 or more should see this officer, if they are uncertain as to the amount of the tax they will have to pay to the Government.

This officer will be prepared to advise all who call on him.

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