THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

Feb. 21, 1915. Russians forced the fighting from East Prussia to Bukowina

Berlin reported sinking of British transport loaded with troops. American steamer, Evelyn sunk by mine off Holland; eight lost. German submarine U-12 sank British steamer Downshire.

German airmen dropped bombs on Colchester, Coggeshall and Braintree, England. Reims again bombarded.

Feb. 22, 1945. Russians made progress in Galicia and the Carpathians.

Turks massacred Armenians in the Caucasus. United States presented notes to Great Britain and Germany propos-

ing modifications of blockade decrees. Zeppelin bombarded Calais, kill-

ing five persons. Germany dealed charges of cruelty to war prisoners.

Feb. 23, 1915. Germans bombarded Reims with

Austrian 12-inch howitzers. Russians forced Germans back along the Bobr and repulsed Austrians near Krasne.

Germans assembled great force at Przasnysz. American steamer Carib sunk by mine; three lost.

Germany included Orkney and Shetland Islands In war zone.

Feb. 24, 1915.

Russians won in Carpathians near Uszok pass.

British captured German steamer Gotha. Steamers Hypalien and Roy Par-

ana torpedoed in English channel. Germany promised to respect Italian flag. Three British aviators lost in

raid on Belgium. Russia presented to neutral na-

tions note accusing Germans and Austrians of atrocities. R. P. Stegler confessed details of

German passport frauds in U. S.

Feb. 25, 1918. Germans besieged Ossowetz.

Russians split Austrian army in Carpathians and again invaded Bukowina.

Four forts at entrance of Dar danelles reduced by alked fleet. British steamer Western Coast lost in the channel.

Feb. 26, 1915.

French made gains on the Meuse. Battle in East on 260-mile front. Germans retired in Przasnysz region but captured 11 Russian generals in Mazurian lakes battle.

Botha took command of British troops for invasion of German Southwest Africa.

Inner forts of Dardanelles bombarded.

French destroyer Dague hit Austrian mine

Allies blockaded coast of German East Africa.

Feb. 27, 1916.

Germans retired on north of Eastern front and Russlaws recaptured Przasnysz.

German battation annihilated on the Bobr. Russians advanced in Galicia, re-

taking Stanislaw and Kolomea. Forty afflied warships penetrated

Dardanelles for 14 miles. American steamer Dacia seized by French eruiser.

French aviators bombarded Metz and Germans dropped bombs on Nieuport.

Food Miniman

The irreducible minimum for living expenses seems to have been attained by Roger Crab, the hermit, who lived se lockenham, near Wxbridge. About 1841 he began to restrict himself to a vergetarian diet, avoiding even butter and cheese. From roots he got a diet consisting chiefly of broth made from marnip leaves and thickened with bran, and he finally resorted to dock leaves and grass, with a bran pudding as an eccasional delicacy. He drank nothing but water, and lived on three farthings a week until he died in 1680, at the age of sixty.-London Chronicle.

Had Sultan's Indorsement Extract from a Turkish newspaper: "His serene highness has been pleased to watch the eclipse, and has directed the lord chamberlain to express his entire satisfaction with the magnifieent performance."-The Bits.

Easy to Get Line on Him. Fond Father-"I hardly know what business to put my son in, I know practically nothing about his ability." Friend-"Take him for a sea voyage. That will show what there is in him." -Philadelphia Record.

DECIDED STAND TAKEN BY LANSING

No Compromise in the Armed Ship Controversy.

BERNSTORFF SEES LANSING

German Ambasador Afterward Notifies His Government Of Stand Taken By United States As Outcome Of Latest Lusitania Note.

Washington.-The United States, in its submarine controversy with Germany, will accept nothing short of a full and complete agreement covering all the points for which it has contended as to assurances that the warfare in the future will be conducted in accordance with the established principles of international law

In announcing that fact Secretary Lansing let it be known that the State Department considers Germany's declaration of its intention to sink without warning after February 29 all armed merchant ships of the Entente Allies to be inconsistent with the assurances previously given this Government by the Barlin Foreign Office.

The tentative communication designed to end the Lusitania case, still in the possession of Secretary Lansing, will not be formally accepted until such assurances regarding the future are given, although the communication in so far as it relates to the Lusitania itself is acceptable.

Holds Up Ancona Settlement.

State Department officials also consider that the Austro-Hungarian memorandum regarding armed ships is not in accord with the assurances given by the Government in the negotiations over the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona. Consequently final settlement of the Ancona case, once postponed because of the doubt regarding the cfroumstances of the sinking of the British steamship Persia, probably will be withheld until Austria gives similar assurances to those now requested from Germany.

The views of the United States were explained in detail by Secretary Lansing to Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador. The Ambassador was informed, it was indicated at the State Department, that the United States desires the German declaration

It was declared at the department that at no time had suggestions been made to the German Government which would have led it to issue its latest memorandum. This answered statement made by German officials that the American memorandum to the Entente Allies suggesting a modus vivendi for the disarming of merchant issuing her declaration. From other sources outside the department came the information that the department had been advised informally of the German intentions in this respect. Considering Britain's Assurances.

Officials are now awaiting the re- ment aboard. ceipt of what Germany alleges to be a Teutonic officials were inclined to

been maded from Berlin. BANDITS KILL 20 RANCHERS.

Maîtreat AN Females Over 10 Years, El Paso Hears.

El Paso, Texas.-Twenty Mexican ranchers in the State of Rurango were killed by a band of 400 bandits that appeared at Rancho San Juan February 1, according to a messenger that reached here bearing messages from

an American to local mining men. The messenger stated that the bandits marched to the Siero Prieto small Carrange forces at Santa Bar-

bara and Parral. These advices reported that each ranch en route was looted and females over 10 years old were maltreated, their male relatives being forced witnesses.

ASKS ARMY OF 250,000.

Hoke Smith Presents Bill For Six-Year Enlistment.

and four presidential appointees. Washington.-Increase of the Regular Army to 250,000 men was provided in a bill introduced in the Senate by Numerous Others Injured in Collapse Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia. It was immediately referred to the Senate Military Affairs Committee, now engaged in redrafting the Chamberlain omnibus army bill. The term of enlistment would be six years, two time threatened the business section Yard. She gained fame by a cruise in the reserve.

ALIBI MIKE



ALLIES' WITHIN THEIR RIGHTS

Position Taken by U. S. Under Gives Permission to Use His International Law.

Germany, However, Will Not Disregard Assurances Which Have Been Given To the Ameri-

can Government.

Washington.-The United States, H Allies are within their rights under candidate in the coming campaign. At prevailing international law in arming | the same time he declared he was "enmerchant ships for defensive pur- tirely unwilling to enter into any conposes, no matter what conditions exist | test" for renomination. disarm merchantmen, founded pri. for delegates from that State to the marily upon a desire to save the lives national conventions must signify their of the intentions of the Teutonic pow- could be named in that connection ers to torpedo without warning after without their consent. regarding armed merchant ships to be February 29, all armed vessels, al- In several other States where no vinced that the position of Germany Wilson's name already has been placed and Austria is justified.

engaged in trying to determine just what will happen when the commanders of German and Austrian sub Popular demand for it. marines begin to put their new instructions into effect. It is said, too, that of the requirements of the Ohio law ships was the direct cause of Germany | may make some inquiries as to how the United States in the near future, the Central Powers intend to determine whether merchantmen encountered by their submarines are armed. occasion of which I dare say will be

In response to inquiries regarding this aspect it was said by high Teutonic authority that the German and The State Department is carefully Austrian governments would, under no viewing from various angles the assur- consideration, disregard the assurances given in the early days of the ances which have been given to the war by Great Britain to the effect United States in regard to the conduct that the guns on her merchant ships of submarine warfare. Attention was would be used only for defensive pur- called particularly to the fact that the poses. It was admitted that the de- German government had assured the partment has in its possession infor- United States that liners would not be mation charging that since the assur- attacked without being warned. These ances were given certain British mer- assurances, it was said, had not been chantmen have used their armament and would not be repudiated, and for for offensive attacks on German sub- that reason liners in service between marines. The information came the United States and Western Europe through German sources and is not would not be attacked without warnregarded as being conclusive evidence. ing, even if they have defensive arma-

copy of secret instructions given by believe that such an issue would not the British Government to the com- arise as Great Britain has agreed that manders of merchant ships. This its ships entering American waters document and ethers appended to the shall not be armed. In both diplotext of the German declaration have matic and official circles doubt even was expressed that the new policy world in the slightest way affect conditions in the Atlantic, although it was admitted that should the Italian government persist in arming its merhantmen difficulty might arise in the Mediterranean.

FARM-LOAN BANKS.

Administration Bill Favorably Reported To the Senate.

Washington.-The administration's bill to establish a system of land banks, drafted by a joint congressiondistrict and were not molested by al committee, was favorably reported to the Senate, but with radical alterations by the Banking and Currency Committee. The joint proposal for a board of five commissioners to control the system was discarded by the committee in favor of control by a treasury department bureau, to be known as the Federal Farm Loan Bureau, under the general supervision of a federal farm loan board, the latter consisting of the secretary of the treasury

THEATRE FALLS: 10 DIE.

Of Opera House,

Mexia, Texae.-Ten persons were killed here in the collapse of the Opera House building, which was followed by a gas explosion and fire that for a of California at the Mare Island Navy years with the colors and four years of the town. Numerous persons were around Cape Horn which ended in the

WILSON NOW OUT FOR NOMINATION

Name in Ohio Primary.

ARMING MERCHANT SHIPS NOT TO ENTER ANY CONTEST

Announcement Of the President's Determination To Seek Renomination Expected To Clarify National Situation.

Washington.-President Wilson cons said on high authority at the State sented formally for the first time to Department, concedes that the Entente | the use of his name as a Precidential

on the seas. Consequently it is ad- Mr. Wilson's declaration was made mitted that should the Allies decline in a letter to the Ohio Secretary of to adopt the American suggestion to State, who had written that candidates of innocent non-combatants, this gov- choices for President by February 25, rnment cannot asnounce its approval and that no Presidential candidates

though various high officials are con- such requirements are imposed Mr. on primary ballots, and his friends State Department officials now are generally have taken it for granted would be a candidate if convinced there was any considerable

The President was formally notified last week and he wrote Charles Q. Hildebrand, Secretary of State, as follows:

"I am inclosing to you a letter the quite obviers. Friends in Ohio have called my attention to Section 4954 of the General Code of Ohio, as amended in 1914, with regard to primary elections and have requested that I indicate my willingnes to have my name

"I accordingly take the liberty of sending you the inclosed letter as formal permission under the statute." The letter the President inclosed

was as follows: "While I am entirely unwilling to enter into any contest for the Presidential nomination of the Democratic party, I am willing to permit the use of my name that the Democrats in Ohio may make known their preference in regard to that nomination.

"In order, therefore, to satisfy the technical requirements of the statutes of the State of Ohio, I hereby consent to the use of my name as a candidate for the Presidency by any candidate who seeks to be elected a delegate to the National Democratic Convention which is to assemble in June next."

The President takes the position that the voters will have to determine whether he will make the race for the Presidency in 1916 as the Democratic candidate. In a letter written to A. Mitchell Palmer, then a representative from Pennsylvania, before his inauguration, Mr. Wilson made it plain that he would only be a candidate again if the Democratic voters desired it.

EDITOR GETS LIFE SENTENCE.

Killed Editor Of a Competing Paper In a Dispute.

Purvis, Miss.-Dr. Samuel E. Rees, editor of a weekly newspaper here, was found guilty of the murder of Wiley A. Blackburn, editor of a competing paper, last October and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Black burn was killed in the courthouse after a dispute with Rees over bids for printing.

THE BULLDOG OF THE NAVY.

The Battleship Oregon Placed On the Retired List.

Vallejo, Cal.-The battleship Oregon Bulldog of the Navy, went on the re tired list when she was turned over without formality, to the Naval Militia battle of Santiago July 3, 1998.

OF ALLIES' FAITH

pendence and Indemnity.

Decision Of the Entente Allies Con- More Than 40,000 Turks, 110 Guns veyed To the Belgian Foreign Office By Ministers Representing All the Allies.

Havre.—The allied powers signatory to the treaty guaranteeing the independence and neutrality of Belgium have decided to renew the agreement not to end hostilities until the political Erzerum. and economic independence of Belghrm is re-established and the nation is indemnified for the damages suf-

This decision was communicated to the Belgium Foreign Office by the Ministers representing the Entente Allies.

Bussian Minister Spokesman. The Russian Minister acted as spokesman, addressing the Belgian tion to the Grand Duke. Minister for Foreign Affairs as follows:

"The allied powers signatory to the treaties guaranteeing the independence and neutrality of Belgium have decided to renew today by solemn act the agreements made regarding your country, which has been heroically faithful to its international obligations. Consequently we, the Ministers of France, Great Britain and Russia, duty authorized by our Governments, have the honor to make the following decfaration:

"The allied and guaranteeing powors declare that when the moment comes the Belgian Government will be called upon to take part in peace negotiations, and they will not put an end to hostilities without Belgium having re-established its political and economic independence and having poen amply indemnified for damages suffered. They will lend their aid to Belgium in order to assure its financial and commercial restoration.' The Belgian Foreign Minister, Baron

Bevens, replied: "The Government of the King is profoundly grateful to the governments of the three powers guaranteeing the independence of Belgium of which you are representatives for their generous vibrating echo in the hearts of Bel- by their artillery. gians, whether they are fighting at the front, suffering in their occupied country or awaiting in exile-and all with the same courage-the hour of you have just given will confirm their Turks to abandon their plans to inunshakable conviction that Belgium vade Egypt. will be restored from its ruin and reestablished in its complete political and economic independence.

Resolved To Fight On. "I am certain to express their sentiments in telling you that you must have complete confidence in us, as we have confidence in our loyal guarantors, for we are all resolved to contimue the struggle energetically with them until the triumph of the right, for defense of which we sacrificed ourserves after the unjustifiable violation of our beloved country."

The Italian Minister told Baron Bevens that although Italy was not among the powers which guaranteed the independence and neutrality of Belgium, he had no objection to the One From Memphis To New Orleans foregoing declaration. A similar annot mement was made on behalf of the Japanese Government.

Neutrality Pledged in 1831.

By the treaty of London, signed Noveniber 75, 1831, the neutrality of Belgiven was guaranteed by Austria, Russia, Great Britain and Prussia.

In 1839 another trenty was signed, France, providing: "Beigium shall with the Memphis-Paducan highway, form an independent and perpetually which in turn connects with the transneutral state. It shall be bound to ob- continental highway passing through serve such neutrality toward all other states."

It has been reported unofficially on everal occasions recently that Germany desired to conclude a separate cease with Belgium, restoring the occupied territory and paying an indemnity in return for certain commercial advantages. Official denial of and the mand by textile manufacthese reports, however, was made last turers for this product was pointed out week by the Belgian legation at Lon- by dealers who reported that a barrel den. In connection with these reports of violet dye bought 14 months age significance was attached to the ap- for \$400, had been sold here for \$12polishment on February 4 of Earl | 000, an increase of 3,000 per cent. Curson and Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, commander of the British forces on the Continent, to visit King Albert of Belgium on a special mission, the He is Bradford M. Fullerton, Swimnature of which was not disclosed.

G. T. MARYE RESIGNS.

Ambassador To Russia May Be Succeeded By D. R. Francis.

Washington.-David R. Francis, of St. Louis, former Secretary of the Interior and former Governor of Missoori, is understood to be under serious consideration for appointment as Ambassador to Russia to succeed Geo. T. Marye. It is not known whether he will accept the post if it is offered to

BELGIUM ASSURED 40,000 TURKS AND 110 GUNS TAKEN

New Treaty Guaranteeing Inde- Russians Go Wild With Joy at Success at Erzerum.

THE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT FIERCE BATTLE REPORTED

and War Stores Are Reported Captured-Saves Egypt and Persia.

Petrograd.-The greatest demon-

stration since the capture of Przemysi occurred in Petrograd, following confirmation of reports of the capture of Great crowds marched through the streets, waving the Russian colors and chanting hymns. Thousands attended

Te Deum services in the great Kazan

Cathedral, while other thousands.

standing outside in the snow, offered up prayers for the Grand Duke Nicholas, again the national hero. From army headquarters Emperor Nicholas sent a message of congratula-

Russian People Stirred.

The conquest of Erzerum, the first mportant Russian victory since the retreat from the Carpathians began learly a year ago, has stirred the Russian people to great depths of patriotism. The newspapers declared the Grand Duke's triumph only the prelude to greater victories that will carry the Czar's armies sweeping back through Poland and Galicia before

More than 40,000 Turkish soldiers and 110 guns were taken by the Russians, according to dispatches from Tifils. In addition the Russians took quantities of military supplies. Attempts had been made to destroy these, but the Russians moved so rapidly in their final attacks that the Turks were unable to prevent much

booty reaching the Russians. The Turkish losses in the conflict hat raged for five days about the forts guarding Erzerum are said to have been in the neighborhood of

25,000 killed and wounded.

Fierce Battle Reported. Tiflis reports state that the battle was the fiercest that has ever been fought about a fortress in modern warfare. The Turks fought desperateinitiative in making known today this ly, but one by one the forts were taken declaration. I thank you heartily in by the Russians, who charged with its behalf. Your words will have a the bayonet through breaches made

Stops Conquest Of Persia. The capture of Erzerum means the collapse of all Turkish plans of conquest in Persia, military men here deliverance. The new assurance which believe, and possibly will force the

The Grand Duke's main forces probably will be halted within the walls of Erzerum for several days, recuperating from the hardships of the campaign in the snows.

Opens Asia Minor To Russians.

Paris.-The capture of Erzerum has placed Asia Minor at the mercy of the Russians, in the opinion of French military experts. The Russians' victory at Erzerum is called the most important since the French success in Champagne last year.

JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY.

is Proposed.

Memphis, Tenn.-Good roads entirestasts from points along the east bank of the Mississippi river from Cairo te New Orleans will meet here Thursday and Friday to discuss routes for a proposed Jefferson Davis bighway. It will extend from Memphis to New Orleans and to Beauvoir, Mississippi, the home of the president of the Confederacy. which was subscribed to also by At Memphis the road would connect Kentucky.

INCREASED 3,000 PER OENT.

Barrel Of Violet Dye Bought For \$400

Is Sold For \$12,000. Boston.-The shortage in dyesiuffs.

IDEAL MAN DISCOVERED.

ming Captain At Harvard.

Cambridge, Mass .-- The ideal man has been discovered at Harvard, according to the specifications of the merchant tailors of the United States. He is Bradford M. Fullerton, swim-

ming captain, from Spokane, Wash VON PAPEN DECORATED.

Former Attache In United States Honored By Kaiser.

Rome. -- Swiss dispatches report him. Mr. Marye's resignation has not that Kaiser Wilhelm has conferred the get been accepted, but it was stated at order of the Red Eagle upon Capt. the State Department and White Franz von Papen, formerly German Bouse that it undoubtedly would be. Military Attache to the United States.