### U. S. IN "BIG BROTHER" ROLE TO HALT HUNGER WARFARE OF NATIONS

Administration Reported to Have Dropped "Strict Accountability" Attitude Gain Concessions From Belligerents.

England and Germany Still Silent on Proposals-Transatlantic Sailings From British Ports Held Up by Official

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. This Government is playing the "big brother" role toward Germany and England, authorities said today.

It was said the Administration has withdrawn the mailed fist of "strict accountability" in its negotiations with the two nations over their hunger warfare, and with the humanitarian idea as a basis, has offered informal negotiations to halt the two.

It was added that America's commerce has been relegated to the background in the arguments, by reason of England's weiled taunts in her last note that this nation is tollowing a dollar diplomacy. One of the Government's chief concerns was authoritatively reported to be a fear

that the two nations' retaliations may Safety of prisoners in Europe's pens may be involved by the hunger war, officials held. Hence, latest negotiations have sought to prevent such a wholesale tragedy, particularly in view of bitter criticisms from all sides concerning prisoners' treatment, and requests for Amer-

ican intervention in the situation. Looming above this, the Government is said to be worried lest starvation of Germany's civil population react by arousing among Americans anger against England and its Allies.

It was explained at the State Department today, that no effort has been made with Germany to prevent mine-sowing, in view of the fact that this Government has no proof that Germany has ever laid mines, although in her recent note she indicated her intention of doing so in the death zone.

No answers had come early today to proposals that foodstuffs go direct to Germany's civil population, under United States supervision, or to the proposal for cessation of the "untersee" warfare in Germany's death zone.

#### BRITAIN SUSPENDS ATLANTIC SAILINGS, IS LONDON REPORT

LONDON, Feb. 26. Successful operations of German submarines in British waters have resulted In the issuance of secret orders for all transatiantic liners to remain in port until further notice, according to reliable information obtained here today. This news caused a sensation in maritime circles when it became known,

Officials of the stea aship lines refused to comment on the order, and the Admiralty maintained its customary reticence, but reports are in circulation that the British naval authorities have secured information that a fleet of submarines has succeeded in reaching the Irish Sea and is lying in wait for the

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.-Officias of the International Mercantile Marine and the Cunard Line today denied they had re-ceived any notification from the British Admiralty that New York sailings had been temporarily suspended from Liver-pool, London or Glasgow.

#### U. S. RAISES INSURANCE TO ALL BRITISH PORTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—All ports in the British Isles were made "special ports" requiring special rates of war risk insurance from the Government Bureau, by an order issued last night by Secretary of the Treasurer McAdoc. The enly special ports in the United Kingdom under former orders were those on the North Sea, north of London.

The order also extends the special port sone on the Continent to include Bordeaux. The previous limit was Dunkirk. The bureau reserves the right to refuse insurance to these ports.

#### THREE OF CARIB CREW LOST, ALL OF EVELYN SAVED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Three mem-bers of the grew of the American cotton steamship Carib were lost, when the ves-set struck a mine in the North Sea, Feb-ruary 22. Consul General Soren Listoe. at Rotterdam, today cabled the State De-partment. They were William Bazzell, azzletant engineer, of Pensacola, Fia; Antonio Martinez, fireman, and Secunda Blaz, a trimmer, both of Corruna, Spain. Captain Edgar Cole and 26 of the crew were caved. American Minister Henry Van Dyke at

The Hague cabled the State Department that all of the crew of the American attamiship Evelyn, which also sank in the North Sea after striking a mine, were reported unofficially to be safe.

#### PORT OF PHILADELPHIA

Vessels Arriving Today eckenham (Br.), Crus Grande via m, ere, J. A. McCarthy, wass, New York, merchandise, Clyde Company, strby Hall (Br.), Cromerty, bullact, Sabriet.



### INCOME TAX PAYERS SWAMP COLLECTORS

Last Minute Rush More Than Augmented Force Can Handle-Monday Last Day.

INCOME TAX LAW AND ITS PENALTIES

Returns must be made on or before March 1, 1915. Failure means an increase of 50 per cent. In tax and a fine.

All persons whose net income is \$3000 a year or more, must file returns.

Married persons whose net income is \$3000 and less than \$4000 must file returns, even though they have the privilege of claiming exemption of \$4000.

Tax is payable on or before fune 30 1915, and it not paid on that date 5 per cent. will be added thereto.

Cost of permanent improvements to Cost of permanent improvements to property cannot be deducted from reproperty cannot turns of income.

Persons whose income exceeds \$3000 and is less than \$20,000 need not make returns if the income received, after deducting income derived from dividends the tax on which is paid at the source, is less than \$3000.

Although the regular force was nearly doubled, the clerks at the Internal Revenue offices on the sixth floor of the Federal Building had their hands full all day waiting on hundreds of Philadelphians and residents of nearby points, whose Incomes bring them under the whose Incomes bring them under the Federal income tax regulations. Re-turns must be made before March 1, and after the revenue offices were thrown open crowds througed the space before the windows, and for the greater part of the afternoon a long line of prospective

Announcement that after next Monday fine of 50 per cent, of the amount due us der the income tax law would be charged delinquents brought ninth-hour seekers after information to the Federal Building in droves. This line minsled with druggists, doctors, dentists, hospital representatives and veterinarians, who were on the same floor waiting to take out special licenses for the sale of drugs under the new Harrison act which goes into effect on March 1.

During the last few days many thousand persons have besieged the revenue offices to get their returns in before the time is up. The army of clerks required to han-dle the income tax business have been busily engaged in straightening out the kinks in the intricate law. The subjects of depreciation and loss have caused more trouble and misunderstanding than any of the other broaders.

of the other branches.

In this connection Internal Revenue
Collector Lederer cites a decision by the Treasury Department at Washington on the subject. It is, in part, as follows: "Depreciation as an allowable deduction

in ascertaining annual net income for the income tax is separately provided for and is not to be confused with loss. The depreciation provided to be taken as a deduction in a return of income is the value assigned to the deterioration of physical improvements. physical improvements or assets, such as are susceptible of having their value lessened through wear and tear, use or obsolescence. Any shrinkage in the value of bonds, stocks and like securities due to fluctuations in their market value is not deductible in a return of income as depreciation or loss

"Losses may be sustained by indi-viduals or corporations on personal or real property. Only those losses are de-ductible which are sustained during the tax year in trade—that is, the business which engages the time, attention and labor of any one for the purpose of live-lihood, profit or improvement. Loss to be deductible must be an absolute loss, not a speculative . fluctuating valua-tion of continuing investment, but must be an actual loss, actually sustained and be an actual loss, actually sustained and ascertained during the tax year for which the deduction is sought to be made; it must be incurred in trade and be determined and ascertained upon an actual, a completed, a closed transaction. Loss is the difference between selling price and cost, where the selling price is less than cost."

#### BRITIAN ASKS FOR \$215,000,000

LONDON, Feb. 26 The Govern ent today requested \$215, 000,000 additional for the war expenses of the year 1914-15, bringing the total for the year to \$1.810.800,000. The estimates for the year 1915-16 provide for an ex-penditure of \$1,250,000,000.

The total for the first two years of the war for England alone is \$3,060,000,00

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ALLIES FORCING PASSAGE OF DARDANELLES DEATH OR SILENCE



Dispatches from Athens report that the Allied fleet has entered the Dardanelles, after having silenced the guns of the outer forts. The naval experts agree that great difficulties will be encountered before the passage of the Strait and the Sea of Marmora can be forced. The waters have been heavily mined, and there are strong shore defenses mounting heavy Krupp guns. The Turkish fleet, having the advantage of fighting on the defensive, is believed to be stationed in Nagara Roads, 25 miles from the entrance. The length of the strait is about 40 miles and it is expected that the Anglo-French warships will have to fight nearly every foot of the way.

### SUFFRAGISTS' BAZAAR AGAIN A BIG SUCCESS

ontributors extended along the corri- Several Hundred Dollars'

Several hundred dollars' worth of "suffrage-made" articles were sold in the first hour today at the Keystone State Bazaar at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th st. The suffragists declared with enthusiasm that today, the second and last day of the bizaar, would be even more successful than yesterday.

Many of the counters and booths were filled this morning with new articles, havofferings.

Things of every description are on hand, from good things to eat to accessories for the farm and garden. A palmist is on hand and is kept busy reading the mysteries, while a "Garden of Eden," where all trouble is said to be done away with a support of the control of the c with, unlike most Edens, is one of the greatest attractions of the bazaar. "Uncle and Aunt Sam" had many friends. "Miss Columbia," with her horn of plenty, was patronized by many who visited the club-

Several talks and demonstrations or farming and gardening will be given by Mrs. George Foulke at the Farm and Garden Booth of the Equal Franchise Society. Products from the farm of Mrs. Horatio Gates Lloyd, a prominent suffragist of this city, were exhibited. Every farmer or gardener could be "spotted" in a moment by his interest in examining these. The Farm and Garden Booth is greatly be for the farm and Garden Booth is greatly be for the farm. Booth is one of the features of the bazaar and promised to take in a considerable amount in receipts. The Plays and Players Club will present several one-act plays tonight.

12 Men Killed in Mine LONDON, Feb. 26.-An explosion ocare believed to have perished.

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#### BERLIN INSISTS BRITISH TRANSPORT WAS TORPEDOED

1800 Troops Lost, Government Press Bureau Asserts.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Eighteen hundred British troops were drowned in the Eng-lish Channel when a German submarine Worth of Goods Sold in First
Hour of Second Day.

Hish Channel when a German sent an English transport to the bottom, according to reports received by the Government Press Bureau tolls, report was Bureau declared that this report was wired to Lloyds from Eastbourne, on the south coast of England. The Cologne Gazette publishes a letter

from Montevideo which says an Argentine steamer has reported that seven British cruisers are lying severely damaged at the Falkland Islands.

#### WIRES FROM VERA CRUZ TO CAPITAL CUT BY ZAPATA

Consul Canada Reports Action to State Department.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.-American onsul Canada at Vera Cruz today informed the State Department that Zapataists had cut all telegraph lines between that port and Mexico City. Duval West and George C. Carothers, American spe-cial agents, were reported as having left Torreon for Monterey. General Pablo Gonzales, with a strong arrangista force, began a general attack

n Monterey today, according to the Contitutionalist agency.

BOER LEADER A PRISONER CAPETOWN, South Africa, Feb. 26. eutenant Colonel Marita, ringleader of the Boer revolt in South Africa, is reported to have been arrested and sent



## **CHOICE GIVEN WIFE** IN PASSPORT CASE

Mrs. R. P. Stengler Receives Threatening Letters in Connection With German's Arrest for Obtaining Papers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.-Sealed lips or death was the choice given by anonymous letter writers today to Mrs. R. P. Stegler, the American wife of Richard Peter Stegler, German reservist who confessed under the influence of his wife's patriotic demands that he had been picked as a German spy to complete the work left undone by Carl Hans Ledy, recently executed in the Tower of London, and implicating Captain Boy-Ed, naval attache of the German Embassy, in a passport

Undaunted by the threats, Mrs. Stegler took the letters to Charles Griffith, her Probability of Heavy Storm Decreased, husband's counsel. She said she would continue her endeavors to have her husband tell all details of the plot whereby he was to enter England by fraudulent passports from this country and betray war secrets of Great Britain into the hands of Germany.

The letters warned Mrs. Stegler that

she was acting as a trouble-maker be-

tween the United States and Germany and that her assassination would follow If she dared to continue her present

Lody was sent to his death by Captain K. Boy-Ed, the naval attache of the German Embassy, according to a statement made yesterday by Richard P. Stegler, the German reservist arrested in this city on Wednesday.

In this statement, made to his coun sel, Charles H. Griffiths, the former Assistant United States Attorney, Stegler involved another man, whom he declared to be a member of the German diplomatic corps, now living I n this city.

This man, a Doctor Fuehr, was formerly attached to the German Embassy in Tokio, and came here after the outbreak of hostilities, according to Stegler. He says that after getting this information he put the matter up to the naval attache, who only shrugged his shoulders. Boy-Ed denied emphatically and specifically that he knew anything of Lody except what he read in the papers, that he had offered Stegler \$150 a month to work as a say in London and a like work as a spy in London and a like amount to his wife for life in the event of his meeting death. He did, however, admit giving Stegler a letter to Doctor

#### GALES DIMINISHING

Says Weather Bureau. NEW YORK, Feb. 26.-The Weather

Bureau today issued the following storm warning:
"Continuation of northwest storm
warning; Delaware Breakwater to Boston; fresh westerly gales diminishing;
signals to be lowered at sunset." **DUTCH ENTRY IN WAR** EXPECTED BY ENGLAND

View Substantiated by Sharp Jump in Rates Against Holland's Participation.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Rates of insurance against Holland's participation in the war took a sudden jump today. This was due to semiofficial reports here that the Dutch Government was planning for war. with Germany and that the Germans are making preparations for an aggressive offensive against Holland as soon as joins the Allies.

Dispatches from Amsterdam received here today state that German troop trains passing through Aix-La-Chappelle are carrying soldiers to reinforce the forces now guarding the frontier between Belgium and Holland and that the Germans are building bridges over the Scheldt at Antwerp and Hoboken across which heavy artillery can be transported for action against the Dutch.

#### SUBMARINE BELIEVED LOST

Wreckage on Welsh Coast Indicates Disaster to German Craft.

CARDIFF, Wales, Feb. 26.
A German submarine is believed to have been destroyed on the const of North Wales. Wreckage is being washed ashers. Among the debris there were charts of German and English

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