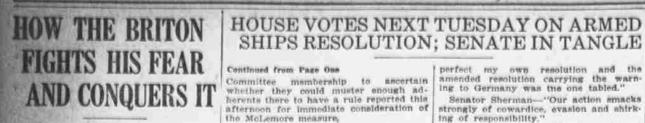
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View of Tommy Atkins in the Making and Development

SLACKER AND SUPERMAN

By ELLEN ADAIR

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rule more palatable.

by political arguments. The President's friends, it was reported, seek Republican votes on the question of tabling of the

resolution, and argued that few Repub-

licans would vote for a strict "gag rule" necessary to bring such a measure up.

The Administration forces thereupon de-termined to find some way of making the

ald have to clear up the muddled situa-

COMMUTTEE FOR TABLING.

recommendation that it be tabled.

Speaker Clark called in Acting Chair-

PENNSYLVANIA DELEGATION

more Resolution

rivileged status in the House

gainst the rule.

Unless the special rule is adopted the varning resolution could not be taken up

eached in the regular course of legislative ousiness. If the special rule is adopted the

warning resolution will take precedence

ver everything else and a vote can be ad in a few hours.

Although no rollcall was attempted at

the meeting today, several of those in the conference said that a majority of the Republicans seemed to favor a vote

Shortly after noon the members ad

urned to meet at 4 o'clock this after-on for another conference. It was de-

Written Specially for Evening Laisian. LONDON, Feb. 17.—One of the most increasing features from the human-Interest point of view in the Hritish newsfors of today is the "agony column." fors the war it was chiefly given over to the interchange of cryptic messages from lovers and advertisements concern-ing the loss of old maids' cats and dogs. But nowadays a glance at the agony solumin gives more real insight into the numan side of the war than sheaves of official communiques and dispatches from

"Young lady, fiance killed, will gladly restry and give up life to the care and happiness of man blinded or otherwise incapacitated by the war." This adver-tisement appeared in London's leading paper only the other day. A novel could

be written around such an offer. "Impecuatious Benedict" is a frankly hard-up young officer who boldly sets forth his demands in the column: "Wanted prismatic compass, service revolver and map case, if lying idle. Sell them to me cheaply and continue the 'strafe-ing'

Many of the requests come from the wives of subalterns whose financial plight worse than if their husbands were actually in the ranks, for they have no sepa ate allowance from the Government, and a higher standard of living must be maintained. Today I read: "Lieutenant's wife - three children-

earnestly begs help with boy's school out-

"To any Patriot-Will you guarantee 5 pounds per month for the support of subaltern's wife and little girl while he fights for them and you?"

PROD FOR SLACKERS. The newest recruiting notice, which adorns the London highways and hedges, has an ominous note behind it:

SINGLE MENII

Are You Going to March Too, Or Walt Till March 2?

No Definite Action Taken on McLe Yes, the day of the Slacker-or Con-scientious Objector, as he often styles himself-is fast petering out to a close Speaking of Slackers, an amusing inciden occurred in Margate last Saturday aft-ernoon. A band of fair damsels of "flap-per" persuasion, who have been carrye-ing on the white-feather foolishness ever since the outbreak of war, observed a sturdy-looking young man summing him-self in a deck chair on the porch of a dertain hotel. Around his knee was a carefully wrapped rug, a digar in his mouth and a magazine in his hands. Up dashed the foremost damsel, and thrust a white feather into the youth's hand, with the brief salutation: "Cold

The lounger grinned good-humoredly. "Wall, one of them is, I guess-it's buried in Gallipoli," he drawled, and from be-neath the rug thrust out the stump of for consideration for several weeks, be-cause it would go on the calendar and be a leg.

"AWKWARD SQUAD" TRIALS. In every part of London the drilling o recruits takes place. Passing Hyde Park yesterday I watched an old reservist handling an awkward squad. He was marxelously patient, but the clumsy antics of the men tried him sorely. A perfect hurricane was blowing, and every now and then a shower of sleet would add misery to the performance.

eided to postpone action until after the "Form fours !" he was shouting in a Rules Committee meeting, which has been cracked voice. "For God's sake, form alled for 2 o'clock. Among the Pennsylvania Republicans

There was much shuffling and backing. and one recruit in particular seemed quite at sea. The sergeant ordered him to come out and drill the squad—just to see how much he had picked up, and if "Form

SHIPS RESOLUTION: SENATE IN TANGLE perfect my own resolution and the amended resolution carrying the warn-ing to Germany was the one tabled." Committee membership to ascertain whether they could muster enough ad-herents there to have a rule reported this

Senator Sherman-"Our action smacks afternoon for immediate consideration of the McLemore measure, strongly of cowardice, evasion and shirkng of responsibility."

Senator McCumber-"I believe that we ought to do the whole thing over again and so have reintroduced the original REASONS FOR DELAY. It was certain that wide differences of opinion in the Rules Committee, the body now in mession which must pave the way for consideration of the MeLemore resu-Gore resolution and will ask that it be voted upon." lution by reporting a special rule

Senator Kern-"The motion of Senator disposition, was mainly responsible for the delay in the vots. "Immediate action" advocates harried James covered the whole thing and was complete victory for the President." Senator Fall-"The Senate sent word o the Kaiser that the Senate may regret the committee to rush a rule through this afternoon, declaring the Senate's balling-up of the Gore resolution ought to be the deaths of Americans on armed mer hant ships, but will take no action." interacted immediately by a vote of House. They were finally appeased

Senator Borah -- "Yesterday's action was evasive and compromised the honor of the Senate."

SENATE ACTION VICTORY FOR WILSON, LONDON PAPERS SAY

Think Gore Substitute Obscures Armed Ship Situation

There were reports also current about the Capitol that the House might, with the President's tacit approval, vote on the straight-out issue of the merits of the LONDON, March 4 .- The Senate's ac tion in upholding President Wilson not only was a great victory for the Presi-dent, but undoubtedly will cause great dismay in Berlin, officials and the press McLemore resolution, instead of on the question of tabling it. Such a course was urged by the "Im-rediate action" proponents, on the ground leclared today.

that the "aupposedly deliberative, cautious and wise Senate" (as they termed it) had tabled the Gore substitute without realiz-ing what it provided, and that the House Some of the newspapers confessed they were puzzled because Senator Gore's sub stitute resolution tended to obscure th armed merchantmen issue. But they agree unanimously that the Senate had voted by an overwhelming majority not to interfere with Wilson in his foreign deal-ings. This, above all things, they said,

The House Foreign Affairs Committee reported the McLemore resolution with was exactly what the President wanted. The Times said the vote in the Senate undoubtedly would be followed by anothe victory for President Wilson in the Hous After the House Democratic leaders had decided upon a postponement of the vote and seized the opportunity to advise the Government to deal more liberally with the American press, declaring Americans want only the truth to be convinced of the on the resolution, various conferences were held to discuss the procedure. Mem-bers of the rules committee, with chairnan Flood, held an informal conference justice of the Allies' cause. The Daily Chronicle said that Presider

man Flood, held an informal conference on the floor of the House. Some of the members declared that the business of the House was being delayed and embarrassed by the international Wilson has been "triumphantly justified

'BACK IN THE COUNTRY'' FOLK RALLY TO WILSON'S STAND

man Pou, of the Rules Committee, to see if an agreement could not be reached by means of which all could be satisfied. Hundreds of Letters Tell How the

Firesides Uphold Him

WASHINGTON, March 4 .-- President HOLDS SECRET CONFERENCE Wilson today was communing with the people "back in the country." Following his statement at the Gridiron Club dinner week ago that he would rather hear from he home firesides than congressional loakrooms, there has been a tremendous WASHINGTON, March 4. - Behind olted doors, in the Ways and Means ommittee room, the Republican members f the Pennsylvania delegation caucused

esponse. Letters have come in hundreds rom every section of the country, from nen engaged in every business and from somen and children.

day on the advisability of heading off straight-out vote on the McLemore reso-Today in his White House study the tion of warning by joining with the emperats who do not favor facing the President devoted himself to these mes ages. It was explained that a vote on In the pile was one, written with quay

the warning resolution, such as has been demanded by the White House, might be headed off by voting against the special rule to give the warning resolution a ring stroke, the hand of an old It said: I am 71 years of age and a veteran

of the Civil War, but I am not too old to take up my gun and fight for the stand you have taken. It was from the South.

There was also a long letter from a other in Massachusetts. My two boys are grown to manhood,

it said. I love them as only a mother can. But I am not afraid. I am proud of the letter you wrote to Sena-tor Stone and happy that I have two boys strong enough to help you, should you need them.

You ask for news from the fireside another from Indiana read. Mine is cold tonight for my boy has gone to Washington to begin his college work. I am proud, though, that he may some day help you in case the demand comes to uphold the rights upon which the foundations of this country are bufit

who said they will vote for a warning resolution and thereby contrary to the wishes of the President are Representa-tives Warren Worth Bailey, of Johnstown; There were scores of letters urging him warn Americans that their travel on armed ships endangers the peace of the country. amuel H. Miller, of Mercer, and Andrew

The War Today

Infantry fighting for Douaumont village continues, according to dis-patches received this afternoon. Both the German and French War Offices agree that no important change occurred on the Verdun front last night. The German War Office an

nounced this afternoon that 1000 prisoners, 115 field guns and 161 machine guns have been taken thus far in the struggle around Douau-Paris reported continuation mont. of the heavy artillery duel around Verdun, but no important infantry fighting on that front during last night.

The German War Office reported the repulse of a French attack in the Argonne and also against Obersept, in Alsace, where 80 French prisoners were taken.

Paris mentioned an engagement at Eparges, 12 miles southeast of Verdun, where the French prevent-

ed the Teutons from occupying a newly blown mine crater, but reported that elsewhere on the front only the customary artillery fighting occurred last night.

The Russians have captured Bitlis, the second important city in Armenia. This gives the Grand Duke virtually absolute control of Lake Van region. His other army is marching rapidly on Trebizond. Enver Pasha, Turkish leader, arrives at Jerusalem, presumably to

direct a Turkish campaign against Egypt. Berlin officially claims the sinking of two French auxiliary cruis-

ers and an English patrol boat by German submarines. Paris officially denies that French cruisers have been sunk by

submarines. England calls to the colors mar-

ried men between 19 and 27, who attested under Derby recruiting campaign.

I CANNONI E GLI ALPINI D'ITALIA OPERANTI SU **CINQUE METRI DI NEVE**

Un Saluto della Camera Italiana all'Esercito Francese Provoca Una Dimostra-

zione a Parigi

LA BULGARIA SODISFATTA

ROMA, 4 Marzo. Il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava leri sera il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna sulla situazione alla fronte italoustriaca:

"Nella zona di alta montagna la neve che in alcuni punti e' caduta fino ad essere ora all'altezza di cinque metri ed ha provocato numerose valanghe, non ha fermato l'attivita' dei nostri reparti di ricognizione, ne' l'azione della nostra arti-

"Nella zona di Gorizia si e' avuta una intensa azione di artiglieria da parte del

nemico, che e' stata controbattuta con successo dalle nostre batterie." Telegrammi da Parigi dicono che nella "amera dei Deputati di Francia si e' avuia una straordinaria dimostrazione in favore dell'esercito. La dimostrazione e' stata causata dalla lettura fatta del presidente della Camera, Deschanel, di un mesaggio di saluto inviatogli dal presidente lella Camera del Deputati italiana. Il messaggio diceva: "I miel colleghi mi hanno affidato l'in-

carico gradito di trasmettere l'entusiastico saluto dell'Italia al valoroso esercito francese che cosl' erolcamente combatte er la liberta'

"Le armate repubblicane, come le nostre ombattono senza tregua per la vittoria definitiva che deve segnare il trionfo della

FRENCH UNFLINCHING AT VERDUN; SLAVS CAPTURE GERMANS ALSO HEROES IN FRAY BITLIS BY STORM:

"Forward for the Fatherland" Cry of Teutons Plunging to Certain Death-Joffre's Troops Heroes, Kitchener's Tribute

PARIS, March 4. Inspired by the presence of General Jof-fre, the supreme commander, the French troops fought at Verdun with the valor of heroes and swept forward into the wither-ing artillery fire of the Germans without ing artillery fire of the Germans without a faitering step. hand struggle ensued which caused the earthworks to run red with rivers of blood.

After packing most of their dead on After packing most of their dead on empty animuniton trains to be sent into Germany for cremation, the Germans re-opened the battle off Verdun with artil-lery progration, which the French War Office described as "intensely violent."

During the Jull in the fighting the Ger mans had strengthened their positions by digging trenches and opening up com-municating redouble so that fresh troops could be sent to the front without being exposed to the crossifice of the French artillery.

INVADERS BUILT ROADS Melting snows and floods had turned is roads behind the German lines to

stretches of quagmire, and it was neces sary for the Germans to build plank roads with timber before they could move their reinforcements of guns to the front. The road-making had to be carried out after darkness fell in order to avoid the fire of the French "seventy-fives."

Three fresh divisions of troops drawn from Belgium, Russia and Serbia, were hurled against the French positions in the new drive. This attack centred the new drive. This attack centred upon Douaument plateau at a point where upon Douaument plateau at a point when the village stood, before it was leveled by the big German guns. Three cross-roads converge there, giving it importance of a high strategic order.

On the southern side of the village the French had constructed a strong line of redoubts, which commanded several ravince. Three hundred yards south of the village is the site of Fort Douaumont, ris ing 90 feet above the level of the village

GERMANS MOVE FORWARD.

On Wednesday night after the German guns thundered all day, the Germans be-gan to move forward, deploying from Chambrettes and Vauche Forest. The masses of gray-clod troops swept forward, converging upon Douaumont Flateau. In the meantime, other troops were sent against the French positions from the the French positions from the of Haudroment Woods. Other helter German troops, a division strong, advanced along a little brook, which runs through the ruined village of Vaux. These troops were exposed more fully than the others. and they were literally annihilated by the storm of shells and machine gun salvos which the French sent against them.

The road became so choked with corpses that the living could not make their way over the piles of bodies which blocked the highway. ighway. It was not until long after darkness had

fallen and the star shells began to light fighting.

CANNON DUEL MARKS 3300 FRENCH TROOPS ACTION ABOUT VERDUN LOST WITH PROVENCE **Continued** from Page One

enemy from occupying a crater caused by "There is nothing to report on the rest of the front except the usual cannonade." Only 696 Survivors of Great Disaster in Mediter-

ranean

PARIS, March 4. In making public the fact that 4000

persons were aboard the French auxiliary cruiser Provence when she was sunk in the Mediterranean last Saturday, the Ministry of Marine indicated today that there is little hope that more survivors will be reported.

The loss of life is now estimated at bout \$300. Though it was first estimated that \$70 persons have been saved, later advices said that no survivors had been accounted for other than the 696 landed at Malta and Melos Islands.

The French Ministry of Marine yesterday issued an official statement denying a German report that two French cruisers

gested that the tactics used by the Ger-

30,000.

ON WAY TO COAST One Force Takes City South of Erzerum-Another Advances to

Black Sea

cated 4700 feet above sea level.]

As there has been no serious Turkish

sistance except at Bittes, since the fall

200 miles west of Erzerum, the only point considered here as likely to be a serious

obstruction to the westward progress of

mentarily expected.

TREBIZOND MENACED The Brandenburg infantry played an The Brandenburg Infantry played an important part in this fighting. French army officers paid a tribute to this branch of Brandenburg troops, who pushed for-ward to certain death singing and shout-PETROGRAD, March 4. It is officially announced that the Rus-sians have captured Ritlis. Turkish Ar-menia, about 110 miles southeast of Er-serum, near the southwestern extremity of Lake Van. The city was taken by as-

"Forward for the Fatherland." On Thursday the Prussians were thrown forward in assaults, the Brandenburg and Pomeranian regiments having been cut to pieces. Most of the day was given over to artillery dueling, but at sunset the Germans launched infantry attacks, mpult. (Bitlis is a city of about 35,000 inhabit ants and the capital of the vilayet of the same name. It has numerous mosques and convents of dancing derviates and is lothe soldiers pressing forward in mass for

mation. GREAT GUNS UNLIMBERED.

BRAVE BRANDENBURGERS.

The Russian advance in Asia Minor is also proceeding with success went and north from Erzerum and news of the fall of Trebizond, on the Black Sca coast, is momentarily expected In the meantime the Germans began to unlimber their heaviest guns and monster shells were exploding along the French front tearing gigantic holes in the ground and rocking the earth with sickening un-dulations. It was afterward found that of Erzerum, the continued forward sweep of the Russian armies has been retarded any French soldiers were killed without being wounded. Army surgeons at-tribute their deaths to the shock of the according to reports from the front, only by the rugged country and the severity voloding German shells.

Wounded soldiers who had been on the northern end of the front, where the Ger-mans have been shelling the French lines of the weather. In their retreat the Turks appear to have been mainly occupied with attempts to save their guns and equipment, in "Jack Johnsons" are toys compared with the ponderous shells hurled against the which they were only partly successful, as the Russlans reach an increasing toil of French positions around Verdun. The German losses have been so enorm abandoned cannon. The Turks are said to be strengthening the fortifications of Sivas, which is about

us that the French military writers tinually dwell upon them. On the other hand the French losses while not insig-ificant, are in no way comparable with those of the Germans.

the Russians, and it is believed improb-able that the Turks will attempt to make FRENCH CALLED HEROES. a stand until Sivas is reached. Turkish General Petain, who is assisting Gen eral Joffre to direct the French operations

reinforcements are pouring daily into this in a special order to his troops compli-mented them upon their bravery and published with the order a message from Lord Kitchener, the British Secretary of centre. PENN READY TO ROW. BUT WEATHER IS TOO COLD

War, saying that England regarded every French soldier as an individual hero. A heavy force of troops has been massed around Verdun by the French. Coach Wright Calls Off Practice for This Afternoon including the crack detachments of the army. Among them is the Foreign Le-gion, which includes many Americans. Charles Phillips, of Chicago; James Dam-

Due to the low temperature and the choppiness of the water. Coach Wright called off the varsity crew practice today. The junior varsity reported at the boat-house this morning and were sent up the river. Wright coaching them from the bank. When they had reached the Girard Avenue Bridge, however, ency were or-dered back to the slip, as the roughness

of the water prevented them from getting, any rhythm into their stroke. Despite the fact that the men were, all bundled up, they were nevertheless in a ball from condition by the time they had reached shelter. The varsity showed up early in the afternoon, but were told that the practice had been called off. "We must get the work in," Wright said, "but this sort of weather will do them more harm than good.'

West Branch Loses Owen Davis

French troops, under General Petain have completely blocked all German at tempts to capture Pepper Heights, north of Verdun, by a flank attack, according West Draiter Loses Owen Davis, Owen Davis, physical director of the West Branch Y. M. C. A., 55d and Samon streat, leaves West Branch today to accept the pe-eition of director of activities at the Men's Club of Wayne, Pa. Davis joined the force of instructors at West Branch a year and a half ago, coming from the Hilltop Branch, of Pittsburgh. to Paris dispatches today. Driven out of Douaumont village, Gen eral Petain Is making a stand around the strong redoubt less than a mile southwest of Douaumont. Here the French have repulsed with heavy losses successive charges by the Teutons, who hope to penetrate the French front and cut off the defenders of Bonner Heights

LONDON, March 4.

fours!" had penetrated his bucolic brain He was soon enlightened. "Form tw thick !" was the order given by the rustic

Yet when actual battle comes these men 'are magnificent fighters. Afraid? Of course they are! Terrified! They all admit it, officers and men alike. Modern valor knows no self-deception. And that is why downright panic is so rare. The educate i soldier of today deliberately faces fear and strives for self-mastery. He knows himself in the fine Socratic sense. His herolam lies in the overcoming of that awful panic which falls on every man when around him is a roaring hell of torture and of death.

WHEN DEATH HOLDS REVEL.

A certain surgeon major of my acquaintance just home from the front was very definite on this subject. 'The soldier has no heroic' illusions when he plays solo with a Tom Thumb pack under rafales of fire, and reaches for his mask, cursing the gas attack that spolls a winning hand." he said. "Malte no mistake about the hormoles," of murder in the air and under the earth; of death mowing and reaping with monstrous guns, aerial mines and bombs, cold steel and bludgeons in a fripping sewer that's partly yours and German round the next traverse.

"You hear tell of shellfire and snipers, of dreadful sounds in the dark, of sights beyond imagining when green flares sour and show the unburied duad swaying terity on the wire of No-Man's-Land. "Good heavens, we were said to be soft!. The British know they're degen-

soft! The British know they're degen-srute,' Bernardi told his people. 'You've enly to read their own papers. God, what a shock is in store!' True, But it was the flower of the Prussian Guard that went down under it! Yes, we've been tried in the fire-with blazing benzine. We've been tried in the chlorine cloud; out-grunned, out-manned and hopelessly out-grifted. out-gunned out-drilled.

To make good out there needs Supersarth

"To make good out there needs Super-en. We're enclosed in living tombs. spied on from the clouds and drenched with eal and flames. Explosions rock the rth, sights slicken you everywhere. "And yet we're gay. We love our kes. Even the cavalry have hobby-mess-if it's only a bit of garden on a tich of clay, or the trench newspaper hose editor works the typewriter like a achine-gun, warning sentries not to fire machine curves works the typewriter has a machine gun, warning sentries not to fire af the periscope of submarines navigating the communication trench? "None of the cry-side there. A bitter business, with man's life as cheap as a

resulting with many life as cheap as a fy's and all the world's treasure, all the world's science, lent to crude, wholesale sinughter. Chemistry, optics, ballistics. The result is death such as herces of Albuers never faced, nor those of 'com-pact' lights like Waterloo and Balaklava.

"THE HOMERIC GRIP."

"And wounds! Wounds in the mind as well as in the body. Lesions I couldn't icols at for tarx. Yet these fellows live. International and the line of the line of the internation of the line of the line of the form remarking but eached with his life. How's these for the Homeric grip? "We declars are agenant at the ultra-body much the young suits and sport

"We destine are agnast at the ultra-monapp mean. The young soulds and sport -the soulists of the Assot issue-flames herth as Boyd-Roshfore, V. C. The Ox-used atreast shopman becomes Sargeant Robons, the superman of a shell-binated attock who saved the flamk of his whole ince. George Wilson the ex-newsboy, arrough down on a machine gun slays all free arrow, and Ronge the lungs weapon-fl weights is pounds-at his officer's feet. There, and 'he ware that's the thing an insmall the rowshie!" There is the starge the thing an insmall the rowshie!"

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J. Barchfeld, of Pittsburgh

DISCUSSION OF U-BOAT ISSUE AGAIN BREAKS OUT IN SENATE

Senator McCumber Denounces Tabling of Gore Resolution

WASHINGTON, March 4 .-- Discussion of the armed merchantmen-submarine issue broke out again on the Senate floor today as the result of a statement read into the record by Senator Lodge, denying that the British Government never issued warning during the Japanese-Russian war to its citizens to keep off armed merhantmen.

was questioned by several Sena Lodge ors, and at length Senator McCumber broke into a denunciation of the gag rule by which the Administration had sup-pressed discussion in the Senate. Par-ticularly he complained of the recess taken last evening to prevent a discus-alon of the resolution which he introduced vesterday.

'Sooner or later we will have a vote on my resolution," said McCumber. "Public sentiment will force it.

"In the last analysis Congress is su-preme, and if it believes the President has gone too far ultimately it cannot be prevented by any parliamentary trickery from letting him know it.

"The tabling of the Gore resolution did not meet the President's own proposal. If we take the usual construction of a tabling motion-namely, that it implies opposition to the measure tabled-the

opposition to the measure tabled—the Senate voted yesterday that the killing of an American is not a cause for war. "Even if that is but a parliamentary technicality and if the Administration Senators succeeded in their desire to sweep away all resolutions, the Presi-dent's surpose has not been attained for ient's purpose has not been attained, for he did not learn the sentiments of this body on the momentous issue which con-fronts him.

"Senators talk and differ on international law, but there is one supreme law-the law of preservation, and the right of that we must grant to every nation.

"I believe that in the present contro-wray there is so much doubt as to which ontention is right that the least this ountry can do is to warn its citizens off essels until the issue is settled.

"And let us always remember Congress is the final war-making body, the supreme power, and let us not relinquish or shirk our responsibilities."

SENATORS SPLIT IN OPINION OF VOTE ON SHIP WARNING

Lodge and James Uphold It; "Cowardice," Says Sherman

WASHINGTON, March 4. - Leading Senators commented today on the conflict-ing claims that yesterday's vote on the Gore resolution was inconclusive.

Senator Lodge, admittedly the ablest parliamentarian in the upper house— "The Senate has gone on record as oppos-ing a warning to Americans and against interference with the Executive and there can be no confusing of this action, be-cause of technical parliamentary entagienents.

Senator James, President Wilson's spokesman..."My motion called for the tabling of the original Gore resolution; the amendment which the Senator wanted incorporated, and all other matters af-facting it then before the Senate, includ-ing the McCumber substitute. That mo-tory for the Administration.

Senator Gore-"Under the rules I could

Ivilta You have Congress over a barrel, wired one supporter. Now apply the Several party organizations sent pledges of support

LEADING GERMAN PAPER HINTS WILSON BREAKS NEUTRALITY

English Ordered Merchant Ships to Attack, It Says

BERLIN, March 4 .-- President Wilson is vigorously attacked in today's issue of the Lokal Anzeiger, which claims the largest circulation of any newspaper in Ger папу

The Lokal Anzelger questions whether esident Wilson is not acting in defiance of sound sense, and actually committing a breach of neutrality by his attitude in the armed merchantman controversy. the armed merchantman controversy. "President Wilson's letter to Chairman Stone, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is undated," said the Lokal Ankeiger. "We suppose it was written before the German memorandum on armed merchantmen, published February 10, was officially known. Otherwise it would be in deflance of sound human

sense

"Wilson states that during the present war no nation or group of nations has the right to alter or neglect existing rules which all nations have agreed upon to mitigate the terrors of war. The German attitude in the memorandum relative to submarine war does not alter any rules. The memorandum gives irrefutable proof that the English ordered merchant ships not only to arm, but to attack. There is no international law which forbids a belligerent to consider as hostile armed merchant vessels, which have been ordered to attack his ships."

Marriage Licenses Granted at Elkton WILMINGTON, Del. March 4. — Six-teen couples were granted marriage li-censes in Elkton this morning, as fol-lows; James A. Wood and Mary E. Read, Edward T. Marshall and Bertha V. Berry, Gene de Giovanni and Theresa Schmidt, Thomas A. Cunningham and Anna M. Borman, Michael J. Lawless and Mary Speers. William J. McCorch and Atherts Borman, Michael J. Lawless and Mary Speers, William J. McCoach and Alberta H. Maulthe, all of Philadelphia; Glenmore D. Holmes and Lilly N. Trollinger, How River, N. C.; William E. Steetz and Helen E. Hilderbrand, Allentown; Charles W. Trump and Helen C. Peacock, Norristown; Edward W. Currie and Myrtle S. Thomp-son, Trenton, N. J.; Dallas E. Goodhart and Ella M. Scheifel, Reading; De Larme Schreck and Blanche Miller, Norristown; Schreck and Blanche Miller, Norristown; William F. Simmons, Newark, Del., and Margaret Clark, Stanton, Del.; Henry N. Hege, Lancaster, and Susie E. Smith, Leb-

anon; Earl Wiggins and Ethel Weaver, Camden, N. J.; Daniel E. Kemmerling and Edna E. Baisch, Reading.

Kanta E. Bassed, Reading
TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES
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Alla lettura del telegramma tutti deputati si alzarono in pledi applaudendo per parecchi minuti. Poi la Camera decise municare il telegramma all'esercito

Il Ministro della Guerra, generale Galieni, disse allora tra un altro grande coppio di entusiasmo: "In nome della armate della Repub-

blica ringrazio la Camera italiana che sa che i nostri soldati come i suoi combattono per la causa santa della liberta' del

popoli." Un telegramma da Sofia dice che il presidente del Consiglio, Radosiavoff, fa-cendo un resoconto della operazioni di guerra della Bulgaria, disse che tutti par-

titi approvano la politica estera del gabin-etto e mise in rillevo le conquiste terri-toriali compiute dall'esercito bulgaro, ag-giungendo che il governo non aspira ora ad ulteriori conquiste. Egli rifiuto di fare qualsiasi dichiara-tione relativamente all'avvenire della Serbia e del Montenegro, ma disse che le

relazioni della Bulgaria con la Rumania e la Grecia erano eccellenti e che questi osservavano la piu' stretta neutralita'.

ATTORNO A VERDUN.

La lotta che i tedeschi hanno impe-gnato attorno a Verdun divenendo piu' gigantesca, Sembra che il kaiser abbia deciso di giocare la sua carta piu' grossa davanti alla formidabile fortezza francese. La sue legioni hanno conquisato il villaggio di Douaumont, ma la famteria francese e' stata lanciata a violenti contrat-tacchi. La battaglia non e' ancora decisa, ma si sa che le perdite che i tedeschi subiscono in questo folle tentativo sono enormi, sebbene quella del difensori non siano affatto llevi.

Il nuovo attacco e' stato iniziato nel pomeriggio di mercoledi' contro il villag-gio di Dououmont la cui importanza e' nel fatto che e' il punto di convergenza di tre buone strade. A sud del villaggio pero' il francesi, che nel settore di Verdun sono mandati dal generale Petain, hanno costruito una serie di ridotte protette da crepacci. Interi reggimenti tedeschi ian-ciati all'assaito delle posizioni francesi furono annientati, "squagliati" dal fuoterribile delle mitragliatrici e dei cannon da campagna francesci. Per un buon tratto di strada i cadaveri

si ammucchiavano in tale grande quantita' che il passaggio era ostruito. Si dice che le perdite subite dal francesi, pur non essendo affatto insignificanti, non pos essendo arratto insignicanti, non possono essere paragonate a quelle subite dai te-deschi. Ieri il general Joffre dirigeva egli stesso le operazioni di difesa della piazza, ansistito dal generale Petain. Nel settore di Verdun i francesi hanno am-massato una quantita' enorme di truppe e di artigiteria. di artiglieria.

NUOVE VITTORIE RUSSE.

Intanto, mentre continua la colossale pattaglia di Verdun, i Russi operanti nell'Asia Minore non stanno inoperosi E" noto che dopo l'occupazione di Erzerum

ink off Havre by Ger German report did not marines reach the United States until today.

BERLIN, March Two French auxiliary cruisers and one English patrol boat have been sunk by German submarines, the Admiralty German submarines, the announced today.

The Admiralty statement did not iden tify the French cruisers reported sent to the bottom. In making public this official statement, however, the semiofficial news agency added the following:

"Paris reports the sinking of the transport Provence which carried 100 men, of whom 696 were rescued."

LONDON, March 4. A dispatch to Lloyds announces that

the Norwegian steamship Egro, 1875 tons, has been sunk in a collision with another vessel. The members of the crew were picked up, but six are missing.

The Russian steamship Vasilij Velikij 1414 tons, has also been sunk with a loss of eight lives, including the captain The ship was formerly a German vesse named the Prinz Gustaf Adolph. It was oullt in 1897.

Form \$3,500,000 Movie Concern

DOVER, Del., March 4 .- The Peerless Pictures Corporation, to engage in the manufacture, sale and exhibition of mo-tion picture films, was incorporated here today with a capital stock of \$3,500,000. The incorporators are Semple Scott, Emile offeman and Howard G. Griffiths, of New York city.

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mans and the fact that brigades from the Balkans are taking part in the fighting tends to confirm the belief that Field Marshall Mackensen is now directing the German operations.

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