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ships.

It was realized, however, after the prompt and resolute stand taken by President Wilson, that these orders could only be palliative and only defer, not avoid, an ultimate break.

Way to Arm American

Merchantmen Held in Port

Washington, Feb. 12. - Within a

o-day.

The British liner Cedric, which sails to-day for Liverpool without passengers, will carry 5,000 sacks of mail,

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GOLD

READERS of the Star-Independent will find a continua-

this evening. This story will run

in the Telegraph each evening un-

til completed. A synopsis of "Gold" has been supplied in order that

Telegraph readers also may enjoy

the remainder of this really re-

in the gold fields of California.

markable story of the days of '49

Another treat in store for publi-

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of love and adventure in the Old

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Just the kind everybody likes.

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Government Will Find



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OFFICIALS DISTRUST KAISER'S PEACE PLEA

Berlin Asks Parley, but Washington Says Move Is Insincere; Rejection Predicted Unless U-Boats Are Stopped During Negotiations

LITTLE HOPE IN GERMANY THAT WAR WITH U. S. IS AVOIDABLE

Emperor William Calls Conference Presumably to Discuss Submarine Campaign and Position of Neutrals; May Try to Divide Public Opinion Here

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—The German proposal delivered to the State Department Saturday that means be discussed for preventing the break in relations from resulting in war apparently has struck no responsive cord here. No official would indicate whether a reply already had been given, but there was no disposition to deny that the proposal has been made or to deny that the American government regarded it as an effort on the part of Germany to befog the issue.

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Officials admitting to-day for the first time the receipt of such an offer through the Swiss minister regard the suggestion as an attempt to becloud the issue and weaken the government's position. They gave indications that it must be met by prompt action.

They regard it as somewhat strange that Germany should now show a willingness to negotiate on a subject she put into effect without discussion with this country or any attempt to give the American viewpoint consideration. It was made clear everywhere in government circles that there was nothing to discuss unless Germany desired to stop abridging American rights and illegally menacing American life.

In connection with the German suggestion special interest attached to cable dispatches announcing that Emperor William had called a conference, presumably to discuss the submarine campaign and the position of the neutrals. It was suggested that out of the conference might come something more tangible than the mere oral suggestion that Germany would like to discuss means of preventing the addition of another nation to her long list of enemies.

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upon the United States the appearance
of belligerency. The chief purpose, it
is believed, is to bewilder public opinion
here and divide the country, and the
move is about as unwelcome here as if
Mr. Gerard in Berlin had gone behind
the German government, through the
Spanish ambassador, who represents
the United States there, in an appeal
to the German people on a wholly incomplete issue.

Whether any sort of answer will be
made beyond a mere acknowledgment
to the Swiss minister, who presented
the suggestion entirely.

It is possible that a summary of the
present submarine campaign, with a
list of the sinkings without warning
and the loss of lives, may be submitted
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Germans Trying to Avoid War but Have Slight Hope

Copenhagen, Feb. 12.-Little hope or expectation prevails in Berlin that war with the United States is avoid-able or that a modus vivendi recon-ciling the policies of the two great

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, eontinued cold to-night, with lowest temperature about 4 degrees below zero; Tuesday fair, with rising temperature.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and continued cold to-night; Tuesday fair, with rising temperature; moderate northwest winds, becoming variable.

The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall slowly except local rises may occur where the chartel becomes clogged with ice. A sure of the control of the sure of the cated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning.

morning.

General Conditions
The area of high pressure that was over the Upper Missouri Valley, Saturday morning, has apparently united with the high over the Southeastern States, forming an extensive system of unusually high barometer covering most of the country east of the Rocky Mountains, with its center over Indiana. Light to moderate rains have occurred in the Gulf States and Georgia and there have been light rains and snows in the Pacific States and in Idaho and Kansas; elsewhere fair weather has prevalled.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 4 degrees above zero. Sun: Rises, 7:01 a. m. Moon: Rises, 11:16 p. m. River Stage: 6.6 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 19. Lowest emperature, 12. Mean temperature, 16. Normal temperature, 22

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION OF COUNTRY'S RESOURCES

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Council and its advisory commission. Americans personally familiar with what has been done in Great Britain, France and elsewhere have been asked to appear before the commission which hopes to be able to frame a report and recommendations for submission to the council this week.

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Director Gifford, of the commission, explained that steps now contemplated did not bear directly on the present international situation. The discussion to-day had to do with the desirability and means of taking advantage of the present situation to make effective comprehensive plans for a permanent organization of productive resources so that they could be drafted into the public service in war time with little delay.

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No special legislation will be sought at this time, although the commission will frame suggestions as to necessary measures to be urged at a later date.

TENSION RELIEVED GERARD PARTY

Safely Reach Zurich Where Ambassador Tells of Being Held Prisoner

PRESSURE PLACED ON HIM

Kaiser Tried Hard to Get Him to Sign Treaty Protocol

Washington, Feb. 12. — Within a few days the government will find a way whereby American merchant vessels now held in port by fear of German submarines, may arm themselves and resume their sailings, it was intimated strongly by officials today. This will be accomplished by private means. The government will not supply guns or gunners direct, nor even formally advise arming. Ship owners have stated that heretofore they have been unable to obtain either guns or gun crews.

Officials to-day were still inclined Zurich, Switzerland, Sunday, Feb. 11, 10 p. m., via Paris, Feb. 12, 4.45 -Most of the members of Ambassador Gerard's large party gave : genuine sigh of relief this afternoon when the Swiss border was reached for the strain of the last few days had told more or less on the majority of SEVEREST COLD

> Ambassador Gerard met cordially the horde of newspapermen which crowded about him on his arrival at Zurich, clamoring for interviews for papers all over the civilized world, but be kept rigidly to his determination

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derived the stories of the stories American liner Kroonland The American liner Kroonland docked here yesterday, and the St. Louis and St. Paul, of the same line are still at their piers while their owners await news from Washington in regard to the policy recommended for American shipping that would risk the dangers of the German blockade.

The Cunard liner Andania, from Liverpool January 31 and the Italian steamer Giuseppe Verdi from Mediterranean ports reached their docks here to-day.

Mr. Gerard's farewells were said in a friendly though formal manner. Many Germans were in the throng at the station which consisted partly of Americans who had not received permission to depart on the embassy train and mest await the police routine before being allowed to leave. The fact that it was not generally known that Mr. Gerard was departing reduced the demonstrations at the South German stations to a minimum of curious crowds.

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The older women and the children were assigned to the sleeping cars on the train. The younger persons rode in the day coaches and made the trip of twenty hours to the border with no serious discomforts. The party was accompanied by two representatives of the foreign office and guarded carefully by men from the secret service. The customs inspection and other examinations at the border were relaxed to a mere formality.

BY ARRIVAL OF The Soul Of Lincoln

It steals from out the shadow of the tomb And cries to all America, "Make room, In this your fated hour for memory!"

The soul of Lincoln passed through grilling fires, Yet rose to meet a nation's high desires While none knew grief therein than he.

Can we allow the flag our fathers' blood Stained with its crimson sink beneath the flood While all the waiting world stands by to see?

The soul of Lincoln calls the souls of us, "Remember, oh REMEBER! Put your trust In God whose Hand controls the land and sea.

"If blood be shed, there is no other way, Through tribulation cometh perfect day. The king shall lead you as He once lead me."

> -ANNA HAMILTON WOOD. Written For the Telegraph,

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COMPREHENSIVE PLANS FOR THREE MORE SHIPS **SUNK TO-DAY BRING GRAND TOTAL TO 85**

CARRANZA WANTS TO STOP EXPORTS

Washington, Feb. 12 .- General Caranza has sent a note to the United States, Argentina, Brazil and Chile, as well as to all other neutral nations, asking them to join in an agreement to prohibit the export from their countries to the warring European nations of foodstuffs and munitions

BRINTON HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Martin A. Brinton, head of the Brinton-Packer Company, real estate, of Camp Hill, suffered a broken kneecap and other injuries when the automobile which he was driving, ran into a telegraph pole in the eastern part of Camp Hill, late this afternoon. The high wind blew the laprobe into Mr. Brinton's face, blinding him

STEAMER LYCIA SUNK LATE TO-DAY

London; Feb. 12.-The steamer Lycia has been sunk, Lloyd's Shipping Agency announced. The crew was saved. The British steamer Lycia was a Cunard Line vessel of 2,715 tons, built in 1896, at Middlesbrough.

1.002 ALLIED PLANES LOST

Berlin, Feb. 12 .- By Wireless .- From the beginning of the war to January 31, 1917, German battle planes and antiair craft batteries destroyed 1,002 hostile machines, or 167 enemy squadrons of six machines each, according to official statistics obtained by the Overseaes ews Agency In the period stated, 1,700 hostile aviators were put out of combat and machines values at 50,000,000 marks were destroyed.

TO CONSIDER HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

Harrisburg. - City school directors and members of the Citizen's Advisory Committee will hold a special meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock to consider a report on the briefs submitted by architects who appeared before the board for examination. An architect may be selected to draw plans for the new junior high school, to be erected in

SIXTH PENNA. TO LEAVE

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 12 .- The Sixth Pennsylvania infantry is expected to get away from El Paso to-day.

VILLA DRIVES CLOSE TO BORDER

Calumbus, N. M., Feb. 12 .- Villa troops have occupied Twin Windmills, 26 miles south of the border and an intermediary base of the communication trial to Colonia Dublan, according to Carranza officials here. A Villa drive toward the border was reported from Western Chihuahua by other sources here. All horses, mules and other stock were being commandeered, the Villa followers giving receipts for all property taken it was saiad.

Washington, Feb. 12.-The United States has replied to Germany's proposal of a discussion of the submarine situation by declining to enter into any negotiations while the proclamation of unrestricted warfare remains in effect and until Germany restores the pledges given in the Sussex case. The State Department to-day made public Germany's proposal submitted in a memorandum by Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister, and also the government reply, thereby confirming fully the announcement made by the Associated Press last Saturday and printed in the Harrisburg Tele-