

NEW SEA POLICY ON

BERLIN FIRM IN ATTITUDE AS TO ARMED SHIPS—ATTEMPTS IN TO JUSTIFY ACT.

FORMAL NOTE ON SUBJECT

Imperial Government Attempts to Justify its Recent Decree by Assertions that Great Britain Has Instructed Merchant Ships to Use Guns.

Washington, D. C.—Germany, in a formal note presented by Count von Bernstorff to Secretary Lansing, reiterates assurances regarding the future conduct of submarine warfare given in the Lusitania case; declares those assurances have not been modified by the memorandum setting forth its intention to treat armed merchantmen of the entire allies as auxiliary cruisers, and attempts to justify the issuance of the memorandum by presenting evidence and assertions designed to prove that the British government has instructed merchantmen to use their armament for purposes of attack in violation of assurances given to the United States.

PACT WITH HAITI RATIFIED.

Sanctions Protectorate Over Island—Haiti Has Approved.

Washington, D. C.—The senate has unanimously ratified the treaty with Haiti under which the United States assumes a protectorate over the turbulent island republic, taking over control of its finances and police, guaranteeing its territorial integrity and undertaking to develop its resources.

The principal articles of the convention provide for: American supervision of finances and the collection of customs.

Other metals mined were mica, lithia ore, lead, tin, stream tin, pyrite and coal. These produced 22,476 tons which yielded \$56,231.

Registered Mail Rifled.

New York.—The robbery of four valuable registered mail packages, in which it appears to have been an attempt to steal at least \$1,000,000 in currency consigned to the New York banks, became known here February 23.

May Come to U. S.

Lamar Case to U. S. Supreme Court.

Cousin of Lincoln Dead.

Louisiana, Mo.—Mrs. Carrie Hall, 76 years old, a cousin of Abraham Lincoln, died Sunday at the home of her son, Miss Isabel Hanks, near here.

NEWS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Happenings of the State Condensed for Readers of the Dakota Farmers Leader

HILLS MINING ACTIVE

STATE MINE INSPECTOR SHOWS A BUSY AND PROSPEROUS YEAR IN RICH SECTION.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

From the Capital City, the Various State Institutions and from Many Different Parts of the Sunshine State.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Pierre.—That mining is more active in the Black Hills than for many years and is now making a decided increase and that the dividends paid were greater, is the assertion of State Mine Inspector Otto Ellerman.

The total production of ore in the Black Hills to date is nearly \$200,000,000. During 1915 there were 1,889,876 tons mined which yielded \$7,619,684.83 in bullion.

Operator, Homestake; tonnage, 1,873,822; value, \$6,446,191.07; total employees, 2,228.

Operator, Golden Reward; tonnage, 58,837; value, \$484,898.36; total employees, 146.

Operator, Trojan; tonnage, 79,903; value, \$276,188.31; total employees, 34.

Tonnage Wasp No. 2; tonnage, 111,300; value, \$186,488.13; total employees, 112.

Operator, Mogul; tonnage, 37,419; value, \$161,605.05; total employees, 55.

Operator, New Reliance; tonnage, 27,645; value, \$61,507.89; total employees, 34.

Operator, Placer; tonnage, 406; value, \$1,822.32; total employees, 16.

Tonnage, miscellaneous; tonnage, 980; value, \$3,886.70; total employees, 225.

Total tonnage, 1,889,876; value, \$7,619,684.83; total employees, 2,931.

Operator Wasp No. 2; tonnage, 187; value, \$147,730.04.

Operator Homestake; tonnage, 30; value, \$31,331.23.

Operator, Miscellaneous (So. Hills) 1; value, \$1,425.

Totals, tonnage, 218; value, \$130,496.27.

Other metals mined were mica, lithia ore, lead, tin, stream tin, pyrite and coal.

The Homestake paid \$2,210,208 in dividends bringing their total dividends to \$38,891,908.

There were 29 accidents in the mines and mills, six of which were fatal.

Debating Teams Selected.

The state college at Brookings has selected two debating teams to represent the institution in debates with the University of Wisconsin and Montana State college some time in April.

First Track Meet.

The first track meet of the season in South Dakota is at Canton, where State college and University will meet on May 6.

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IN THE CORRIDORS OF TIME



ARMY PLAN IN HOUSE MAY IMPEACH JUDGE

FIRST DRAFT OF DEFENSE BILL IS COMPLETED.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Under pressure to "speed up" preparedness legislation, the house military affairs committee completed the first draft of the land defense bill. It provides: "An increase in the regular army to 147,000 men with 7,000 officers in a skeleton organization that in time of war could be expanded to 275,000."

The establishment of a federal air force, to be operated jointly with private interests, with a potential capacity for turning out vast quantities of munitions under pressure in case of war.

The assignment of more than 700 army officers as military instructors in schools throughout the country where military organizations are maintained.

The committee's action was the first definite step that has been taken toward preparedness.

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Berlin, Feb. 23 (by wireless).—More than 130 persons were hurled into an abyss in the Salzberg Alps when an avalanche carried away an Alpine shelter. There are already fifty-five known dead as the result of the snowslide, with forty-nine injured and about thirty still missing.

Burton to Seek Presidency.

Shanghai, Feb. 25.—Martial Law has been proclaimed at Chang-Sha, capital of the province of Hu-Nan, where an unsuccessful attack was made by rebels on Monday on the governor's mansion.

British Merchants in Jail.

ACTION SOUGHT AGAINST JUDGE CARPENTER OF CHICAGO.

Stockholder of Rock Island Railroad Charges Improper Practice in Receivership of the Property.

Washington, Feb. 23.—A petition asking the impeachment of Judge George A. Carpenter of the United States court at Chicago has been filed with the house judiciary committee by Representative Tinkham of Massachusetts.

Mr. Tinkham filed the petition on Saturday at the request of Christopher F. Sweeney of Boston, one of his constituents, who charged Judge Carpenter with improper practice in connection with the Rock Island railroad receivership.

Mr. Sweeney in his petition says that in 1902 he bought \$10,000 worth of Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad 4 per cent bonds, paying \$8,900 for them.

The complainant's principal contention is that Judge Carpenter knowingly appointed as receivers men who were friendly to the Moore-Reid group, which had been charged by the interstate commerce commission with exploiting the Rock Island.

The petition also draws attention to the fact that a receivership was asked on a claim of \$8,000 in the case of a property worth anywhere from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

It is charged that there is a plan on foot to bring about foreclosure on the company's stock and restore control to the Moore-Reid syndicate.

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EIGHT DIE IN WRECK

SPECIAL RUNS INTO TRAIN NEAR MILFORD, CONN., AFTER KILLING FLAGMAN.

YALE ATHLETES ARE HURT

Sixteen Persons Seriously Injured—Bodies of Two Passengers Buried in Wreckage—Engineer and Fireman Lose Their Lives.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 24.—Eight persons were killed, sixteen seriously injured and scores shaken up and bruised on Tuesday on the New York, New Haven & Hartford when the Connecticut River special, from Springfield for New York, stalled near Milford, was run into by a special train from Boston.

One of the cars on the Springfield train was filled with Yale students on the way to New York. It is not believed that any of them were killed, but several noted Yale men were injured and taken to a hotel at Bridgeport.

The Springfield train had stopped just outside of Milford because of trouble with an air hose. While this was being repaired the Boston train was seen coming. The flagman rushed ahead to give the warning, but in vain.

He was ground to pieces by the incoming train, the engineer and fireman of which also lost their lives. A Pullman porter also was crushed to death.

Before the debris was cleared away the bodies of two passengers were seen in piles of heavy wreckage. How many others were buried could not then be known.

It is feared several more of the injured will die.

WOOD HITS AT DEFENSE FOES

Major General Calls Those Who Oppose Preparedness Dangerous Enemies of Nation.

Pearia, Ill., Feb. 24.—Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, U. S. A., on Tuesday night made a stirring plea for preparedness of men, "not in preparation for war, but as insurance against it," in a speech at the annual Washington's birthday dinner of the Creve Coeur club in the Coliseum.

General Wood confined his speech to the value of the military instruction camps, from which he said, he hoped to see the army develop 50,000 officers for the reserve.

He pointed out how small even this number is when compared to the 127,000 officers that wore the blue in the Civil war.

FIVE ACTORS DIE IN FIRE

Firemen Rescue Chorus Girls and Others Who Threatened to Leap From Burning Structure.

New York, Feb. 24.—Five persons, four men and a woman, perished in a fire on Tuesday which destroyed a theatrical boarding house at 155 West Forty-seventh street.

The dead were identified as Thomas Keratous, Peter Janos, Thomas Mustaropus, Christy Antonio and Emily Tobiasch.

By the time the firemen arrived about 25 chorus girls and actors were at windows. Before starting to put out the fire the firemen and policemen began rescuing the terror-stricken inmates of the building.

FRANCIS ENVOY TO RUSSIA

Name Will Be Sent to Senate When Petrograd Says He is Acceptable.

Washington, Feb. 24.—David R. Francis, secretary of the interior in Cleveland's cabinet and former governor of Missouri, told President Wilson on Tuesday he would accept the post of ambassador to Russia to succeed George T. Marry, who has resigned.

Mr. Francis called on the president during the day with Senator Reed.

Build \$1,000,000 Acid Plant.

Alaska Bribe Quiz Opened.

King George Has Recovered.

Bulgars Want More Money.