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## SHIPPING MENACE MUST COME TO END

UNITED STATES TO TAKE  
IMMEDIATE STEPS TO  
STOP SUB. WAREFARE.

## ARMING OF SHIPS IS CONSIDERED

Cabinet Holds Meeting At  
Which All Phases Of The  
Situation Are Discussed.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The ruthless German submarine campaign and its effects upon the United States were discussed late Friday by President Wilson and the cabinet. The meeting lasted only an hour, and afterward it was said no new steps had been decided on.

Arming of American merchantmen and the economic effects of the partial tie-up of shipping out of American ports were the subjects on which the cabinet centered attention. Secretary McAdoo is compiling a list of vessels held in port, and Secretary Redfield is making a comprehensive analysis of the inroads submarines are making on shipping generally.

Consideration is given by the government to all the different phases of the situation that have developed since the break in relations with Germany, including the detention of the Yarrowdale prisoners, the crisis with Austria, the plight of Americans in Turkey and Belgian relief. High officials took pains today, however, to emphasize that the great fundamental problem before the nation is the illegal submarine campaign itself. Against this campaign the United States has made the most vigorous protest possible short of war, but the administration realizes that so long as it permits American ships to be held in port for fear of attack by submarines it is in effect acquiescing in the German policy. This state of affairs, it is admitted, cannot be permitted to continue indefinitely.

What the United States must do to end it, and when, are the only questions. The president is understood to have a very definite opinion as to what should be done, but he has not yet decided that the time to do it has come.

Press dispatches from Berlin announcing that the 72 American seamen brought in by the Yarrowdale had been released caused the demand that the men be freed to be withheld pending official advice on the subject. A cablegram was sent to the Spanish ambassador at Berlin asking whether the report was true. It is not doubted, as it has been assumed from the first that Germany would not hold the men after rumors reaching there of the imprisonment of German sailors in the United States had been cleared up.

## Program for Washington's Birthday.

Under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the following program will be rendered at the Franklin Academy next Thursday morning at 9:15 o'clock:  
Invocation—Rev. W. S. Slack.  
Song—Washing in our Washington School.

Reading—From Declaration of Independence—High School Boy.

Stereopticon Views—Youth of Geo. Washington—Miss Hooper and Mrs. Sydenstricker.

Song—Star Spangled Banner—High School Chorus.

Reading—The Efforts of a Southern Woman—Miss Ann P. Cunningham, to restore Mt. Vernon to the nation—Miss Mary G. Billups, vice-regent from Mississippi of the Mt. Vernon Association.

Song—America—School.  
Grammar and primary school exercises will be held in their rooms at 9 a. m.

Benefit performance at Princess Theatre 10 a. m., also afternoon and evening.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions Day will be observed at the Christian church this morning at 11 o'clock. The Woman's Missionary Society will have charge of the services. There will be an address by the pastor, Rev. D. A. Leak. All members of the congregation and the public generally are extended a cordial invitation to be present.

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## DRASTIC LIQUOR MEASURE OFFERED

BILBO WILL NOT CONVENE  
LEGISLATURE TO MAKE  
STATE "BONE DRY."

## WOULD MAKE MANY STATES "BONE DRY"

Decides to Wait Until Supreme  
Court Passes on Legality of  
Referendum.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Best opinion holds that the amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill, which makes it a felony for any to order or an agency to ship into prohibition territory, liquor in any quantity will be sustained by the conference in the part of the house and senate.

Speaker Clark is quoted as having said that had such a proposition been suggested in the house it would have carried. In the senate, it received support of local optionists and some prohibitionists. It was proposed by a local optionist.

An interesting feature of the debate today was the opposition to the amendment on the part of Senator Kenyon, star actor of the prohibition and reformation forces. If the amendment is sustained, no more liquor will be shipped into Alabama as long as present laws remain in force.

Washington, Feb. 17.—With its added drastic prohibition legislation, the postal appropriation bill, carrying \$332,000,000, was passed by the senate yesterday after a week of vigorous debate. It was sent back to the house, which will ask for a conference on the amendments.

The senate wrote into the bill a provision making it a criminal offense to ship liquor into states which prohibit its manufacture and sale thus nullifying the statutes of certain prohibition states permitting the importation of limited quantities of liquor for personal consumption.

Another provision would bar from the mails letters, postal cards, circulars, newspapers and other provisions containing liquor advertising in states having laws against such advertising; violation to be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000 or imprisonment not to exceed six months for the first offense or more than one year for the second offense.

Determined efforts made by the postoffice committee to increase second class mail rates and to establish a cent postage on drop letters were made and bitterly contested and the proposals were finally thrown out on a point of order.

## THREE COLLEGE GAMES MAY BE SEEN HERE THIS SEASON

NEGOTIATIONS TO SECURE  
BASEBALL CONTRACTS ARE  
NOW IN PROGRESS.

Mr. S. B. Street, Jr., president of the local Chamber of Commerce, is in receipt of a letter from Coach Chadwick, of the Mississippi A. & M. College, in which he states that if the desired concessions are made three baseball games between teams representing leading southern universities and colleges will be played on the local diamond during the coming season.

The games which it is proposed to play here are as follows: University of Alabama and A. & M. College, on April 21; University of Mississippi and A. & M. College on April 26; University of Tennessee and A. & M. College on May 4.

Mr. Street states that the directors of the Chamber of Commerce will see that the local grounds are put in good shape and do everything in their power to secure the games.

The Missionary Union of the Second Baptist church will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. R. N. Gibson on Bell avenue next Thursday afternoon. The subject will be "Efficiency." A special program has been arranged. All members are urged to attend and visitors are invited.

The many friends of Rev. J. H. Bell are glad to see him out after ten days' illness.



—Greene in New York Evening Telegram.

## VARSITY TEAM WINS SIX STRAIGHT GAMES

PRETTY GAME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON RESULTED IN  
VICTORY FOR I. I. & C.

That the varsity basketball team of the Industrial Institute and College cannot be downed, was proven yesterday afternoon when they won their sixth straight game. The contest was played on the local campus between the Mississippi Woman's College team and the "girls in blue," and resulted in a score of 14 to 6. The playing was quick and snappy, and the game was one of the best ever seen in this city.

Miss Annie Cook of Hattiesburg, acted as referee, and Miss Mae Massengale, of the I. I. & C. was umpire. The varsity team has this season won two games from the Woman's College, two from the Normal College, one from Beason College and one from the University co-ed.

## LENTEN SERVICES WILL BEGIN NEXT WEDNESDAY

FORTY DAYS OF FASTING TO BE  
OBSERVED BY MEMBERS  
OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Wednesday of this week begins the great Fast of Lent, as the saintly George Herbert styles it "The Feast of Lent," the period when in the Roman, Anglican and Lutheran churches special times of devotion are set apart and a period of "spiritual stock-taking" is expected. The length of this "revival period" has varied at different times in the history of the Christian church, varying from the "forty hours," commemorating the time when our Savior's soul rested in Paradise, to the present fast of forty days, which today is kept in memory of the forty days He spent in the wilderness, being tempted of, yet overcoming the evil which besets man.

The services at St. Paul's church will be as usual on Sundays, and on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays there will be the service of evening prayer with a short devotional reading. On Wednesdays (except this or Ash-Wednesday, when there will be Litany, Penitential service and Holy Communion, with evening prayer and reading at 4:30 p. m.), there will be Litany and reading at 10 a. m. On Fridays (except Good-Friday) the hour of service will be 7:30 p. m. Notice of other services will be given as occasion arises.

St. Paul's church is open daily for purposes of prayer and meditation from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m., and a cordial

## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE  
COUNTRY GIVEN IN A  
BRIEF FORM.

Lloyd's announces that the British steamer Longscar, 2,777 tons, the sailing ship Percy Roy, 1,110 tons, and a trawler have been sunk. The sinking of the British steamer Greenland, of 1,753 tons, is also announced by Lloyd's. The crew was landed.

Cotton consumption in the United States during January totaled 693,701 running bales, exclusive of linters. For the six months ending January 31, the consumption was 367,663 bales. Consumption during January a year ago was 542,000, showing an increase for 1917 of about 60,000 bales; for the six months ending January 31, 1916, consumption was 3975,000.

What is believed to be the first woman's temperance society in Mexico has been formed under the name of "Sociedad Feminina de Abstinencia," or Woman's Society of Abstinence.

Representatives Byrnes, Sims and Hull, of Tennessee, and Candier of Mississippi, Thursday appeared before the house appropriation committee and urged one item of \$25,000 for Shiloh park commission as asked by Delong Rice, secretary. Of this sum \$319,000 is to be used for a small hotel and a portion for a lodge for employes.

Mr. W. E. McClain, Jr., who for the past several months has been with the Columbus Riflemen on the Mexican border, has returned to the city and has resumed his former position with the Southern Express Company.

Mr. W. A. Deale will leave this morning for Tupelo, where he goes to attend a meeting Monday of the district managers of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Mr. George Grounds is among the large number of Columbus Masons, who attended the Grand Lodge meeting held the past week in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Lawrence, who reside several miles east of Columbus, have named their little daughter Sallie Mae.

Invitation is extended to any and all who desire to "come ye yourselves apart and rest a while," to attend the services.

A mission study class is being organized to meet on Tuesdays during Lent at 3:30 p. m. The portion of the field to be studied is Latin-America, and the text book is "The New World," by Rev. Arthur R. Gray, D. D.

There will be an important meeting of the Ladies' Aid on Wednesday immediately after the 10 a. m. service.

## LIBRARIANS TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING HERE

ADDRESSES WILL BE DELIVERED BY C. H. MILAM, OF BIRMINGHAM, AND OTHERS.

The Mississippi Library Association will hold its annual meeting in Columbus May 3 and 4, the meeting being held synchronously with that of the Mississippi Teachers' Association, which will then be in session here.

The principal speakers at the meeting will be Carl H. Milam, director of the public library at Birmingham, and Prof. D. C. Hull, superintendent of public schools at Meridian.

In addition to these addresses an informal discussion of library problems will be included in the program.

## EQUAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE MEMBERS ELECT OFFICERS

BUSINESS MEETING HELD FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT HOME OF MRS. BALDWIN.

At a meeting of the Equal Suffrage League with Mrs. William Baldwin on Friday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Mrs. Wm. Baldwin; vice-president, Mrs. Warren Cox; secretary, Mrs. B. A. Lincoln; treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Frazee.

A report of the state executive committee in Starkville on February 12 was given by Miss Pauline Orr, who also reported the organization recently of new leagues in Winona and Corinth.

It was decided to unite with suffragists from other states in sending a contribution to the Mid-Lenten Bazaar to be given under the auspices of the National Suffrage Association at their headquarters in Washington, D. C.

An invitation from the Meridian Suffrage League to attend the suffrage school to be held in Meridian Feb. 19-20-21, has been received by the local league. This school is held under the direction of the National Association, and experienced workers will give instruction in organization, woman suffrage history and argument, press and publicity, public speaking, parliamentary law and money raising. The Meridian Federation of Women's Clubs has recently endorsed officially the principle of equal suffrage, and suffragists who attend this school will receive a cordial welcome.

## EXTRA SESSION WON'T BE CALLED

MAKES IT A FELONY TO ORDER OR SHIP BOOZE IN  
DRY TERRITORY.

## THINKS PRESENT TIME INOPPORTUNE

Generally Believed Measure  
Will Be Sustained By  
Conferees of Two Houses.

Gulfport, Miss., Feb. 17.—Gov. Theo. G. Bilbo has dictated the following:

"To the People of Mississippi:

"To settle and answer finally the oft-repeated question, will there be an extra session of the legislature for the purpose of passing bone-dry legislation in Mississippi, I desire to make this statement. When the decision of the supreme court of the United States made it possible for the legislature to make the state absolutely dry, I immediately wired each member of the legislature asking them their position on this important measure, and I am sure it will be gratifying to know that between 80 and 90 per cent of the senators and representatives have filed in my office their pledge to rid Mississippi absolutely of whiskey and all intoxicating drinks, and while a majority of the legislators were in favor of the extraordinary session I believe it would be a mistake to call the legislature in extraordinary session for this purpose so long as initiative and referendum is a part of our organic law. The supreme court of Mississippi did not decide the constitutionality of this measure in any of the recent cases that have been before it and if I should call the legislature together and the absolute prohibition bill be passed the whiskey people and their sympathizers would at once file the petition with six thousand names or more and in this way suspend the operation of this law until the next general election, which will be held in November, 1918.

"Let me take occasion to say that a bill will be passed at the next session of the legislature and Mississippi will be made absolutely dry. I shall insist that the legislature place liquor regulations in our constitution and remove this question forever from our legislative halls and from the ballot box.

"Yours for a greater Mississippi.

THEO. G. BILBO.

Dr. W. R. McKinley has returned on business trip to Mobile.

## REMAINS OF MR. ARTHUR MULLINS REACH CITY

FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE  
HELD FROM FAMILY RESIDENCE THIS AFTERNOON.

The remains of Mr. Arthur E. Mullins, who died in Denver, Colo., last Wednesday morning reached Columbus Friday night and were taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mullins, on South Seventh street.

Funeral services will be held from the family residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon conducted by Rev. W. S. Slack, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church. The following gentlemen, who were close personal friends of Mr. Mullins, will act as pall bearers: Messrs. V. B. Imes, J. J. Richards, W. H. McClanahan, S. J. Loeb, Will Strauss and A. B. Lawrence.

Mr. Morrell Felts, of Natchez, a student at the A. & M. College, was among the visitors here for the Choctaw dance Friday night.

## Investigation Brought to Close.

New York, Feb. 16.—The congressional investigation into the peace leak came to an uneventful end today. Sherman L. Whipple counsel to the committee and three of the members of the committee closed up the examination this afternoon and will leave this afternoon for Washington to prepare a report for congress.

Commercial Ads are winners.

## MISS COOK HEADS HOME ECONOMISTS

DAUGHTER OF FORMER  
COLUMBIAN NEW PRESIDENT OF CONVENTION.

## HATTIESBURG TO GET NEXT MEETING

Association Recommends Two  
Text Books for Use in Agricultural High Schools.

Hattiesburg was selected as the next meeting place of the Mississippi Home Economics Association, which adjourned yesterday afternoon after a three-day session here, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Annie Cook, Hattiesburg; vice-president, Miss Mary Ethridge, Hully Springs; treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Coleman, Brooklyn; secretary, Miss Elizabeth Ellis, Hattiesburg.

An important action taken by the association at its final session yesterday was the adoption of a resolution endorsing two text books for use in the agricultural high schools of the state. The books endorsed were, "Shelter and Clothing," by Keene and Coole, and Greer's "Text Book on Cooking." The resolution included a cause recommending that these books be officially adopted by the Mississippi Text Book Commission for use in the agricultural high schools of the state.

The fifth annual meeting of the Mississippi Home Economics Association began at the Industrial Institute and College at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, the program having been inaugurated with an address of welcome by Miss Susie Will Gunter, head of the home economics department at that institution. This was followed by an address on "Home Economics in Mississippi," by Hon. H. L. Whitfield, president of the college, and after a selection by students of the music department, Miss Margaret Roubush, of the University of Mississippi, spoke on "Clothes Versus Home Comforts." A discussion of "Problems in Nutrition," by Miss Katherine Blunt, Ph. D., assistant professor of food chemistry at the University of Chicago, brought the evening's program to a close.

The morning session on Friday began at 8 o'clock, and various problems were discussed as follows: "The Technique of Cooking," Miss Frances Blount, Benton; "A Household Management Course," Miss Elizabeth Coburn, Brooklyn; "Practical Methods of Teaching Sewing," Miss Mayme Hill, Woodville; "Text Reviews," Miss Mary Ethridge, Slayden; "The County Agent and Her Work," Miss Annette Tyndale, Macon.

At the conclusion of the forenoon session the visitors inspected exhibits in the various industrial and art departments of the college, the departments represented and the teachers who preside over them being as follows: Millinery, Mrs. J. K. Young; sewing, Misses Johnson and Miller; fine arts, Miss Pennell; industrial arts, Miss McArthur.

On Friday afternoon the visitors were entertained at tea at the Mable Ward Practice Home, and in the evening there were three addresses in the college chapel, Miss Ada M. Field, director of home economics at the Peabody Normal College, Nashville, Tenn., having told "What of Nutrition the High Schools of the South Should Teach"; Dr. Dayton C. Miller, professor of physics at the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio, having delivered an address on "The Nature of Musical Sounds," and Miss Anna Barringer, director of normal art at the I. I. & C., having spoken on "Appropriate Costumes for High School Girls."

Good Carnival Here.  
Unlike most carnivals which have visited Columbus in past years, the Brown and McGeary's Shows which will be in Columbus all of the coming week, are composed of clean and enjoyable attractions.

Brown and McGeary's Carnival has been in the city the past three days, and notwithstanding the inclement weather large crowds have been in attendance.

Band concerts are enjoyed in the business section of the city twice each day.

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