

Burlington

Troops on Ship Were Small Detachments from Almost Every Section of Country, Including Guardsmen from Michigan and Wisconsin-The Tuscania, Built in 1914, Was a Former Cunard Liner--Had Registry of 14,238 Tons-She Has Been Object of Torpedo Attack Several Times, But Has Managed to Escape Through Speed and Use of Defense Guns-Is First Transport to Be Torpedoed on the Voyage to France and Fifth Cunarder Sunk Since the War Began.

Washington, February 6.—The British steamship Tuscania with 2,179 United States soldiers on board, has been torpedoed and sunk in the war zone. No estimate of the loss of life is available, but 1912 survivors have been landed at Buncranna and Larne, Ireland.

The disaster was officially announced by the war department which had received only meagre advices, without names of survivors or victims.

The department issued this statement:

The war department has been officially advised that the steamship Tuscania was torpedoed and sunk and that survivors numbering 1912 as far as could be ascertained, were landed at Buncranna and Larne in Ireland. There was a total of 2,179 United States troops on this vessel. No name of persons lost has been reported to the war department and no name of survivors was reported. Additional particulars are promised as soon as received."

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U. S. WOMEN WANT

Washington, Feb. 6.-President Wilson's

of the mothers of America this message

is sent to our allied sisters in Europe,

faithfully pledging our interests and co

temptation and danger.
"In all our countries, mothers are

this supreme sacrifice which this gov-

ernment demands of them and to ac-

cept with fortitude and calmness their

fall them when they realize the temp-

exposed to the excitement and fierce

passions of conflict; all of which im-

pair their powers to resist tempta-

tions that under happier and more

healthful circumstances would easily

who are thrust out of the home into

world service, with the glamour of

war and emotional phases of society

which war tends to foster and which

lead to the breaking down of restraints

that have hitherto been their safe-

"These abnormal conditions place upon

"The same is true of their daughters

be conquered.

wife and Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, chair-

The soldiers on board the Tuscania passengers, of whom she could carry \$50, were small detachments from almost were sumptuous. The paneling of her main lounge room was in olive wood, iniaid was no distinctive military unit from with line Sycamore. The floors were of partment officials announced that it would be impossible to announce a list rooms, dining saloons and a novel sysboard until complete re- tem of heating and ventilation were features of the new liner. The first and sec-

Instructions were sent by wireless and cable by the war, navy and state departments to their representatives in England and Ireland, directing that furnished. very detail be forwarded at the ear- It is probable, however, in view of the

liest possible moment.

At first officials of the department er had been stripped of most of her luxthought it would be unwise to pub-lish the list of soldiers on the ship until the names of survivors could be riven, fearing it would cause unneces ary anxiety on the part of the familes of the men saved. Later, when it was pointed out that delay in giving out the list would give heartbreaking nours to nearly every family in the country with a boy in the service Major-General McIntyre, chief censor, an-nounced that it had developed that it would be impossible to give the names from the department's records because there was no distinctive military unit on board.

UNITS ABOARD THE TUSCANIA. The war department announced that its

board the Tuscania: Headquarters detachment and companies D. E, and F of the 20th Envineers

107th Engineer train. 107th supply train.

No. 100th aero squadron. Replacement detachments numbers 1 and

Fifty-one casual officers. The 107th Engineers was composed the first battalion of Michigan engineers:

the 4th and 6th Wisconsin infantry and the 107th supply train from the fourth, fifth and sixth Wisconsin infantry. The thirty-second division is compose

and Wisconsin. The division trained at Camp McArthur, Texas.

TUSCANIA A BIG SHIP.

The Tuscania was a British passenge register. She was built at Glasgow in tations which beset their sons, re-514 and was owned by the Anchor line. moved from homes and family ties, The last report of the Tuscania was her living the unnatural life of the camp, rrival at an Atlantic port January 17

The Tuscania during her days as a passels in the trans-Atlantic service she made her maiden voyage in February, 915, and for a time was in the service of the British admiralty, but later was restored to her owners for regular service.

She was 567 feet long with a 66-foot beam and was equipped to carry 2,500 passengers in cabin and steerage accomoccasions since the war began she was the object of torpedo attack, but managed escape through her speed, assisted by

defense guns. For some time the Tuscania has been under charter to the Cunard line and she s the fifth big vessel of the Cunard comany lost since the war began.

ent year there were more than 200,000 mind, that purity and nobility of individual character and that righteousness in government which the statement made by Secretary of War Baker, the Tuscania was the first trans-port to be torpedoed on the voyage from an American port to France. Several erican transports, however, have been gles and sacrifices been in vain and future ornedoed on the return journey, after

When the Tuscania was first put into When the Tuscania was first put into responsibility which must all service her appointments for first cabin, with the mothers of the race."

19 ENTENTE SHIPS

Great Britain Loses Fifteen Ves- Their Abandonment Would Have sels, France Three and Italy One.

London, Feb. 6 .- The admiralty reports fifteen British merchantmen sunk by mine Garfield explained in announcement toor submarine in the past week. Of these day that the decision of the fuel and rail-

week. The British losses are approximately the same as the previous week, when nine British merchantmen of more than 1,500 ons and six of lesser tonnage were

New York, Feb. 6.-As an offset to the friendly congratulations to the Kaiser from Mexico, a neutral government, toward the enemy of the entente allies, King George V, in his speech proroguing Par- tration officials declared to-night in an-Wednesday reiterated the deter- nouncing officially the continuance of the mination of the democracies of the world Monday closing order. obtained. The King named this endeavor and placed on Germany the re-sponsibility for provoking the war. He bearable.

The Germans on the western front are not yet numerically equal to the French and British forces opposing them, according to Major-General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military sections at the British war office, notwithstanding the continued movement of German troops to that war theatre during the last month. In the opinion of General Maurice, the situation there at present is not one to cause anxiety to the ente military leaders

A veranda cafe and gymnasium, smoking Artillery activity continues on the fronts, but aside from this the operations have been confined and aerial attacks. The French war office announced the destruction of 14 Tuesday, Lincoln's birthday. enemy airplanes during February 3 and 4 and three February 5, and Italian headquarters reports the bringing down of five hostile machines. Berlin says that seven enemy air urious fittings in order to take as great planes and one captive balloon shot down Tuesday.

GEN. MARCH NEW CHIEF OF STAFF UNION OF MOTHERS

Washington, Feb. 6.—Secretary Baker announced to-day that Major-Gen. Peyton C. March, now chief of artillery with man of the women's committee of the Pershing, will return to the United States Council of National Defense, have joined to become active chief of staff. General Bliss, chief of staff, in France as the in an open letter to the women allied countries, which will be distributed through American diplomats in those through American diplomation of the present.

Major-Gen. John Biddle, assistant chief and now acting chief, will re-

main as assistant temporarily, but later probably will be assigned to duty in operation in the protection of our sons and daughters at this time of unequalled Secretary Baker reiterated that the re Secretary Baker reiterated that the return of General March to head the staff the 107th Military Police was made up willing and proud to give their sons time. Only the question of whether he could be well spared from the expedi-tionary forces has delayed official anto defend the ideals which underlie actual head of the staff corps, General

cept with fortitude and calmness their death. But they shrink from the greater sorrow which comes from the loss of moral fibre that robs them of health and manly vigor. "It is no wonder that their hearts on forces in France and the continue can forces in France, and the continuation of General Bliss in the former office while he is serving on the allied war ouncil will prevent the promotion of General March.

SWIFT & CO. ATTORNEYS SPRING A SURPRISE

Declare Search Warrant Obtained by

Heney Is Unconstitutional. Chicago, Feb. 6.-Counsel for Swift & Company sprung a surprise by filing a motion in federal district court to-day o quash the search and seizure warrant obtained yesterday by Francis J. Heney, counsel for the Federal Trade Commission, for examination of documentary evidence in the vault of Henry Veeder, attorney

all women tremendous responsibilities and for the packing company. urge the closest union in an effort to This move by the company attorneys, who had been expected to argue for a temprotect our young men and women that porary stay of the warrant, halted further they may be kept pure and chivalrous, so that after the conflict is ended we may examination of the company files in connection with the trade commission's inlook with hope to the future home life of vestigation of the packing industry, pendng disposal of the legal points at issue. The packers attorneys, appearing be-fore Judge Landis, who issued the search in government which alone can insure permanent peace and prosperity to any warrant, attacked the constitutionality of the search and seizure section of the "If we fall in this, then have our strugfederal espionage law under which the warrant was issued and under which the generations will rightly charge the women government recently raided headquarters of our time with failure to meet the great of the I. W. W. throughout the country. sibility which must plways rest Thirteen legal objections to the validity of the search warrant were raised.

ADDISON COUNTY MIDDLEBURY.

and Mrs. Baldwin have a host of friends who wish them the best of success. They received many presents. Mr. Baldwin is on a furlough. Refreshments were served.—Mrs. Grace A. Brown is ili.—Mrs. N. R. Caldwell, who was called here by the death of her father, C. H. Keese, has returned to Groton, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. C. H. Keese.—Mr. and Mrs. William Vanderhoof of Bridport arrived Saturday morning from Camp Dovens, J. Benton, North Ferrisburg. Washington, Feb. 6.-Fuel Administrator

tors reported to him a substantial saving of coal on Mondays. Public utilities concerns in 29 cities, he said, saved 25 per cent. of fuel. The heatless Mondays will be continued, he added, until the railroads are able to move coal. If the weather moderates Dr. Garfield believes embargoes perhaps will be all that is necessary. Danger of widespread suffering from lack of coal still is imminent, fuel adminis-

to continue warfare against the quadruple State fuel administrators have reported alliance until a just and enduring peace that thousands of homes in New York and other cities of the East and Middle West program as Great Britain's first aim and have no coal, and cannot get it in sufficient quantities to make living conditions

Caused Widespread Suffer-

ing, Says Garfield.

This situation coupled with to-day's the Irish problem, which is a new evi-dence from the ruler that the government freight and coal movement was almost is subordinating all internal jealousies and at a standstill both yesterday and to-day frictions to the larger task of knitting in the East, prompted Fuel Administrator together every resource of the empire for Garfield to announce that "the possibility the carrying on of a successful military of human suffering is too imminent to permit any relaxation in the present ef-forts to conserve and increase the exist-

ing supply of coal."
Dr. Garfield expressed the hope, however, that after next week rallroad freight embargoes and preferential coal

Th fuel administration is considering to patrol issuing a request that all industries and houses suspend operations next

in actually saving fuel in quantities and that the consumption at other times has not been increased by the temporary shutthe result by comparative statistics offi-cials cited the report of the national committee on gas and electric that in 29 large cities gas and electric companies saved from 21 to 25 per cent. days. These public utilities were said many cellars have been frozen up and to furnish a fair index of the general thousands of dollars' worth of good saving.

State and local fuel administrators reported to-day that hundreds of manufaceturing plants are using their last day's emergency supply of coal without immediate prospect of obtaining more. many cities, householders besieged railroad yards to get a few bushels of the coal railroads crippled by yesterday's hitter blizzard.

For the railroads, weather conditions toalthough coal had preference everywhere, comparatively small stocks of it were through 20-foot snow drifts in some Pennsylvania regions and consequently mines were idle. Officials pointed out that the to-morrow and Saterday, and even by the middle of next week if weather still remains as hostile to successful operations.

DANIELS SAYS WE ARE BEATING THE U-BOAT

"Having Ups and Downs but Fight Is Being Won."

Washington, Feb. 6.-Secretary Daniels said to-day that the United States and the allies were winning the fight against Germany's submarines. "We are having our ups and downs." he said, "but the

fight is being won."
The results of the anti-submarine campaign might be described as pendulum like, Mr. Daniels said, with the return swing becoming shorter and shorter as the allies gradually perfected their opera-

The secretary expressed optimism regarding the conditions at the ports of debarkation in France. The congestion there at first had been "awful," he said,

COLONEL TO SUBMIT TO SECOND OPERATON

New York, Feb. 6.-Col. Theodore Roose-New York, Feb. 6.—Col. Theodore Roose-velt went to the Roosevelt hospital this afternoon to undergo another operation, the has been visiting for some time at the the second within the past week, for the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John removal of abscesses. The first operation was performed at his home in Oyster Bay.
The colonel came to New York for more convenient treatment, which is said to be not serious.

Yes—you can find work—through the classified; work that you are fitted for—wages that are adequate.

HAPPENINGS IN VT.; NEWS BY COUNTIES

members of the family were present. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin have a host of friends Saturday morning from Camp Devens, J. Benton, North Ferrisburg. where they have been for some time, to

A. Bradley; secretary, Mrs. Julia Allen; and later to Shoreham. treasurer, C. E. Russell; collector, Mrs. Prof. E. A. Collins I Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Church met with Mrs. M. H. Eddy Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.-Lucius his brother, Clayton Buttolph, and Samuel Sheldon, Jr., who are with the United States army.—There was a dance in the Masonic Hall Friday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross society, attended by about 75 couples. Music

was furnished by the college orchestra. Light refreshments were served. -Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Nellie Colmar of Northfield and Harry Vassar of Middlebury November 29, 1917, at Northfield. Mr. Vassar is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vassar of Seymour street.—The annual meeting of the Ladies' Library association will be

goes and the preference in movement of food and fuel ordered by the directorgeneral of railroads."

The very coldest day was January 28, when sistant chief of the fire department. At the mercury stood at 38 degrees below the same meeting the following officers the investment of the office with powers general of railroads." from 15 to 28 degrees below. On one day urer, E. J. Perkins. uesday, Lincoln's birthday.

by the mercury was 13 degrees below zero. Cook which became frightened at a Complete are now convinced that the Early in the winter, there had been only passing train at the freight station industrial suspension has been efficacious a small amount of snow but still enough to make a little poor sleighing until lage and when in front of the T. Ellis sleighing was pretty good thereafter until an electric light pole. Without attempting to measure January 15, when about two feet more fell light pole was snapped off, dropping and since then the country towns have the wires to the street. The team been overwhelmed. On many days it has and sleds were uninjured and also the companies saved from 21 to 25 per cent. distressed in many respects, especially of their normal coal consumption on the those having large flocks of cattle and five-day suspension period between Jan-uary 17 and 22 and on the heatless Mon-miles to water. Also during the month,

produce rendered useless. Sylvester Ploof of Ferrisburg was an rested by Constable E. A. Preston of that town on a charge of not supporting his family and brought to Middlebury and taken before Judge A. W. Dickens of the Addison county municipal court where he was found guilty and was sentenced to the house of correction at Rutland for six months. He has a wife and seven children, who have lived in a fish-ing shack which is said to be about eight day were a little better, but still freight traffic was less than half of normal, and for the next several months. for the past several months.

the employs at the postoffice Monday morning that new men had to be sub-stituted and Postmaster Allen T. Calhoun himself helped out the situation by turn-ing himself for a time into a mail carrier and distributing mail in some parts of the village.-William J. Wood while splitting have a stick fly up and hit him in the right eye, which was badly cut. Dr. P. L. Dorey dressed the injury.-John Sperry of Cornwall arrived Saturday evening from weeks recovering from an operation for but wanted to get home and was allowed o come.-Prof. Raymond McFarland has returned from New York city, where he has been attending the congress of the Northern Baptist association, in session for a few days.—Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Amidon, who were called here by the death of George Sumner, have returned to Rutland.—Fred B. Smith and James R. Cartmell have returned from Ogdensurg, N. Y., where they have been for a few days on a business trip.—The Addison County Co-operative Dairy Co., Inc., has closed a contract with the New York Dairymen's League and will receive milk at the plant previously operated by the Mutual McDermont Milk company of New but the conditions have been wonderfully improved and continued improvement is to be expected.

Work.—Monday, market day, eggs brought 52 cents and butter 40 to 46 cents.

Miss Rena O'Bryan of Northampton, Mass., is in town for two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom R. O'Bryan.—The Misses, Julia and Mary Thompson and aunt, Mrs. Elisabeth Harding of Rouses Point, N. Y., are Jones.—Oliver Delphia of Bridport re-turned here Saturday from Burlington, where on Monday last he underwent an operation on one of his eyes, the other having previously been operated upon. Mr.

Mrs. John R. Allen and daughter, Miss Susan Allen, of Colchester are visiting in town and vicinity.

The following young men, before Addison county examination board for A pretty military wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gage on South street Saturday evening at 6:30 gennes; George A. Parrow, North Orwell; C. Gage, was united in marriage to Harry G. Baldwin, a United States soldier stao'clock when their oldest daughter, Olive C. Gage, was united in marriage to Harry G. Baldwin, a United States soldier stationed at Camp Devens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zenas E. Baldwin of Shoreham. Ellen Gage, the young sister of the bride, was the ring bearer. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Roy E. Whittimore. The ceremony took place in front of a United States fiag. Only the immediate members of the family were present, Mr. Randall Conant, Salisbury; Phelix W. Roche, Burlington; Ernest Goss, Middle-bury; Stanley G. Witherall, Littleton, N. H.; Leon B. Bingham, Bristol; Forrest G. Myrick, Middlebury; Zahareas Scutakes, Middlebury; Phillip D. Lawrence, Bristol; Meader Devold, North Ferrisburg; George A. Smith, Salisbury, James C. Norton of Bristol was transferred to the advisory members of the family were present. Mr. board; Byron Kinney transferred t Rutland; Harry W. Fitzgerald was sent to Burlington, and the following were

The funeral of Archie Herman Austin visit their son, William Vanderhoof, Jr., was held in the Congregational Church at who is dangerously fil with pneumonia. Shoreham Wednesday afternoon at the was thought to be slightly improving o'clock and there was an unusually large o'clock and there was an unusually large when they left Camp Devens Friday.—
Attendance, with a profusion of flowers.

Mrs. Eva Pond is in Bridport for a stay
The Rev. Barclay Simons officiated, Burial
of some time at the home of her brother, was in the Lake View correctery. Mr. Elwin Myrick .- About 15 couples from here Austin left Middlebury October 9 with or submarine in the past week. Of these day that the decision of the fuel and railten were 1,600 tons or over and five were under 1,600 tons. Four fishing vessels also were sunk. Three French ships and one Italian ship were also sunk during the Italian ship were also sunk during the Week.

The Publish leaves are approximated explained in announcement to day the feed of the past week and the decision of the fuel and railwent to Bridport Friday night to attend the second squad of the Addison county to the benefit of the Bridport friday night to attend the second squad of the Addison county to day closing program was prompted by the fear of widespread human suffering due to the coal shortage.

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Prof. E. A. Collins has returned from Sadie Roberts.—The Woman's Home and Boston, where he has been attending the Foreign Missionary society of the Metho-Red Cross meeting in session in that city for a few days .- Mrs. Joseph Carroll and Buttolph has received a cablegram from for a few days.—Miss Fuller, county dem-England stating the safe arrival there of onstrator, will address the educational department of the Women's club Friday at 4:00 p. m. in the high school assembly room on "Boys" and Giris' Clubs." All ladies interested in boys and girls are urged to attend.—The Middlebury Suffrago ing with Mrs. LeRoy Russell on Friday of town meetings will be studied.-Robert Calhoun has gone to Newark, N. J., for a few days' visit to his mother.-There will be a meeting of William P. Russell Circle, No. 5, Ladies of the Grand Army Tuesday afternoon next at 2:30 o'clock. At this meeting, a program will be prepared for the observance of Washington's birthday.—Charles Shackett, awarded the contract for the repairing of the schoolhouse in district No. 7 in

ever, that after next week railroad freight embargoes and preferential ceal delivery orders may be used as substitutes for heatless Mondays' to effect coal savings.

"It is hoped," he said, "that with the shut-down on Monday, February II, and the closing in many States on the day following Lincoln's birthday, it will be possible henceforth to rely upon embar. The very coldest day was January 28, when the collections of the close that the library Thursday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock.—Mrs. K. R. B. Fiint of Northfield is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thomas.—Mrs. Adams of Cornwall, which was badly damaged by fire a few weeks ago, has completed his contract.—At a meeting of the volunteers of 88 Hose company held Tuesday evening, Fred LaPan, who has been the forecoldest January in this part of Vermont. The very coldest day was January 28, when seigned to take the appointment of assistant chief of the fire department. days during which the mercury had gone assistant, John Jero; secretary and treas-

> started on a wild run toward the vilstore on Seymour street, collided with The electric will give the third of his series of his lectures on "Bible School Administration."-Benjamin Davineau has returned to Bridport to spend a week and will then return to town for the rest of the winter.-Winfield Huntley has enlisted in the medical corps, U. S. A., and left Wednesday night for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.—Bishop Edwin H. Hughes of the Methodist Church whose residence is in Boston and whose resi-Middlebury next Sunday to address the college students at their chapel service at five o'clock in the afternoon and a union service in the Methodist temporary disqualification for work among Bishop Hughes is one of the most popular speakesr among the Methodist olshops, and the people of Middlebury are to be congratulated in having this opportunity of hearing him.

Two talks in the U. S. Government four minute series will week at the movies at Middlebury Opera House. This evening Judge Charles I. Button will explain war savings stamps and Saturday evening Major Raymond McFarland will speak on "Our Greatest Need. Shipbuilders.' William H. Stokes has gone to Sudbury to visit her sister, Mrs. E. C. Farnham.

-Frank Rowe has gone to Daytona, Fla., to spend the remainder of the winter. league here will be played in the college gymnasium Saturday evening between the teams representing Norwich Univer-sity and Middlebury College.—Owing to the extreme severity of the weather the works of the Middlebury Marble company's plant have been shut down for a period of two weeks, during which time it is expected that some alterations and improvements will be made the plant. The superintendent, George W. Lee, went Tuesday to Granville, N. Y., for a visit of some length.

VERGENNES.

The body of Philip E. Goodere, a vate ip the 29th company, 154th depot brigade, U. S. A., who died January 30 at Fort Meade, Md., from spinal meningitis, arrived here Monday morning and was brought from the station to the undertaking rooms of Harvey Ketchan. under the escort of a squad of men from Company D. First Volunteer Militia, under the command of Licut. George Casey. The funeral services were held in the afternoon at the Vergennes Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. W. S. Mulholland, assisted by the Rev. William Laughton, officiating. At the close of the services Judgo Frank L. Fish recited the poem, "Your Flag and My Flag." The services were of a military character. Delphia can now see pretty well out of The services were of a military character one eye and hopes to recover the sight of Company D, First Vermont Volunteer

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President Answers Congressional Agitation for War Cabinet by Transmitting to Senate Bill Giving Him Blanket Authority to **Make Over Executive** Branch of the Government for Period of War, to Re-Arrange Existing Agencies and Their Functions and to Establish New Ones as He Sees Fit-Senators Cross-Examine Baker.

Washington, Feb. 6.-Almost coincident with Secretary Baker's re-appearance be-fore the Senate military committee to-day for cross-examination upon his recent statement of what America is doing in the war, the administration's answer to congressional agitation for a war cabinet and munitions director was given by in-troduction in the Senate of a bill transmitted by President Wilson which would give the President blanket authority to e-organize and co-ordinate all federal departments, bureaus, agencies, officials and personnel.

The new measure was taken to the Capitol by a personal representative of the President and introduced by Senator Overman, democrat, soon after Mr. Baker ad suggested to the military committee that such legislation was necessary. It pletely make over the executive branch of the government for the period of the war, re-arranging existing agencies and their functions and establishing such new

ones as he might see fit.

There has been no intimation of any specific action under the bill the President has in mind, nor of how quickly the measure is to be pressed for passage. It was referred to the judiciary commit-tee, of which Senator Overman is ranking democratic member. One move which some officials say is contemplated is the of munitions.

BAKER CROSS-EXAMINED.

The military committee did not get far with its examination of Mr. Baker. although he was questioned for three hours, because he demurred at telling in that the prospects were not unpromising for enough ships to put a million and a half American soldiers in France this been overwhelmed. On many days it has been overwhelmed. On many days it has been hard work to get through to Middle-been hard work to get through to Middle-bury and the country people have been union mid-week prayer meeting this and preposterous," insisted upon an answer to his questions, the committee were to his questions, the committee agreed that the information should be year. After much discussion during w given in secret session and Mr. Baker promised to prepare a statement for the

> The examination then turned to other subjects: When the war secretary left the stand it was with the understanding that he would have experts at the department prepare detailed information which he was unable to give concerning various phases of his general statement. After this has been done he may be recalled for further questioning. In the meantime the committee will pro-

ceed with its general war inquiry, examin-

(Continued on page two.) ing to-morrow Major-General Wheeler, acting chief of ordnance, regarding production of chlorine, powder and other

Secretary Baker told the committee that more American troops had been gotten to France on January 1 than called for by the schedule. He explained that in his calculations as to what could be done he did not rely entirely on American ship ping, but would go no further at the public hearing.

In explaining functions of the reorganized war department bureaus the secretary said that while Edward R. supplies, lacks technical legal authority, e had broad powers, in securing produc tion, with larger duties than England's nunition director.

Legislation is unnecessary to secure government co-ordination, he contended, other than that he suggested and which is proposed in the Overman bill. OVERMAN BILL A SURPRISE.

Introduction of the Overman bill came as a surprise and promises to change entirely the character of the controversy over war machinery reorganization. Adthe President's statement last week that mittee's bill to cease were prepared to check discussion as far as possible, now will join in reorganization debates as champions of the new measure, which will be vigorously fought by members who oppose granting the President further

Sessions of the Senate and House to-day passed without revival of the controversy, but to-morrow addresses in both bodies

are scheduled. TEXT OF OVERMAN BILL.

The text of the Overman bill follows: ordinate and consolidate the executive bureaus, agencies, officers and for other purposes in the interest of economy and government. Section one: That for the national security and defense for the successful prosecution of the war' for the sup-

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