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WOULD SAFEGUARD PASSENGER LINERS
Definition Of What Constitutes Defensive Armament May Be the Outcome.

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Germany gives the American government the desired assurance, it will announce that passenger carrying ships will in no event be immune to sinking without warning and without passengers and crew being given opportunity to reach safety.

Lusitania Agreement Accepted. Secretary of State Lansing today accepted Germany's draft of the Lusitania agreement as acceptable to the United States government.

Austrian Warning Received. The Austrian notice of intention to treat armed belligerent merchant ships as subject to attack without warning was received today by the department from ambassador Penfield in Vienna.

AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA SENDS IN HIS RESIGNATION
Petrograd, Feb. 17.—Giving ill-health as a reason, ambassador George T. Marye has sent his resignation to the state department at Washington.

FORMER GOVERNOR FRANCIS MAY BE NAMED AMBASSADOR
Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—It is understood president Wilson is seriously considering the appointment of David R. Francis, former secretary of the interior and former governor of Missouri, as ambassador to Russia.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.
Senate. Considered Nicaraguan and Colombian treaties in executive session.

House. General debate on the post-office appropriation was resumed.

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FLOOD WATERS SPREAD; FOOD SITUATION GRAVE
New Orleans, La., Feb. 17.—Flood waters from the crevasse in the Mississippi river at Buckridge today, after filling Lake Bruin, approached the town of St. Joseph. Hundreds of recruits have joined the parties rescuing unroofed persons.

CONGRESS COMMITTEES WORK ON LARGER ARMY BILLS
Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—Plans for increasing the regular army and for the federalization of the national guard began to take definite shape today.

THREE ARE APPOINTED AS DEPUTY HOTEL INSPECTORS
Austin, Tex., Feb. 17.—The state health department today announced the appointment of J. J. Howe, of Sherman; George W. Best, of Galveston, and J. E. Stewart, of San Angelo as deputy hotel inspectors.

RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL CONTAINS \$300,000 FOR YUMA
Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—Three hundred thousand dollars for government work on the Colorado river at Yuma, Ariz., is included in the rivers and harbors bill as finally drafted.

CHEMISTS FIND SUBSTITUTE FOR COSTLY PLATINUM
New York, Feb. 17.—F. A. Faber of Cleveland, announced Wednesday before the American Institute of Mining Engineers that American chemists have succeeded in finding substitutes for platinum which has been rendered scarce and costly by the war.

WOMAN'S LOT IN ARMED CONFLICT

PETROGRAD, RUSSIA, Feb. 17.—The Official Messenger estimates the Turkish garrison at Erzerum, capture of which was announced Wednesday at 100,000. It is also estimated that more than 1000 guns were captured.

Speaker at Panama Conference Says 60 Percent Without Honor or Hope.
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ITALIANS LOSE EIGHTH ATTACK
Vienna, Austria, Feb. 17.—An Austrian official statement issued under date of Feb. 16 announced that the eighth attack by Italian outposts on the Austro-Hungarian positions on the Tabor district is covered with Italian dead.

EXPORTS OF MUNITIONS TOTAL \$2,000,000 DAILY
Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—Department of commerce estimates place American exports of war munitions to Europe at \$2,000,000 a day, with the figures growing larger as production increases.

SEIZURE OF SECURITIES WILL BE SUBJECT OF NOTE
Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—The recent seizure by British and French naval commanders of American securities en route to New York bankers from neutral countries will be made the subject of further representations to Great Britain and France by the United States.

THE WAR AT A GLANCE
WITH the capture of Erzerum by the Russians, interest in war operations has shifted its center momentarily to the fields of warfare in Armenia, Persia and Mesopotamia.

Turks Silent Regarding Erzerum.—The current Turkish official statement gave no record of the capture of the fortress.

Erzerum Garrison Flees.—Unofficial advices from Petrograd say the Turkish army is fleeing westward from Erzerum through a difficult mountain region.

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Government Leaders Oppose Church.—Many governmental leaders in Latin America favor the work of the church, according to a report submitted today by the commission on cooperation and promotion of unity.

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