

Dr. Chiles, in the name of the navy, presented a plan. He said that as the navy were now ready for operations, and as he was asked for granted, should make an effort, whether it was for the purpose of neutrality, or, speaking for himself, for Foreign Minister, did not consider that foreign policy of the country, at this time, and that he could add declarations made by the navy, when he advised maintain an attitude of neutrality and armed neutrality.

FROM THE ZEPPELIN

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LUSITANIA DISCARDS AMERICAN ENSIGN

Makes Trip Across the Big Pond Minus Stars and Stripes.

New York, Feb. 20.—The British liner Lusitania reached New York today from Liverpool, having made the trip, her officers said, without finding it necessary to hoist the United States flag. On the outward voyage the Lusitania sailed under the Stars and Stripes while in the Irish Sea.

Fear of the German submarines kept the big vessel at anchor in the Mersey for nearly five hours after she left her dock, until an hour or more after midnight, according to passengers. The ship's officers said they were waiting for favorable tide. After dark the Lusitania proceeded to full speed down the channel.

Rough weather prevailed during the entire voyage across the Atlantic.

HEARING WILL BE BRIEF

Cargo of Wilhelmiana Matter of International Question Only.

London, Feb. 20.—The case of the American steamer Wilhelmiana, whose cargo of foodstuffs, bound from New York for Germany, was seized by the British authorities, probably will be taken before a prize court shortly, and it is expected that the hearing will be brief.

A. G. Hays, attorney for the owners of the Wilhelmiana, is of the opinion that there will be no dispute as to the main facts and that the prize court will have nothing to adjudicate beyond the international questions involved.

THE WEATHER

Vancouver — Max. temp. yesterday 45; min. temp. today 34. Barometer at 8 a.m. 30.71.

Forecast. For 24 hours ending 8 p.m. Sunday: Lower Mainland—Northerly and easterly winds, generally fair and cold, followed by occasional sleet or snow.

Temperatures. Max. Min. today. Yesterday. Vancouver 43 34. Victoria 44 30. Portland 45 34. Seattle 46 32.



CRITICAL DAYS FOR ROUMANIA

Next Week May Decide What Part She Shall Play in the War.

Bucharest, Feb. 20.—The next few days will be critical for Roumania. After a few days' recess, Parliament will open again and the session will close on Feb. 21.

The situation is far from clear. Last week the Nationalist deputy, Cusa, brought forward an interpellation upon the question of foreign policy, in which he strongly developed the Triple Entente point of view and criticized the government's policy. No answer was made by the prime minister to this attack.

On the other hand, Carp, ex-leader of the Conservative party, is about to start a new organ supporting the German policy and urging Roumania to go solidly with the Austro-German allies. Public feeling is altogether for France and the Triple Entente, but the government is very reserved.

As the situation is so complicated, it is natural that great importance should be attached to the prime minister's journey to Petrograd, but the mission is very delicately interpreted. The Albanian attack on Serbia and the bomb outrage at the recent masked ball at Sofia are regarded as very disquieting symptoms and may complicate the already difficult Balkan situation. A telegram from Sofia reports that the bomb outrage is a political affair and may be the consequence of the Bulgarian loan made in Germany.

Nicholas Mieu, Roumanian minister to London, has just arrived here. His coming has political importance, though, ostensibly, he is here with his sons to arrange for their military course.

WELL, WHAT IS A JITNEY?

Eastern Man Wants to Know Where He Can Buy One.

Portland, Feb. 20.—That officials of some of the eastern cities have not yet been confronted with the problem of trying to regulate jitneys is shown in a letter received yesterday by City Treasurer Adams from Owen M. Cope- lin, treasurer of Harrisburg, Pa., in which information about the new tax is asked. "What type of car is the jitney and where can they be purchased?" asked the unjintneyed easterner.

newed, the announcement added, with sea planes and aeroplanes co-operating.

The text of the official announcement issued this afternoon by the British admiralty, says: "Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock a British fleet of battleships and battle cruisers, accompanied by destroyers and aided by a strong French squadron, the whole under the command of Vice-admiral Carden, began an attack upon the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

"The forts at Cape Helles and Kum Kale were bombarded with a deliberate long range fire. Considerable effect was produced on two of the forts. Two others were frequently hit but being open earthworks, it was difficult to estimate the damage. The forts, being outanged, were unable to reply to our fire.

"At 2.45 o'clock in the afternoon a portion of the battleship force was ordered to close in and engage the forts at closer range with their secondary armament.

"The forts on both sides of the entrance then opened fire and were engaged at moderate ranges by the Venkeance, Cornwallis, Triumph, Suffern and Bouvet supported by the Indefatigable and Agamemnon at longer range.

"The forts on the European side were apparently silenced. One fort on the Asiatic side was still firing when the operations were suspended owing to the falling light. No ships of the Allied fleet were hit.

"The action was renewed this morning after an aerial reconnaissance by British aeroplanes. The ship Ark Royal is in attendance with a number of aeroplanes and aeroplanes of the naval wing."

TURKISH FORTS DESTROYED

Athens, Feb. 20.—It is reported here that the Anglo-French fleet destroyed Turkish forts on the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles during the bombardment this morning. The forts on the European side were attacked and are still firing.

HINDU MUTINY IN SINGAPORE QUELLED

Marines from Japanese and French Warships Aid in Pacification.

Tokyo, Feb. 20.—A report from Singapore, Straits Settlement, says that the mutiny of the Hindu soldiers has been quelled. Eleven English men and women were killed in the fighting, and some Japanese were wounded.

Marines were landed from Japanese and French warships to quell the disturbance.

attacks against the Russian positions in the Carpathian passes have been costly to both sides, but they have left the alignment little changed. In the west the Germans are hammering away in an endeavor to recover lost ground and are reported to be keeping the British troops especially busy to the southeast of Ypres, in Belgium and elsewhere along their comparatively extended front, but according to French and British claims, without making appreciable gains.

A new attack has been begun by the Russians on the fortified Galician city of Przemyśl, whose resistance of the besiegers month after month has been one of the strong features of the campaign in the east. The Russians are reported to have brought up new heavy guns for the assault.

Elsewhere in Galicia, according to unofficial advice, the Russians have gained a measure of success, especially near Dukla Pass, where the Austrians are said to have suffered heavy losses in the last few days.

In Northern Poland, so far as the German accounts of the fighting show, the German pursuit of the Russians continues and has resulted in the winning of several Polish cities and towns.

London, believes, however, that the first rush of the Germans into hostile territory, after expelling the Russians from East Prussia, has been stayed.

The situation in the west is devoid of important changes, as has been the case week after week since the battle of Soissons.

TO RESTORE RIGHT OF TRIAL BY JURY

Attorney-General's Bill Is Up in the House of Commons.

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London, Feb. 20.—The attorney-general's bill to amend the Defence of the Realm Act, which arises from Lord Parmoor's action in the House of Lords, will restore to civilians the right of trial by jury. It provides that a British subject, charged with an offence under the Defence of the Realm Act, can, within four clear days, claim trial by a civil court jury instead of court-martial. The right of trial by jury may, however, be suspended by proclamation in the event of an invasion or other special emergency arising from the war. The second reading of the bill will be moved in the Commons on Wednesday next.

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SIR JOHN FRENCH HONORED

Paris, Feb. 20.—The government today decided to confer the military medal on Field Marshal Sir John French, commander in chief of the British forces in the field.