

SEVEN BIG NEUTRAL STEAMERS SUNK

BREAD RIOTS GET RESULTS AT NEW YORK

Women's Demonstrations, Boycotts and Mass Meetings Stir Up Action.

GOVERNMENT IS BUSY

Departments at Washington Search for Cause—Chicago Starts Probe.

New York, Feb. 24.—Bread is now being sold at the rate of 10 cents a loaf in New York City...

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Washington, Feb. 24.—Nearly every government department was devoting its attention to searching for the cause of the sudden rise in the food and fuel prices...

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Washington, Feb. 24.—The interstate commission and the interstate commission of the American Railway Association held a meeting...

Legatory Has Announcement.

Attorney General Gregory has announced that he will have a conference with the department of justice...

Chicago Start Probe.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 24.—A food committee of the city government is being organized to investigate the cause of the bread riots...

RANKS SHOW INCREASE.

New York, Feb. 24.—The statement of the annual condition of the army ranks shows an increase of 17,402,244...

The War Today

Five steamers are today reported sunk by German submarines. Their total tonnage was approximately 32,500...

SEVEN DUTCH VESSELS.

Seven Dutch vessels, the tonnage of six of them aggregating 22,218, apparently were sunk in the submarine attack in the western approach to the English channel...

Two British Steamers Were Sunk.

Two British steamers were the others sunk, one of 2,196 tons and the other probably 1,004 tons.

Sea Raider Is Reported in Far East

Tokio, Japan, Feb. 24.—The Nishi Nishi announces that an armed merchantman is raiding commerce in the Indian ocean...

Budget Presented and Passed by Reichstag Swells Burden 20 Per Cent.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—The Reichstag today passed the budget for 1917, which swells the burden of the German people by 20 per cent...

STILL OPEN FOR PEACE

London, Feb. 24.—The German government is still open for peace, according to a statement made by the German foreign minister...

Welcome Any Action Speaker Says—Another Ironically Opposes Subs.

London, Feb. 24.—A speaker at a meeting in London today welcomed any action which would bring about the end of the war...

KING OF SPAIN TO RECEIVE GERARD

Madrid, Feb. 24.—James W. Gerard, former United States ambassador to Germany, will be received by King Alfonso today...

TWO SHIPS SUNK; YANKEE ON EACH

Washington, Feb. 24.—Sinking of two ships by German submarines today, both with an American on board, the British government announced...

MAN FOUND DEAD BY RAILROAD TRACKS

Appena, Ill., Feb. 24.—The body of a man was found dead on the tracks of the Rock Island railroad near Appena...

SEARCH IS MADE FOR BANDITS AT KEOKUK

Keokuk, Iowa, Feb. 24.—Police of this city are searching for two masked men who held up Charles Higgins in his grocery store last night...

BUY CARS TO END SHORTAGE.

Port Dodge, Iowa, Feb. 24.—In an effort to relieve the congested freight conditions which exist in all parts of the country, the Illinois Central railway announced today...

LACK OF LEATHER FORCING BRITISH TO ADOPT CLOGS

Washington, Feb. 24.—Scarcity of leather in London is forcing the British government to adopt clogs as a substitute for shoes...

GERMAN WAR TAX BOOSTED BY NEW LOAN

Berlin, Feb. 24.—The German government today announced that it had raised the war tax and had secured a new loan...

11 Dead and 100 Hurt by Big Tornado

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 24.—Reports early today placed the number of dead from yesterday's tornado in central Alabama at from 11 to 20 persons...

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DECATUR LAD DIES FROM BULLET WOUND

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 24.—Walter Thompson, aged 22, former star player on the Decatur high school basketball team, died here today...

LAUNDRY WRECKED BY A \$50,000 BLAZE

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 24.—Fire originating at 4 o'clock this morning in the laundry of the Peoria State Hospital at Bartonville, a suburb, totally destroyed the laundry...

ARREST THREE FOR POSTOFFICE JOBS

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 24.—Three men, believed by the federal authorities to be central figures in a band of organized postoffice robbers, were brought to Des Moines today by deputy postoffice inspectors...

Latest Bulletins

Berlin, Feb. 24.—The admiralty announces that the Italian transport Minos, carrying 1,800 soldiers to Saloniki has been captured and sunk...

THE WEATHER

Forecast 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

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34,660 TONS TOTAL DUTCH CRAFT LOST

Wholesale Sinking by U-Boats of Holland Vessels Is Announced.

ALL OF CREWS SAVED

More Than 200 Reach London—Several Other Boats Also Are Torpedoed.

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