\$6,750,000,000 WAR FUND PLANS BEFORE CONGRESS

HAIG'S FORCES 40-MILE FRONT U.S. INFORMED

fenses in Salient Between Arras and Lens

ASSAULT MARKS NEW DRIVE ON BIG SCALE

nglish Strike for Douai While Pressing on Cambrai and St. Quentin

Capture Hermies, Borsies, Fresney le Petit and Havincourt Wood

LONDON, April 9.

Following a gigantic bombardment of the brown positions between Arras and Lens, be British suddenly launched a new and fensive on that front today. The everful effensive on that front today. The stack was on a line forty miles long. Lens ten miles northeast of Arras.

The War Office announced that the Gerlines were penetrated and that "satis-ory progress was made" along the entire

time the British drove forrd between Arras and the Olse River, pturing by storm the strongly fortified Jerman strongholds.

Early in the morning General Haig's men

were sent forward against the German trenches which had been battered and mashed by the constant rain of steel ich had fallen upon them day and night All along the line, says the official state-

ment the artish were able to fight their say into the German positions although they had a overcome stubber The text of the official report follows: We attacked along a wide front this

point south of Arras to a point south

All along this line we were able to metrate the German lines. Our forces ade satisfactory progress and took Near Cambrai we have taken by form the villages of Hermies and Bor-

les. Near St. Quentin we occupied resney Le Petit. Our troops have penetrated Havrin-tourt Wood (south of the Bapaume-

Southeast of Le Verguier our lines ave been advanced.

The number of prisoners taken by us and the booty captured has not yet been enumerated.

Heavy fighting by land and air was in regress all day Easter Sunday over the coaler part of the western front.

Dispatches received today stated that

Dispatches received today stated that mighty sky engagement for mastery of air in which both sides have already scores of machines is still in progress Germans are fighting viciously to prethe battery locations and the troop ts behind the Cambrai-St. Quentin

ere were sharp counter-assaults during The artillery dueling was particularly mere on the Meuse River, in Champagne (acound Rheims), north of the Aisne, bessen Arras and Lens and in west Flan-

rman gunners continue to conrate heavy fire against Rheims and the The offensive ive of the Allied airmen and

growing fury of the cannonades all in-Dramations on a grand scale. Dramatic details are given of the fight-famong the clouds.

GERMANY SOUGHT BASE IN VIRGIN ISLANDS

se of Danish Possession Prompted by Effort of Berlin to Establish Naval Foundation

The United States' main purpose in pur-ning the Danish West. Indies (now the Jun Islands) from Denmark was to denewn German plans to establish a n and submarine base there. was learned on the highest authority today that momths ago, when the set States began carefully appraising possibilities of conflict with Germany. the islands and Government to islands and establish a base of against the United States came It was this cogent reason that America to open negotiations with for transfer of this strategic po-

hark for transfer of this strategic po-it to the American flag.

Thether Germany planned forcibly to the islands or to purchase them from mark was not clear. Denmark, because it geographic position, is dominated by any and for reasons of pational safety announced by the same acquiesced in what-tenance Germany demanded.

air Lands of France Turned Into Desert

d in vivid and tragic colors an eternal indictment against the ans in their retreat toward the listenburg line" by

Henry Bazin

ning Ledger's special correin France, in

TOMORROW'S THE REPORT OF

CRUSH FOE ON OFF RELATIONS,

Pierce German De- Ambassador Penfield and Staff Receive Their Passports

> AUSTRIAN DIPLOMATS ASK SAFE CONDUCT

> Berlin Wins Point in Demand That Ally Cut Relations

TAKE THREE VILLAGES CAPITAL NOT SURPRISED



BARON ERICH ZWIEDINEK Austrian Charge d'Affaires in Washington, who has demanded his passports.

WASHINGTON, April 9.

Reports that Bulgaria has decided to break diplomatic relations with the United States followed a visit to the State Department late this afternoon of the Bulgarian Minister, Stephen Panaratoff. The envoy was closeted with Secretary Lansing for some time.

WASHINGTON, April 9. The State Department this afternoon officially announced that the Swedish Legation would immediately take over all Austro-Hungarian interests in this country.

WASHINGTON, April 9. Austria has espoused the cause of her ally, Germany, against the United States. She has offically broken off diplomatic relations with the United States, handed Ambassador Frafield and his staff their passports and recalled her Ambassador-Desig-nate, Count Tarnowski, Charge Baron Erich Zwiedinek, the embassy staff and all con-

The initial word that this action had been taken came from United States Minister Stovall at Berne, Switzerland. While the cable message was being translated, Charge Zwiedinek called the State Department on the phone and demanded an immediate audience with Secretary of State Lansing. The latter was too busy to receive him, but ordered First Assistant Secretary of State Phillips to meet the Baron. When the latter arrived at the State Department he announced that he had been instructed by his Government to inform the United States that it had decided to break off relations and to demand passports and safe-conduct for the embassy staff. Secretary Phillips told the charge that this Government would immediately comply with the request of the Austrian Government and that the passports would be prepared as soon as possible.

President Wilson was notified that Austria had broken with the United States by

Secretary of State Lansing, who called his on the phone for that purpose. At the same time Secretary Lansing told the Presi-dent that Spain had been officially asked to take over American interests in Austria and that she had agreed to do so.

The President at once notified all the Cabinet heads of the change in relations

and directed that every precaution be taker to protect the interests of the United States

where necessary.

The action of the Austrian Government caused no surprise in official quarters. It had been anticipated ever since the advices from Berlin showed that the German influence again was in control at Vienna Whether Austria will yet decide to "go the whole route" and formally make war on the United States still is unknown here Officials say that they do not see how

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Bowie Results

FIRST RACE, selling, for two-year-olds, Wise, Marmont, Dal, Action and Control and Control and Control and Up. 5th furious 1. Pastella, 105. R. McDer. 1. Pastella, 105. R. McDer. 10. 10 St. oc. 52.00

VIENNA BREAKS HOUSE LEADERS RAISE ISSUE OVER MAMMOTH SUMS ASKED FOR UNDEFINED WAR PURPOSES

Steps Taken to Raise \$1,750,000,000 by Direct Taxes-Loan of \$3,000,000,000 to Allies Contemplated—Bond Issue of \$2,000,000,000 Planned

Latin America Believed About to Join United States-Sea Raider Again Reported Off New England-Galveston Has Scare-Daniels Announces Full Co-operation With Entente

HEAVY TAXES AND BOND ISSUES WILL SWELL U. S. WAR CHEST

A MOUNT to be raised-\$6,750,000,000.

Pay-as-you-go" plan to be employed.

Details of plan—\$1,750,000,000, or 50 per cent of first year's expenditures, to be drawn from taxes.

Iwo billion dollars bond issue to be asked for army and navy.

Three billion dollars loan to Allies, to be raised by bond issue at 3½ per cent interest, the money to be spent in this country.

Luxuries, incomes, bank checks, telegraph messages, long-distance telephone calls, etc., to be heavily taxed.

America, on the fourth day of her participation in the world war, enlisted every executive and legislative activity to throw this nation's forces into the

Money was the first agency prepared for the struggle. The building up of a powerful army and navy proceeded apace.

Congress took up the plan of raising the \$6,750,000,000 "pay-as-you-go" war schedule. A bond issue of only \$2,000,000,000 is contemplated for ex-

A loan of \$3,000,000,000 to the Allied nations is an important part of the immediate program. This also is to be raised by bond issues. The first opposition in the general financial program developed in the House

when Democrats and Republicans alike objected to voting blindly \$100,000,000 for a "war fund" to be used at the discretion of the President. The House adjourned, shortly after convening, until tomorrow.

The plan of conscription is expected to be one of the first measures to be taken up by Congress. Espionage, shipping and censorship laws, all of drastic provisions, were on

schedule for passage by Congress. Diplomats and officials conferred over the manner and means of America's active co-operation in the war with the Entente Powers.

Diplomatic activities indicated a break between the "A. B. C." Republics, Argentina, Brazil and Chili, and Germany. Sinking of the Brazilian steamship Parana, with the loss of Brazilian life, influenced that country to war heat.

Entry of Cuba, the sixteenth nation to plunge into the world war, was taken epochal in the creation of a new Pan-Americanism.

Argentina was aroused over threats by the United States to cut off coal shipments if Argentina did not lift her embargo on wheat. Kaiser Wilhelm's promises for internal reforms are hailed with enthusiasm.

but at the same time the German people demand "to be shown"-they look for deeds, not words.

ALASKAN SCENERY HALTS BALL GAMES

Athletics and Phils Call Off Games in Baltimore and Washington

MACK ARRIVES WITH TEAM

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Alaskan scenery, which was aided and

abetted by a sincere and clinging snowstorm, ruined a pair of ball games this afternoon in which a couple of Philadelphia clubs were to have been parties of the second part. The only thing that messed things up in Baltimore was a submerged ball park, and in Washington, where the Phils were slated to mingle with the Senators, Pat Moran called all bets off to save his hired men from freezing to death. The Atheltics, led by Connie Mack, left Baltimore at 2 p. m. and arrived in West Philadelphia at 4:30. Tomorrow the players will hold military drill in Shibe Park and, if the ground is free from snow and siush, a short practice will be indulged in.

The Phillies left Washington at 3 p. m. and were due to arrive in North Philadelphia at 6:16.

phia at 6:10.

Ball players emerging from the sunny South feel the rigors of the northern climate and are taking good care of their salary arms. It is quite a change from sunshine and roses to snowstorms and icicles, and it will take some time for the men to grow accustomed to the weather. The Yankees and Brooklyn have been trying for four days to put on their act in New York, but judging from the condition of the field today nothing could be held but a ski tournament. Several of our local prides drifted into town yesterday, but there was no chance Several of our local prides drifted into town yesterday, but there was no chance to don the uniforms this morning. Stock, Niehoff and Whitted, the former holdouts, accompanied by Lutz, Carmichael, Gandy, Craig. Rathkamp and the pair of Cubans, Rodes and Gonzales, were at the Phillies' Park anxious to do some work, and Joe Bush and Jing Johnson were the only members of the Mackmen to be disappointed. The remainder of the squads will arrive some time tonight.

Stock, Niehoff and Whitted are the only players who will remain with Moran all season. The others have been disposed of and will leave for their new jobs as soon as said jobs are ready. Rodes and Gonsales belong to the New London, Coan, clitb., and Outfielder Gandy and Pitcher Craig will go to the same place. Pitchers Luts and Carmichael and Catalar Rathers.

avenue. Fogarty was seventeen years old. He was a son of Richard H. Fogarty, Bryn Mawr avenue, Bryn Mawr.

In the machine with the young student were two sisters, Ellen and Mary Christy, eight and nine years old. For their sake Fogarty was driving fast toward home through the heavy snow. He was familiar with the road.

The car was ascending a hill adjoining the Ellis estate when a rear tire collapsed and sent the machine skidding toward the wall. Fogarty could not control the signagging auto. It struck the wall. The driver was knocked unconscious.

The Christy girls were tossed, unhurt, into the snow. When they found Fogarty was injured they ran down the road until they mat George H. Farie, 3d, who was in the snow.

U. S. TO RAISE WAR FUND ON "PAY-AS-YOU-GO" PLAN

WASHINGTON, April 9. Congress began its first week of real war work today, faced with the problem of raising \$6,759,000,000 for the "pay-as-yougo" struggle.

House and Senate leaders have virtually decided that approximately 50 per cent of the first year's expenditures-\$1,750,000,000 -must be drawn from taxes.

A further bond issue of \$2,000,000,000 will be asked to be held in readiness for use by the United States army and navy.

The United States will lend \$3,000,000,000 to the Entente Allies. This sum will be raised by a bond issue at 3½ per cent interest, simultaneously with the \$2,000,000.000 issue to be used by this Government. As soon as the subscription is complete the \$3,000,000,000 will be turned over to the Allied Governments for their bonds, which will bear 3½ per cent interest. Thus it will cost nothing for this Government or its people to lend the Allies this sum. On the other hand, those holding the United States bonds will be receiving 3½ per cent

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SNOW CAUSES FATAL **AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT**

Seventeen - Year - Old Driver Meets Death in Heavy Storm When Tire Blows Out

Easter snow cost the life of John Fogarty, f Bryn Mawr, a freshman in Villanova College, who was killed when a tire on an nobile he was driving blew out and sent the car hurtling into a wall bordering the estate of Rudulph Ellis. Bryn Mawr avenue. Fogarty was seventeen years old.

QUICK NEWS

GERMAN ENVOY EXCITED OVER BRAZIL'S STAND

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 9 .- The German Ambassador late this afternoon emerged from a conference with the President of Braz'l greatly agitated. He flatly refused to discuss the crisis between Germany and Brazil.

DUMA VOTES TO CONTROL GRAIN TRADE

PETROGRAD, April 9 .- The Duma voted today for Government centrol of the entire trade in grains and flour,

SPAIN REMAINS NEUTRAL IN U. S.-GERMAN WAR

MADRID, April 9 .- The official journal of the Government announced today that Spain would remain neutral in the American-

U. S. CENSORS MEXICAN MESSAGES

EL PASO, Tex., April 9 .- Government recognition of the seriousness of the Mexican situation today took the form of a censorship instituted at local telegraph offices to censor all messages between Mexico and the United States. The censorship is under the direction of the Navy Department.

EMPEROR KARL ALSO PROMISES REFORMS

LONDON, April 9.-Emperor Karl of Austria will follow Kaiser Wilhelm's announcement of liberal internal reform promises, according to a Rome dispatch to the Evening Star today. Among other concessions, the dispatch said, semiautonomy will be granted to the principal Austro-Hungarian provinces, including Trieste.

WOULD GIVE \$5000 FOR FIRST FOE'S SHIP SUNK

WASHINGTON, April 9 .- Representative Gould, New York, today introduced a bill providing for the distribution of \$5000 in prize money to the gun crew of any American vessel that destroys the first enemy ship.

HELP US MAKE GUNS AND SHELLS. FRENCH WAR CHIEF'S CALL TO U.S.

By HENRI BAZIN

Special cable to the Evening Langua from its corresponding PARIS, April 9.

"THE greatest aid America can extend to the Allies and humanity at this moment is to furnish vast quantities of raw materials for artillery and

munitions to France and Italy."

This statement was made to me today by Emile Loucheur, Minister of War in the French Cabinet, in response to a question on what he believed the United States could do at once that would prove of greatest military value

'Germany," M. Loucheur said, "has reached the maximum of her munitions output. The Allies have ample room for increasing theirs. We must never underestimate the resources and power of our opponent. It is much safer to overestimate and then try to excel them. The aid of America in increasing the Allies' supply of artillery and munitions would assure the defeat of the Central Empires."

GUARD KILLS MAN PROWLING NEAR BRIDGE

SHAMOKIN, Pa., April 9 .- Two men were shot by a National Guardsman on a Pennsylvania Railroad bridge today. They refused to stop when ordered to do so. One of the men died in a hospital.

GUARD MOBILIZATION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Orders suspending further National Guard mobilization until Congress adopts a definite military policy have been issued by the Administration, it was learned today.

BIDS FOR 38 SUBMARINES TO BE OPENED WEDNESDAY WASHINGTON, April 9 .- Bids will be opened Wednesday for thirty-eight submarines for the navy, it was officially announced today.

BRITISH "BLACKLIST" MAY OMIT U. S. FIRMS

LONDON, April 9.-Negotiations were proceeding this afternoon for immediate revision of the British "blacklist" whereby America will probably be excluded from its operation. The announcement came from official sources.

INSULTS FLAG; JAILED FOR HEARING

LANCASTER, April 9.-Houston Westbitae, a Russian, was charged with felony this afternoon by Assistant Prosecutor Hosterman and committed to jail to await a court hearing. Witnesses testified that he tore an American flag from his coat lanel yesterday and trampled upon it.

MAYOR'S SON WINS COMMISSION RAPIDLY

Davis Page Smith, 19 years old, son of the Mayor, is being congratulated by his friends upon his rapid rise—it took Davis but ten days—from a position of able seaman in the Naval Coast Defense Reserve to lieutenancy in the service Davis will be stationed in the navy yard and will act as an assistant paymaster The salary is \$2000 a year. According to those who know the lad, he showed wonderful aptitude in naval affairs. Young Smith was graduated last year from Penn Charter School.

APPEALS COURT REVERSES \$20,000 ACCIDENT AWARD

Judge Buffington in the United States Court of Appeals today reversed a verdict of \$20,000 which Miss Daisy E. James, 25, East Orange, N. J., had obtained against the Pennsylvania Railroad. She lost both her legs in an accident, but Judge Buffington ruled that her haste to cross the tracks where there was not a regular railroad crossing made her a trespasser.

COTTON ADVANCES NEARLY \$8 PER BALE

NEW YORK, April 9.-Cotton for October delivery shot upward nearly \$8 a bale in early trading on the Cotton Exchange today, selling at 20.30 cents a pound. May cotton jumped 83 points to 20.95c, about a half-cent under its high record price. Profit-taking caused recessions, but advances were soon in order again.

COAL COMPANIES INDICTED UNDER ANTI-TRUST LAW

NEW YORK, April 9.—The Federal Grand Jury has returned indictments against nother combination of coal companies under the Sherman anti-trust law, charging conspiracy in putting up the price of coal unduly. Among those indicted are Berwind-White Coal Mining Company, Chesapeake and Ohio Agency Company, West Virginia-Pocahontas Coal Sales Corporation. New River Coal Company, the Pocahontas Fuel Company, William Attwater & Co., Inc.; John E. Berwind and thirty-two other coal companies and individuals. The indictment charges a combination among suppliers of smokeless bunker coal at Hampton Roads, supplying 80 per cent of coal for ocean-going vessels coaling at port located there.

HOGS, SHEEP AND CATTLE PRICES SOAR

CHICAGO, April 8.—Hogs took the predicted jump today, opening from 15 High water. 2:00 miles were 216.20 for heavier. Beauty to 20 cents higher. Top prices were \$16.20 for heavies. Receipts were \$2,000 higher. The cattle man at opened strong at \$13.15 for the top. Sheep were strong and 10 cents higher, top prices going to \$15.75 for lambs and \$12.55 for these

SENTRIES FIRE ON PROWLERS ABOUT BRIDGE

Blinding Blizzard Spoils Aim in Two Fusillades at Skulkers

TRAILS ARE LOST IN SNOW

Stay-at-Homes to Organize Corps for Local Defense-Clearing House for Activities

Prowlers were twice fired upon by sentries guarding the western end of the big concrete bridge of the Pennsylvania Rallroad spanning the Schuylkill River near Girard avenue during the height of the snowstorm early today.

The blinding blizzard marred the aim of the sentinels. No hits were scored. Tracks were found in the snow, but search for the prowlers was ended by the heavy snowfall that obliterated the trails.

Private King, one of the sentries staioned at the bridge, first aroused his company by firing twice at dark forms he saw skulking in the darkness. His shots followed the customary two challenges,

which met with no response. A detachment of men turned out into the blizzard and searched up and down the river bank and West River drive. They found fresh footprints in the snow, but these were soon covered up by the flakes that poured thickly out of the sky. Shortly after the detachment returned from an hour's search Private Trego, of the same company, saw two forms moving across his beat. He called upon them to halt. His two challenges going unanswered, he fired two shots in their direction. As before, tracks were found by the searching party, but only a few minutes sufficed to make it a blind

today that shots had been fired, but refused

to comment further.
Guards protecting the bridges were greatly handicapped in their work by the screen of snow that obscured vision. To protect them from the sudden drop in emperature, company commanders ordered confires built. A nation-wide yolunteer reserve, to be

omposed of loyal and patriotic American men and women, is being planned by the National Committee of Patriotic and De-fense Societies, of which George Wharton Pepper is chairman.

The plan is to enroll for service all mes

the plain is to earoll for service all meand women who want to do their "bit" for the country in the present war with Germany without enlisting in the regular military or naval forces. Secretary of War Baker has approved the plan.

The honorary chairman of the committee is Lieutenant General Samuel B. M. Young U.S. A retired a Benneylyanian

Young, U. S. A., retired, a Pennsylvanian, Brigadier General S. W. Fountain, U. S. A., retired, of Philadelphia, is on the exec-

utive board. Residents in the neighborhood of Sixty-second street and Elmwood avenue are planning to form an organization to care for the dependents of the men from that

section who go to the front. The organiza-Continued on Page Five, Column Two

AMERICAN-OWNED SHIP SINKS U-BOAT IN FIGHT

Duel Between Vessel and Sub marine Ends in Destruction of Latter

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9. An American-owned ship, for the first time since the beginning of the war, has

The Standard Oil tanker Sequoya, American-owned, though of British register, has arrived here from London, bringing the story of a furious battle with a U-boat off the Cornish coast. For twenty minutes the tanker exchanged shots with the submarine. One of her men was killed and three others injured before a shell from the Sequoya's guns sent the German to the bottom.

sunk a German submarine.

British Admiralty officials withheld news of the submarines sinking, in accordance with their usual practices. The battle oc-curred in February while the Sequoya was en route to England from an American port. The tanker still bears marks of the fight and will stay in port here until repairs are

Captain R. G. James, who commanded the tanker during the battle, was replaced by Captain Phillips just before the Sequoys started the return trip, but Chief Officer F. W. Weeks, Chief Engineer L. B. Fountain and other members of the crew still are

"The submarine appeared about daylight off the Cornish coast and gave us no warn-ing until a shot had smashed the bridge," said Weeks. "The U-boat was less than a mile away and Captain James at once ordered her fire returned. Before our sun-ners could do so another shell hit us. Then our men fired twice but missed the aut

"A third shot hit us, killing one of our men and scattering shrapnel all over the deck. Three received injuries. Two more shots were fired by the submarine before our gunners aim told us that the fifth shot would be submarine turned.

our gunners' aim told us that the fifth shot struck squarely. The submarine turned over and sank. We cruised around, but were unable to find any survivors."

The Sequoyah was loaded with bensine. Had a shot struck one of the tanks the ship probably would have been blown to please. The damage still perceptible includes the shattered bridge, wheelhouse, and life beats, which have been repaired temporarily.

THE WEATHER

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair, night, with lowest temperature twenty-eight degrees; Tuesday for warmer; strong northwest winds, ishing Tuesday.

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