# PEACE WITH NEW RUSSIA NOW SOUGHT BY AUSTRIA

# RAGING AT LENS AND ST. QUENTIN

British Carry Fight to Outskirts of Both Cities

CAMBRAI-ST. QUENTIN WEDGE WIDENED

Haig's Troops Win Mileand-a-Half Line South of Arras

BIG FIGHT NEAR MONCHY

French Pierce Teuton' Defenses in Alsace-Great Gun Duel On

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES AFIELD.

British troops fought their way forward in the outskirts of St. Quentin and Lens today. Just north of St. Quentin, they took the village of Troisseauvages.

Around three sides of Lens they were

fercely fighting against German defenders and slowly encircling the coal city. The Germans fought desperately, while in the town itself they strove frantically

Again, early today, the Germans threw two more strong attacks at British positions at Monchy-le-Preux. Both failed. The British artillery, concentrated in a devastat-ing fre. slaughtered the attacking forces gove guns and supplies.

Another German attack-likewise with reat sacrifice—was made on both sides of Sepaume-Cambrai road against Hermies, Noreul and Langicourt. The British held firm at Hermies and Noreuil, but the enemy obtained a foothold on a spur 2000 yards to the north of Penebaling and Langicourt. ine born of Penenating and Language in mediately, however, the British counterstacked and swept the enemy out. The Dermans lost heavily in this attack and he subsequent British counter-attacks.

LONDON, April 16. Is the face of the fiercest opposition ral-d against the British drive, Field Marthal Haig's forces today battered their way r wedge to win a mile and a half of Cambrai-St. Quentin line.

progressed to the northwest of chefs laconic comment of that point in the dled the famed Hindenburg line.

Haig also announced the capture of Vil-aret, southeast of Hargicourt. Its taking by British troops widens the wedge thrust t the main Hindenburg line of comleations from St. Quentin to Cambrai a front of approximately five miles. oy-le-Petit and Pontru, both already in British hands and both one-half mile from he Cambrai-St. Quentin line. The defense was centering today around

onchy-le-Preux. Field Marshal Haig's report continues: The enemy attack at Monchy was

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### RED SOX WIN 6-1 VICTORY OVER "A'S"

World's Champs Ruthlessly Stifle Macklets' Ambition for First Division

Behold! The Barriers!

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ROBERT W. MAXWELL SHIBE PARK, April 16. rry's debut as a big-league man-a huge success here this after-team walloped out a victory over us in the first game of the series

of 6 to 1. on Paso Piffeen, Colo

## RATTLE STILL VIENNA PROFFER IS TO END WAR BY SEPARATE TREATY; "COMMON AIMS" SET AS BASIS WORD TO DUTCH

Hapsburg Proposal to New Regime Contained in Semiofficial Statement Claiming Identity of Objects as Ground

AMSTERDAM, April 16. Austria-Hungary has made an offer for a separate peace with Russia. In a semiofficial statement issued in Vienna, Austria-Hungary regards a "basis of understanding" easily capable of being reached with Russia, in view of the identical beliefs in the Russian Provisional Government's recent statement and those stated by Foreign Minister Czernin. The Vienna statement follows:

for Negotiations

In view of the Russian Government's manifesto declaring that that Government was fighting only in defense of liberty, Austria-Hungary considers this a basis of understanding between the two countries. The Government perceives the Russian Provisional Government's desire to attain an aim which agrees with that which the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister gave on March 31 as this monarchy's

It should not, in view of the conformity of aims between the Governments of the Central Powers and those of the Russian Provisional Government, be difficult to find a way toward an understanding.

The Austro-Hungarian Government and the Russian Provisional Government are in the same manner striving for a peace honorable to both sides, which guarantees the existence of honor and the possibility of the development of the belligerent States.

Advices from Berlin today declared the Reichstag had been summoned to meet April 24 and that Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg was expected to make an early statement on Russia.

**SLACKER? INDEED** 

**NO! SAYS WILLARD** 

Ring Champion Declares He

Tried to Enlist, but

Was Rejected

By M'LISS

He said so today with smiling emphatic

Upping, which contained a statement by Captain F. R. Kenney, in charge of the recruiting stations in Chicago, that Willard

had not attempted to enlist, he dismissed it

with a contemptuous brush of his ham-like

"About three weeks ago in Chicago," he

said, "I went to the recruiting stations and

told them I was ready. They told me my

bulk was too great and that they were not taking married men just then. I went away

satisfied. I don't know much about mus

"Captain Kenney is an officer in the reg-ular army. He says he has no record of your attempt to enlist."

A fighting glint, not unmixed with a hu-

crous one, came into the big blue eyes of world's heavyweight ring champion.

Don't you believe what I'm telling you?

asked quietly flexing his huge muscles

The crowd of sporting writers, reporters and small adoring boys that had gathered

round Jess, moved back a perceptible dis-tance from the midget-like tent outside

which they were standing and which serves for Jess's circus dressing room.
"Somebody" made haste to assure Wil-

lard that he was believed, believed beyond the shadow of a doubt. It is doubtful if

**PENN NINE TAKES 4-0** 

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GAME FROM WILLIAMS

Titzel Holds Ira Thomas's Boys

to Two Hits-Errors Help

Quakers

Rah! Rah! Red and Blue

Totals ..... 27 0 2 23 12 3

AB, R. H. O. A.

told.

"Rut."

I'm willing to do anything that I'm

somebody timidly interjected,

Jess Wilfard is no slacker.

COPENHAGEN, April 16. Germany is secretly seeking to revive peace talk in all belligerent countries. She asks peace—still on her own terms—though, doubtless, somewhat amended. In December Germany asked peace and was refused. Now she is planning to maneuver the Allies into asking her for peace.

The scheme, as established from high sources here today, is an ambitious one and world-wide in scope,

Positive confirmation of unofficial over-tures from Berlin to the United States, as reported in recent dispatches, was obtained today. The bint came even stronger from German official sources that the United States would do well to send Colonel E. M. House to The Hague for conference with

The main intrigue, however, whereby tier-many hopes to start a movement for her memies to ask her for peace was apparently being exerted through German Socialists Suddenly Socialists in the Teutonic Empire have become favored individuals. "Their leaders have been assiduously cultivated by German officers. The German tensorship has been unprecedentedly loosened to per-mit their communicating with Socialists in such enemy countries as Russia. Most of all, the drastic German rule prohibiting departure of her men from the Empire and of holding of communication with enemy citizens has been formerly raised to permit departure of Philip Scheidemann and other Socialists for conferences with Socialist comrades of enemy nations.

The Russian Government may not be Continued on Page Five, Column Five

### ALEX FALLS BEFORE BRAVES' ATTACK, 3-1

Young Jesse Barnes Again Takes Phils' Measure in First Game at Boston

> And Alex Hurled, Too PHILLIES

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Konetchy, 1b 3 0 2 11 2 Smith, 3b 3 0 0 2 1 Gowdy, c 3 1 2 3 1 Totals ..... 27 3 7 27 14 5 \*Batted for Alexander in eighth inning.

Ran for Luderus in ninth inning. Three-base hits-Maranville, Bailey, Konetchy. Two-base hits—Gowdy, Konetchy.
Struck out—By Alexander, 4; by Oeschger,
1; by Barnes, 4. Base on balls—Off Barnes,
2. Double plays—Evers and Konetchy; Konetchy to Maranvide to Konetchy. Umpires

BRAVES FIELD, Boston, April 16. Grover Cleveland Alexander was unequal to the task of beating the Braves today, Jess Barnes pitching Boston to a 2-to-1 victory and allowing only four hits. The Braves made all their runs against Alexander, Maranville, Balley and Konetchy getting triples in the fourth for two scores, and Gowdy's double, with some loose fielding.

Totals

"Titzel out, ran out of line.

Two-base hit—White. Sacrifice hit—Gilnore. Sacrifice fly—Berry. Struck out—
by Titzel, 6; by Young, 3. Base on balls—

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# STIRS BERLIN, IS General Stoppage of

STRIKE RIOTING

Work Began Today, Travelers Say

OUTBREAKS OCCUR IN GERMAN CAPITAL

25 Per Cent Decrease in **Bread Ration Arouses** Prussians

LONDON, April 16. Travelers who arrived today in Holland from Germany, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency. say that a general strike was commenced today in Berlin.

Riots have taken place in the German capital, it is also said,

COPENHAGEN, April 16. A new 25 per cent reduction in the Prussian bread ration has caused much excitement among the people, says a Berlin dispatch to the newspaper Politiken. The dispatch adds that the Government had reassured the people by telling them that provisions are now secured until the next

According to the Kiel Zeitung, the worknen and officers of the Germania shipyard at Kiel, who demanded an immediate increase of food and 32 per cent additional wages, were addressed at a recent meeting by the director. They declared that they shared the hardships of the men, receiving the same quantity of foodstuffs as that served the meanest laborer.

Ae deputation of workmen visited the directors the next day and asked permission to investigate the contents of the directors' larder. This was refused on the ground that the directors did not possess larders or

#### CONTRADICTS ARMY CHIEF JOSEFINA ZARETE WINS HAVRE DE GRACE OPENER

Imperator and Swift Fox Finish in Money in First Race of Spring Meeting

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md., April 16 .- A lear sky and a fast track greeted the large gathering that turned out to witness the first day's racing of the spring meeting here this afternoon.

Ten speeders responded for the first race for three-year-olds and up at five furlongs, and Josefine Zarete, handled by Troise, was the first under the wire. A cool breeze blev over the stretch, but did not seem to impair the speed of the runners.

Imperator pressed the winner hard on the home stretch, but Troise's mount had enough in reserve to hold off the challenger until the finish. Swift Fox was speedy enough to take show money The machines paid \$5.50, \$2.50 and \$2.40 on the winner,

FIRST RACE, for three-year-olds and up, 5 furions:

1. Josefina Zarete, 69. Troise \$5.50 \$2.50 \$2.40

2. Imperator, 117. A. Collins ... 2.70 2.40

3. Swift Fax. 100. Merimes ... 3.50

Time, 1:01 1-5. Viley, Owans, King Baggott, Queen of the Sea, Kathryn Gray, Resign, Silver and Samptra siso 1:sn.

SECOND RACE, for maiden two-year-olds, 4 furlongs: , Umatilla, 112, Ambrose, \$37.60 \$12.20 \$4.10 ; Charlie Leydecker, 115, 2. Charlie Leydecker, 115. Conners 3. Irish Kiss, 115, T. McTag-3. Irish Kiss. 115. T. McTag-gart 3.50
Time, 49. Picara Miss Sanfara. June Bug.
Lady Elleen. Bonnie Broom. Austrel. Producer.
Onward and Star Spangled also ran.
THIRD EACE. for three-year-olds and up-ward. sellins. 5½ furlongs:
1. Meelicka. 107. Ambrose... \$10.70 \$4.70 \$6.00
2. Lady London. 107. T. Me-Taggart
3. Carl Roberts. 111. Johnson... 6.20 5.70
3. Carl Roberts. 111. Johnson... 6.20
Time. 1.08 \$5.5. Burbank, Toadsticker, Casaba. Brobeck. Quid Nunc. Tarves. Jim Basey, Humiliation. Two Revals. Lohengrin and Parlor Boy also ran. Boy also rain.

FOURTH RACE, four-year-olds and upward.

selling 6 furlongs:

1. Ambrose, 117. Metcalf. . . . \$4.40 \$3.10 \$2.30

2. Preston Lynn, 112. W. Col
lins, Royal 3. Royal Interest, 111, T. Mc. 4.10 2.70
Taggari
Time, 1:15. Brookfield, Laura, Cannonade and Durin also ran.

WAR-BOUND MEN LOSE PLEA

Supreme Court Refuses Damages to Kronprinzessen Cecelie Passengers

WASHINGTON, April 16 .- The Supreme Court today refused to hear the appeal of Charles W. Rantoul, Jr., and Maurice Hanssens, both of New York, from a lower court-decision refusing damage against the German interned steamship Kronpringessin

The men were passengers on the ship at the outbreak of the European war. The vessel at sea was ordered back to New York to avoid the British navy. Rantoul and Hancsens sued for breach of contract because they did not get to Europe.

Would Create Shipping Board WASHINGTON, April 16.—Senator Me-Cumber, of North Dakota, introduced a bill this affernoon "to create a board of mer-chant shipping defenses" to study methods of combatting the submarine menace. The bill carries an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to enable the board to conduct its investi-

## LATEST SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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#### ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Fifth Havre de Grace race, handicap, 3-year-olds and up, 51-2 furlongs-Sand Marsh, 123, Butwell, \$11.80, \$4.20, \$3.50, won; Lco Chares, 130, Haines, \$2.80, \$2.40, second: Pennant, 132, Robinson. \$3.60, third. Time, 1.07.

#### ARRESTED FOR TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS ON RAILROAD TRAI.

George Fisher, thirty years old, Brown street near Tenth, was detained today by Pennsylvania Railroad detectives when he alighted from a train at Broad street station because the conductor of the train said he had seen him taking photographs as the train passed through Paoli. Fisher said he had been on a visit to his fiance in Columbia, Pa., and denied that he had any sinister motives when he snapped the photographs.

#### PRESIDENT DEFINES TREASON IN PROCLAMATION

WASHINGTON, April 16 .- President Wilson this afternoon 'ssued through the State Department a proclamation pointing out what treason is and its penalty as defined by the Constitution, the criminal code and court decisions.

#### MAN DIES FROM FRACTURED SKULL

Thomas Dildea, forfy-five years old, 2638 South Fifteenth street. was found unconscious with a fractured skull this afternoon at Twelfth and Reed streets and was removed to St. Agnes's Hospital. where he died a half hour after he was admitted. The police say they believe that Dildea's injury was due to a fall.

### OFF TO MEET BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER

WASHINGTON, April 16 .- Admiral Fletcher and several other officials have left the capital to meet British Foreign Minister Baitour, Secretary of Navy Deniels announced this afternoon.

#### FRANK FLUCK SPONSOR FOR TRANSIT SUIT

Frank Fluck, brother of Charles L. Fluck, president of the Northwest Business Men's Association, is the taxpayer who is bringing the transit suit to hold up the city, it was learned late this afternoon. Otto Wolff, Jr., who is representing Mr. Fluck, has asked the Supreme Court to take original jurisdiction in the case.

## **FACTIONS JOIN** IN PLAN TO END TRANSIT DELAY

Vare and McNichol Promise Mayor to Rush Bills

SMITH OPTIMISTIC AFTER CONFERENCE

Says Legislative Action Will Make Service Board Change Attitude

MYSTERY IN WOLFF SUIT

Lawyer Asks Supreme Court to Take Original Jurisdiction in New Litigation

Definite promises to support legislation at Harrisburg favorable to the progress of Philadelphia's high-speed transit lines were made this afternoon by Senators McNichel and Vare at a conference with Mayor Smith, Transit Director Twining and Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Councils' Finance Committee, in City Hall.

Committee, in City Hall.

Following the conference Mayor Smith appeared optimistic concerning the outlook, He said:

'I asked the Senators to push the transit bills through and they promised to do so for us. The Public Service Comm'ssion thinks at this time that we are at the mercy of the Rapid Transit Company, because it will be the only customer for the lines. But the passage of the bills at Harrisburg will make it possible for us to deal with other customers. with other customers.
"The commissioners informed me that

"The commissioners informed me that they would not do anything until something was done with the bills. If the bills pass, the commission will very likely grant a certificate of public convenience, thus doing away with that obstruction."

ANOTHER CUSTOMER From the general tenor of the Mayor's remarks it was evident that the city has in view another customer for the proposed high-speed lines, but neither the Mayor no

high-speed lines, but neither the Mayor nor others at the conference would discuss this phase of the situation.

At the present time progress in the transit controversy is held because of a tie within the commission regarding the subject. It is known that three members of the commission favor granting certificates of public convenience enabling the city to proceed with the high-speed lines and three members are opposed to such action. Progress is also hampered greatly for the reason that Governor Brumbaugh has failed to appoint any one to fill the vacancy which now exists in the commission.

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The conference and the action of Otto Wolff, Jr., an attorney who asked the Supreme Court to take original jurisdiction in a taxpayers' suit which he is about to file, were the chief developments in the transit situation today. Wolff, who has offices in the Land Title Building, would not discuss the nature of the suit but it is discuss the nature of the suit, but it is known that it is not a friendly action, as at first indicated. City authorities have made an effort to learn what is back of Wolff's action, but so far their efforts have been unsuccessful.

This conference at City Hall quickly fol-lowed former Transit Director Taylor's call to the citizens of Philadelphia, issued today, cautioning them against pull-backs who were holding up completion of the high-speed lines and predicting profits of \$200. 900,000 for the city under the proceed lease. Realizing that public feeling was reaching the limit of patience, Mayor Smith brought the heads of the warring McNichol-Vare political factions together with those who could furnish first-hand information on the

COMPROMISE SOUGHT

Through the conference the Mayor hopes to cause Senators Vare and McNichol to reach a compromise on the bills pending in Harrisburg, as the Public Service Con sion has announced that it will take no action until the transit measures have been passed.
The fate of the bills will depend largely upon the result of the conference today.
These bills were introduced by Representives Gans and Hecht and Senator Sproul.

Transit Company to permit joint service upon the Market street subway and intersecting high-speed lines, while the Hecht bills gives to the city the right of eminent domain in the transit matter.

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The financial end of the project is taken care of by the Sproul bill, which increases the borrowing capacity by not charging against the borrowing power of the city the sum spent for improvements which shop a profit to the city.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

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